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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 001-35538

**The Carlyle Group L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)  
  
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C.  
(Address of principal executive offices)

45-2832612  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

20004-2505  
(Zip Code)

(202) 729-5626

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Units representing limited partner interests	The Nasdaq Global Select Market
5.875% Series A Preferred Units	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein and will not be contained, to the best of the Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the common units of the Registrant held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2018 was \$2,151,317,402.

The number of the Registrant's common units representing limited partner interests outstanding as of February 8, 2019 was 108,953,241.

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## Forward-Looking Statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements related to our expectations regarding the performance of our business, our financial results, our liquidity and capital resources, contingencies, our distribution policy, and other non-historical statements. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of words such as “outlook,” “believes,” “expects,” “potential,” “continues,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “seeks,” “approximately,” “predicts,” “intends,” “plans,” “estimates,” “anticipates” or the negative version of these words or other comparable words. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause actual outcomes or results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements including, but not limited to, those described under the section entitled “Risk Factors” in this report, as such factors may be updated from time to time in our periodic filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), which are accessible on the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in this report and in our other periodic filings with the SEC. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

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Unless the context suggests otherwise, references in this report to “Carlyle,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to The Carlyle Group L.P. and its consolidated subsidiaries. When we refer to the “partners of The Carlyle Group L.P.,” we are referring specifically to the common unitholders and our general partner and any others who may from time to time be partners of that specific Delaware limited partnership. When we refer to our “senior Carlyle professionals,” we are referring to the partner-level personnel of our firm. References in this report to the ownership of the senior Carlyle professionals include the ownership of personal planning vehicles of these individuals. When we refer to the “Carlyle Holdings partnerships” or “Carlyle Holdings,” we are referring to Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., and Carlyle Holdings III L.P.

“Carlyle funds,” “our funds” and “our investment funds” refer to the investment funds and vehicles advised by Carlyle.

“Carry funds” generally refers to closed-end investment vehicles, in which commitments are drawn down over a specified investment period, and in which the general partner receives a special residual allocation of income from limited partners, which we refer to as carried interest, in the event that specified investment returns are achieved by the fund. Disclosures referring to carry funds will also include the impact of certain commitments which do not earn carried interest, but are either part of, or associated with our carry funds. The rate of carried interest, as well as the share of carried interest allocated to Carlyle, may vary across the carry fund platform. Carry funds generally include the following investment vehicles across our four business segments:

- Corporate Private Equity: Buyout, middle market and growth capital funds advised by Carlyle
- Real Assets: Real estate, power, infrastructure and energy funds advised by Carlyle, as well as certain energy funds advised by our strategic partner NGP Energy Capital Management (“NGP”) in which Carlyle is entitled to receive a share of carried interest (“NGP Carry Funds”)
- Global Credit: Distressed credit, energy credit, opportunistic credit, corporate mezzanine funds, aircraft financing and servicing, and other closed-end credit funds advised by Carlyle
- Investment Solutions: Funds and vehicles advised by AlpInvest Partners B.V. (“AlpInvest”) and Metropolitan Real Estate Equity Management, LLC (“Metropolitan”), which include primary fund, secondary and co-investment strategies

Carry funds specifically exclude certain funds advised by NGP in which Carlyle is not entitled to receive a share of carried interest (or “NGP Predecessor Funds”), collateralized loan obligation vehicles (“CLOs”), business development companies, and our former hedge fund platform.

For an explanation of the fund acronyms used throughout this Annual Report, refer to “Item 1. Business-Our Family of Funds.”

“Fee-earning assets under management” or “Fee-earning AUM” refers to the assets we manage or advise from which we derive recurring fund management fees. Our Fee-earning AUM is generally based on one of the following, once fees have been activated:

- (a) the amount of limited partner capital commitments, generally for carry funds where the original investment period has not expired, for AlpInvest carry funds during the commitment fee period and for Metropolitan carry funds during the weighted-average investment period of the underlying funds;
- (b) the remaining amount of limited partner invested capital at cost, generally for carry funds and certain co-investment vehicles where the original investment period has expired, Metropolitan carry funds after the expiration of the weighted-average investment period of the underlying funds, and one of our business development companies;
- (c) the amount of aggregate fee-earning collateral balance at par of our CLOs and other securitization vehicles, as defined in the fund indentures (typically exclusive of equities and defaulted positions) as of the quarterly cut-off date;
- (d) the external investor portion of the net asset value of our hedge fund and fund of hedge funds vehicles (pre redemptions and subscriptions), as well as certain carry funds;
- (e) the gross assets (including assets acquired with leverage), excluding cash and cash equivalents, of one of our business development companies and certain carry funds; or
- (f) the lower of cost or fair value of invested capital, generally for AlpInvest carry funds where the commitment fee period has expired and certain carry funds where the investment period has expired.

“Assets under management” or “AUM” refers to the assets we manage or advise. Our AUM equals the sum of the following:

- (a) the aggregate fair value of our carry funds and related co-investment vehicles, NGP Predecessor Funds and separately managed accounts, plus the capital that Carlyle is entitled to call from investors in those funds and vehicles (including Carlyle commitments to those funds and vehicles and those of senior Carlyle professionals and employees) pursuant to the terms of their capital commitments to those funds and vehicles;
- (b) the amount of aggregate collateral balance and principal cash at par or aggregate principal amount of the notes of our CLOs and other structured products (inclusive of all positions);
- (c) the net asset value (pre-redemptions and subscriptions) of our long/short credit, emerging markets, multi-product macroeconomic, fund of hedge funds vehicles, mutual fund and other hedge funds; and

- (d) the gross assets (including assets acquired with leverage) of our business development companies, plus the capital that Carlyle is entitled to call from investors in those vehicles pursuant to the terms of their capital commitments to those vehicles.

We include in our calculation of AUM and Fee-earning AUM certain energy and renewable resources funds that we jointly advise with Riverstone Holdings L.L.C. ("Riverstone") and the NGP Predecessor Funds and NGP Carry Funds (collectively, the "NGP Energy Funds") that are advised by NGP.

For most of our carry funds, total AUM includes the fair value of the capital invested, whereas Fee-earning AUM includes the amount of capital commitments or the remaining amount of invested capital, depending on whether the original investment period for the fund has expired. As such, Fee-earning AUM may be greater than total AUM when the aggregate fair value of the remaining investments is less than the cost of those investments.

Our calculations of AUM and Fee-earning AUM may differ from the calculations of other asset managers. As a result, these measures may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other asset managers. In addition, our calculation of AUM (but not Fee-earning AUM) includes uncalled commitments to, and the fair value of invested capital in, our investment funds from Carlyle and our personnel, regardless of whether such commitments or invested capital are subject to management or performance fees. Our calculations of AUM or Fee-earning AUM are not based on any definition of AUM or Fee-earning AUM that is set forth in the agreements governing the investment funds that we manage or advise.

"Vermillion" refers to our commodities advisor and business advised by Carlyle Commodity Management L.L.C., which was formerly known as Vermillion Asset Management until August 2015.

## PART I.

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

#### Overview

We are one of the world's largest and most diversified multi-product global investment firms. We advise an array of specialized investment funds and other investment vehicles that predominantly invest across the spectrum of private capital asset classes, including private equity, credit, energy and power, real estate, and infrastructure. Our teams invest across a range of industries, geographies, asset classes and investment strategies and seek to deliver attractive returns for our investors. Since our firm was founded in Washington, D.C. in 1987, we have grown to become one of the leading global investment firms with more than \$216 billion in AUM as of December 31, 2018. We have more than 1,650 employees, including 637 investment professionals in 31 offices across six continents, and we serve more than 1,950 active carry fund investors from 90 countries. Across our Corporate Private Equity ("CPE") and Real Assets segments, as of December 31, 2018, we had investments in 276 active portfolio companies that employ approximately 950,000 people. In general, we have more investment professionals, offices, investment funds and investments across our platform than many of our peers. We have structured our firm in this manner to provide our fund investors with a more diverse product set tailored to individual investing decisions, and with investment capabilities that utilize deeper teams with a broader global reach. This structure does increase our costs of doing business.

For the past thirty-one years, our firm has been guided by several fundamental tenets:

- *Excellence in Investing.* Our primary goal is to invest wisely and create value for our investors. We strive to generate superior investment returns by combining deep industry expertise, a global network of local investment teams who can leverage extensive firm-wide resources and a consistent and disciplined investment process.
- *Alignment with our Fund Investors and Other Stakeholders.* We seek to continually align our interests with our fund investors and other stakeholders. This commitment is a core component of our firm culture and informs every aspect of our business.
- *Expansion of our Platform.* We innovate continuously to expand our investment capabilities through the creation or acquisition of new asset-, sector- and regional-focused strategies in order to provide our fund investors a variety of investment options.
- *Investment in the Firm.* We have invested, and intend to continue to invest, significant resources in hiring and retaining a deep talent pool of investment professionals and in creating an efficient global infrastructure to ensure that we are providing our investors with world-class investment expertise and the customized service they require.
- *Unified Culture.* We seek to leverage the local market insights and operational capabilities that we have developed across our global platform through a unified culture we call "One Carlyle." Our culture emphasizes collaboration and sharing of knowledge and expertise across the firm to create value. We believe our collaborative approach enhances our ability to analyze investments, deploy capital and improve the performance of our portfolio companies. We also believe our One Carlyle culture provides us with a competitive advantage in this challenging environment.

During 2018, we worked to further our fundamental tenets by focusing on investing wisely and driving asset appreciation to create value for our investors, making significant progress toward our goal of raising \$100 billion in new capital commitments during our four-year fundraising plan ending in December 2019 and building a premier global credit platform.

Operational and strategic highlights for our firm for 2018 include:

- During 2018, we raised more than \$33 billion in new commitments across our platform, including our three flagship buyout funds, bringing the total gross commitments raised since 2016 to \$90 billion.
- During 2018, we made investments through our carry funds of more than \$22 billion, a record level, and we realized proceeds of approximately \$24 billion.
- During 2018, the value of our carry fund portfolio increased by approximately 9%.

- In 2018, we acquired a 19.9% interest in Fortitude Group Holdings, LLC ("Fortitude Holdings"). Fortitude Holdings owns 100% of the outstanding common shares of Fortitude Reinsurance Company Ltd., a Bermuda domiciled reinsurer (collectively, "Fortitude Re", f/k/a "DSA Re") established to reinsure a portfolio of AIG's legacy life, annuity and property and casualty liabilities. In connection with the investment, we entered into a strategic asset management relationship with Fortitude Re pursuant to which Fortitude Re, together with certain AIG-affiliated ceding companies it has reinsured, will commit to allocate assets in certain of our asset management strategies and vehicles across multiple segments.
- In 2018, we continued to build our global credit business. We acquired Apollo Aviation Group, a global commercial aviation investment and servicing firm and rebranded the business as Carlyle Aviation Partners. Carlyle Aviation Partners is part of our Global Credit segment.
- In September 2018, we issued \$350 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.650% senior notes due in 2048, repurchased \$250 million in aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 3.875% senior notes due in 2023 and prepaid the \$109 million amount outstanding under the promissory note we previously issued to Barclays Natural Resource Investments.
- We further aligned our interests with our fund investors and other stakeholders as Carlyle, our senior Carlyle professionals, advisors and other professionals increased commitments to our investment funds by over \$0.9 billion during the year for a total cumulative commitment of \$12.8 billion as of December 31, 2018.
- Each of our segments continued to leverage the One Carlyle platform to take advantage of economies of scale and we continue to work across the firm to develop different products for our fund investors.

Operational and strategic highlights for our four business segments for 2018 include:

- *CPE:*
  - CPE successfully completed fundraising for its latest generation U.S. and Asia buyout funds, and made significant progress on our latest European buyout fund. During 2018, we raised \$17 billion in new capital commitments for our CPE funds.
  - Despite a challenging environment for investing due to high asset prices and significant competition, CPE invested a record \$11 billion in 2018.
  - CPE realized proceeds of \$9 billion for our CPE carry fund investors in 2018.
- *Real Assets:*
  - Our international energy fund launched fundraising for its second fund and we continued fundraising for our open-ended core-plus real estate fund, our new global infrastructure opportunities fund, our eighth opportunistic U.S. real estate fund, as well as our twelfth fund with our strategic partner, NGP. In total, we closed on approximately \$6 billion in new commitments to our Real Assets segment during 2018.
  - During 2018, we invested more than \$5 billion in our Real Assets segment. Of this amount, we invested approximately \$2 billion to acquire or develop real estate properties, primarily in the U.S. across multiple sectors, including multifamily, commercial, senior living and for-sale residential properties. We also invested in oil and gas transactions and power generating facilities in the United States. In total, our natural resources platform invested more than \$3 billion in 2018.
  - We realized proceeds of more than \$5 billion for our Real Assets carry fund investors in 2018 and exited (fully or partially) a number of assets.

*Global Credit:*

- We continued our efforts to build a more diversified Global Credit business that leverages our existing platform and operations and extends our asset management capabilities.

- We held a final closing on our second business development company ("BDC"), TCG BDC II, Inc., with total commitments of approximately \$1.2 billion, raised over \$500 million in separately managed accounts focused on direct lending and brought total commitments to our credit opportunities fund to over \$1.1 billion. In our collateralized loan obligation ("CLO") business, we closed five new CLOs in the U.S., and two new CLOs in Europe in 2018 in addition to multiple resets and refinancings, with approximately \$24 billion of AUM across all of our CLOs at December 31, 2018. We launched OFI Carlyle Private Credit, a joint venture with OppenheimerFunds, providing retail investors access to less liquid credit strategies across the Global Credit platform. In total, more than \$6 billion in new capital commitments for our Global Credit products were raised during 2018, and overall AUM, including Carlyle Aviation Partners, increased to more than \$44 billion.

*Investment Solutions:*

- During 2018, we deployed approximately \$5 billion in investments across our platform. Our portfolio appreciated 19% during the year. We signed 14 new managed accounts and raised more than \$4 billion, including closing our second Metropolitan Real Estate secondaries program at \$1.2 billion. This program invests in the real estate secondaries market globally, providing liquidity to investors in private equity funds and other partnership structures.
- Our exit activity in our Investment Solutions segment was robust this year, realizing proceeds of more than \$9 billion for our Investment Solutions investors.

**Business Segments**

We operate our business across four segments: (1) CPE, (2) Real Assets, (3) Global Credit and (4) Investment Solutions. Information about our segments should be read together with "Part II. Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

***Corporate Private Equity***

Our CPE segment, established in 1990 with our first U.S. buyout fund, advises our buyout and middle market and growth capital funds that pursue a wide variety of investments of different sizes and growth profiles. Our 33 active CPE funds are each carry funds. They are organized and operated by geography or industry and are advised by teams of local professionals who live and work in the markets where they invest. In our CPE segment we also have 65 active external co-investment entities. We believe this diversity of funds and entities allows us to deploy more targeted and specialized investment expertise and strategies and offers our fund investors the ability to tailor their investment choices.

Our CPE teams have two primary areas of focus:

- *Buyout Funds.* Our buyout teams advise a diverse group of 23 active funds that invest in transactions that focus either on a particular geography (e.g., United States, Europe, Asia, Japan, MENA, Sub-Saharan Africa or South America) or a particular industry, (e.g., financial services). In 2018, we successfully completed fundraising for our latest generation U.S. and Asia buyout funds, and made significant progress on our latest European buyout fund. We invested \$10.6 billion in new and follow-on investments through our buyout funds. As of December 31, 2018, our buyout funds had, in the aggregate, approximately \$75 billion in AUM.
- *Middle Market and Growth Capital.* Our 10 active middle market and growth capital funds are advised by regionally-focused teams in the United States, Europe and Asia, with each team generally focused on private equity investments in middle-market and lower middle-market companies consistent with specific regional investment considerations. The investment mandate for our middle market and growth capital funds is to seek out companies with the potential for growth, strategic redirection and operational improvements. These funds typically do not invest in early stage or venture-type investments. We invested \$0.6 billion in new and follow-on investments through our middle market and growth capital funds. As of December 31, 2018, our middle market and growth funds had, in the aggregate, approximately \$6 billion in AUM.

From inception through December 31, 2018, our CPE segment has invested approximately \$98 billion in 626 investments. Of that total, we have invested 58% in 299 investments in North and South America, 25% in 157 investments in

Europe, the Middle East and Africa and 18% in 170 investments in the Asia-Pacific region. We have fully realized 443 of these investments, meaning that our funds have completely exited, and no longer own an interest in, those investments.

The following table presents certain data about our CPE segment as of December 31, 2018 (dollar amounts in billions; amounts invested include co-investments).

AUM	% of Total AUM	Fee-earning AUM	Active Investments	Active Funds	Available Capital	Investment Professionals	Amount Invested Since Inception	Investments Since Inception
\$81	37%	\$62	183	33	\$34	275	\$98	626

### **Real Assets**

Our Real Assets segment, established in 1997 with our first U.S. real estate fund, advises our 26 active carry funds focused on real estate, infrastructure and energy and natural resources (including power) and also includes the three NGP Predecessor Funds and four NGP Carry Funds that are advised by NGP. This segment pursues investment opportunities across a diverse array of tangible assets, such as residential and retail properties, senior living facilities, industrial properties, self storage properties, office building and hotels, as well as oil and gas exploration and production, midstream, refining and marketing, power generation, pipelines, wind farms, refineries, airports, toll roads, transportation, water utility and agriculture, as well as the companies providing services or otherwise related to them.

Our Real Assets teams have two primary areas of focus:

- **Real Estate.** Our ten active real estate funds pursue real estate investment opportunities in Europe and the United States and generally focus on acquiring single-property assets rather than large-cap companies with real estate portfolios. Our team of 128 real estate investment professionals has made more than 950 investments in 434 cities/metropolitan statistical areas around the world as of December 31, 2018, including residential and retail properties, senior living facilities, industrial properties, self storage properties, office buildings and hotels. In 2018, we held a final close on our eighth opportunistic U.S. real estate fund and held additional closings on our re-launched Europe realty fund and Core Plus real estate fund. As of December 31, 2018, our real estate funds had, in the aggregate, approximately \$19 billion in AUM.
- **Energy and Natural Resources.** Our energy and natural resources activities focus on buyouts, growth capital investments and strategic joint ventures in the midstream, upstream, energy and oilfield services sectors, the renewable and alternative sectors and the power and infrastructure industries around the world. Historically, we conducted our energy investing activities jointly with Riverstone, co-advising three funds with approximately \$4 billion in AUM as of December 31, 2018 (we refer to these energy funds as our “Legacy Energy funds”). Currently, we conduct our North American energy investing through our partnership with NGP, an Irving, Texas-based energy investor. NGP advises seven funds with more than \$14 billion in AUM as of December 31, 2018. Through our strategic partnership with NGP, we are entitled to 55% of the management fee-related revenue of the NGP entities that serve as advisors to the NGP Energy Funds, and an allocation of income related to the carried interest received by the fund general partners of the NGP Carry Funds. Our power team focuses on investment opportunities in the North American power generation sector. As of December 31, 2018, the power team managed more than \$2 billion in AUM through two funds. Our international energy investment team focuses on investments across the energy value chain outside of North America. As of December 31, 2018, the international energy team managed more than \$5 billion in AUM through two funds. In 2018, we held additional closings for our global infrastructure fund focused on infrastructure assets, business and investments in global developed markets. As of December 31, 2018, the global infrastructure team managed more than \$1 billion in AUM through two funds. We have also invested previously in North American infrastructure companies and assets.

Our Real Assets carry funds, including Carlyle-advised co-investment vehicles, have, from inception through December 31, 2018, invested on a global basis \$54 billion in 1,137 investments, including 108 active portfolio companies. Of that total, we have invested 78% in 959 investments in North and South America, 17% in 125 investments in Europe, the Middle East and Africa and 5% in 53 investments in the Asia-Pacific region. We have fully realized 711 of these investments, meaning that our funds have completely exited, and no longer own an interest in, those investments.



The following table presents certain data about our Real Assets segment as of December 31, 2018 (dollar amounts in billions; amounts invested include co-investments).

AUM	% of Total AUM	Fee-earning AUM	Active Investments (2)	Active Funds (3)	Available Capital	Investment Professionals (1)	Amount Invested Since Inception(2)	Investments Since Inception(2)
\$46	21%	\$33	426	26	\$17	146	\$54	1,137

(1) Excludes NGP and Riverstone employees.

(2) Excludes investment activity of the NGP Predecessor Funds.

(3) Includes the three NGP Predecessor Funds and four NGP Carry Funds advised by NGP.

### **Global Credit**

Our Global Credit segment, established in 1999 with our first high yield fund, advises a group of 59 active funds that pursue investment strategies including loans & structured credit, direct lending, opportunistic credit, energy credit, distressed credit, and aviation finance. Taken together, these various capital sources provide the opportunity for Carlyle to offer highly customizable and creative financing solutions to borrowers to meet their specific capital needs. In 2018, we hired several new senior investment professionals to expand Global Credit's investment breadth and geographical presence. In 2018, we acquired a 19.9% interest in Fortitude Re, a Bermuda domiciled reinsurer established to reinsure a portfolio of AIG's legacy life, annuity and property and casualty liabilities. We plan to continue to pursue new initiatives from our Global Credit platform that will continue to expand our capabilities in credit.

Primary areas of focus for our Global Credit platform include:

- *Loans and Structured Credit.* Our structured credit funds invest primarily in performing senior secured bank loans through structured vehicles and other investment vehicles. In 2018, in addition to multiple resets and refinancings, we closed five new U.S. CLOs and two CLOs in Europe with a total of \$2.7 billion and \$0.9 billion, respectively, of AUM at December 31, 2018. As of December 31, 2018, our loans and structured credit team advised 44 structured credit funds and two carry funds in the United States, Europe and Asia totaling, in the aggregate, approximately \$25 billion in AUM.
- *Direct Lending.* Our direct lending business includes our BDCs that invest primarily in middle market first-lien loans (which include unitranche, "first out" and "last out" loans) and second-lien loans of middle-market companies, typically defined as companies with annual EBITDA ranging from \$10 million to \$100 million, that lack access to the broadly syndicated loan and bond markets. In 2018, we expanded our direct lending capabilities by adding personnel dedicated to asset based lending transactions. As of December 31, 2018, our direct lending investment team advised three funds consisting of two BDCs and one corporate mezzanine fund, totaling, in the aggregate, more than \$4 billion in AUM.
- *Opportunistic Credit.* Our opportunistic credit team invests primarily in highly-structured and privately-negotiated capital solutions supporting corporate borrowers through secured loans, senior subordinated debt, mezzanine debt, convertible notes, and other debt like instruments, as well as preferred and common equity in such borrowers. The team will also look to invest in special situations (i.e., event-driven opportunities that exhibit hybrid credit and equity features) as well as market dislocations (i.e., primary and secondary market investments in liquid debt instruments that arise as a result of temporary market volatility). As of December 31, 2018, our opportunistic credit team advised one fund totaling, in the aggregate, approximately \$1 billion in AUM.
- *Energy Credit.* Our Energy credit team invests primarily in privately-negotiated mezzanine debt investments in North American energy and power projects and companies. As of December 31, 2018, our energy credit team advised two funds with approximately \$5 billion in AUM.
- *Distressed Credit.* Our distressed credit funds generally invest in liquid and illiquid securities and obligations, including secured debt, senior and subordinated unsecured debt, convertible debt obligations, preferred stock and public and private equity of financially distressed companies in defensive and asset-rich industries. In certain investments, our funds may seek to restructure pre-reorganization debt claims into controlling positions in the equity of the reorganized companies. As of December 31, 2018, our distressed credit team advised three funds totaling, in the aggregate, more than \$3 billion in AUM.

- *Aircraft Financing and Servicing.* Carlyle Aviation Partners, Ltd. ("Carlyle Aviation Partners", formerly Apollo Aviation Group) is our multi-strategy investment platform that is engaged in commercial aviation aircraft financing and investment and providing investment management services related to the commercial aviation industry. As of December 31, 2018, Carlyle Aviation Partners had approximately \$6 billion in AUM across three active carry funds, securitization vehicles and liquid strategies.
- *Capital Solutions.* Carlyle Capital Solutions ("CCS") is our loan syndication and capital markets business that launched in 2018. The primary focus of Carlyle Capital Solutions is to originate and syndicate loans and underwrite securities of both third parties and Carlyle portfolio companies.

The following table presents certain data about our Global Credit segment as of December 31, 2018 (dollar amounts in billions).

AUM	% of Total AUM	Fee-earning AUM	Active Funds	Investment Professionals
\$44	21%	\$35	59	113

### **Investment Solutions**

Our Investment Solutions segment, established in 2011, provides comprehensive investment opportunities and resources for our investors and clients to build private equity and real estate portfolios through fund of funds, secondary purchases of existing portfolios and managed co-investment programs. Investment Solutions executes these activities through AlpInvest, one of the world's largest investors in private equity, and Metropolitan, one of the largest managers of indirect investments in global real estate.

The primary areas of focus for our Investment Solutions teams include:

- *Private Equity Fund Investments.* Our fund of funds vehicles advised by AlpInvest make investment commitments directly to buyout, growth capital, venture and other alternative asset funds advised by other general partners ("portfolio funds"). As of December 31, 2018, AlpInvest advised 78 vehicles totaling, in the aggregate, approximately \$24 billion in AUM.
- *Private Equity Co-investments.* AlpInvest invests alongside other private equity and mezzanine funds in which it or certain AlpInvest limited partners typically has a primary fund investment throughout Europe, North America and Asia. These investments are generally made when an investment opportunity is too large for a particular fund and the sponsor of the fund therefore seeks to raise additional "co-investment" capital from sources such as AlpInvest. As of December 31, 2018, our co-investment programs were conducted through 58 vehicles totaling, in the aggregate, more than \$8 billion in AUM.
- *Private Equity Secondary Investments.* Funds managed by AlpInvest acquire limited partnership interests in the secondary market. Private equity investors who desire to sell or restructure their pre-existing investment commitments to a fund may negotiate to sell the fund interests to AlpInvest. In this manner, AlpInvest's secondary investments team provides liquidity and restructuring alternatives for third-party private equity investors. As of December 31, 2018, our secondary investments program was conducted through 57 vehicles totaling, in the aggregate, more than \$11 billion in AUM.
- *Real Estate Funds of Funds and Co-Secondary Investments.* The principal strategic focus in our real estate funds is on value add/opportunistic real estate investments through direct commitments to more than 100 highly-focused, specialist real estate managers across the globe. As of December 31, 2018, we advised 32 real estate vehicles with more than \$2 billion in AUM. We also focus on real estate secondaries and co-investments.

The following table presents certain data about our Investment Solutions segment as of December 31, 2018 (dollar amounts in billions). See “— Structure and Operation of Our Investment Funds — Incentive Arrangements/Fee Structure” in this Item 1 for a discussion of the arrangements with the historical owners and management of AlpInvest regarding the allocation of carried interest in respect of the historical investments of and the historical and certain future commitments to our AlpInvest carry fund vehicles.

AUM(1)	% of Total AUM	Fee-earning AUM	Fund Vehicles	Available Capital	Investment Professionals	Amount Invested Since Inception
\$46	21%	\$29	225	\$16	96	\$67

- (1) Under our arrangements with the historical owners and management team of AlpInvest, we generally do not retain any carried interest in respect of the historical investments and commitments to our AlpInvest carry fund vehicles that existed as of July 1, 2011 (including any options to increase any such commitments exercised after such date). We are entitled to 15% or, in some cases, 40% of the carried interest in respect of commitments from the historical owners of AlpInvest for the period between 2011 and 2020 and 40% of the carried interest in respect of all other commitments (including all future commitments from third parties).

## Investment Approach

### *Corporate Private Equity*

The investment approach of our CPE teams is generally characterized as follows:

- *Consistent and Disciplined Investment Process.* We believe our successful investment track record is the result, in part, of a consistent and disciplined application of our investment process. Investment opportunities for our CPE funds are initially sourced and evaluated by one or more of our deal teams. Deal teams consistently strive to be creative and look for deals in which we can leverage Carlyle's competitive advantages, sector experience and the global One Carlyle platform. The due diligence and transaction review process places a special emphasis on, among other considerations, the reputation of a target company's shareholders and management, the company's size and sensitivity of cash flow generation, the business sector and competitive risks, the portfolio fit, exit risks and other key factors specific to a particular investment. In evaluating each deal, we consider what expertise or experience (i.e., the “Carlyle Edge”) we can bring to the transaction to enhance value for our investors. Each investment opportunity must secure approval from the investment committee of the applicable investment fund to move forward. To help ensure consistency, we utilize a standard investment committee process across our corporate private equity funds. The investment committee approval process involves a detailed review of the transaction and investment thesis, business, risk factors and diligence issues, as well as financial models.
- *Geographic- and Industry-Focused.* We have developed a global network of local investment teams with deep local insight into the areas in which they invest and have adopted an industry-focused approach to investing. Our extensive network of global investment professionals has the knowledge, experience and relationships on a local level that allow them to identify and take advantage of opportunities that may be unavailable to firms that do not have our global reach and resources. We believe that our global platform helps enhance all stages of the investment process, including by facilitating faster and more effective diligence, a deeper understanding of global industry trends and priority access to the capital markets. We have particular industry expertise in aerospace, defense and government services, consumer and retail, financial services, healthcare, industrial, telecom, media and technology and transportation. As a result, we believe that our in-depth knowledge of specific industries improves our ability to source and create transactions, conduct effective and more informed due diligence, develop strong relationships with management teams and use contacts and relationships within these industries to drive value creation.
- *Variable Deal Sizes and Creative Structures.* We believe that having the resources to complete investments of varying sizes provides us with the ability to enhance investment returns while providing for prudent industry, geographic and size diversification. Our teams are staffed not only to effectively pursue large transactions, but also other transactions of varying sizes. We often invest in smaller companies and this has allowed us to obtain greater diversity across our entire portfolio. Additionally, we may undertake large, strategic minority investments with certain control elements or private investment in public equity (PIPE) transactions in large companies with a clear exit strategy. In certain jurisdictions around the world, we may make investments with little or no debt financing and seek alternative structures to opportunistically pursue transactions. We generally seek to obtain board representation and typically appoint our investment professionals and advisors to represent us on the boards

of the companies in which we invest. Where our funds, either alone or as part of a consortium, are not the controlling investor, we typically, subject to applicable regulatory requirements, acquire significant voting and other control rights with a view to securing influence over the conduct of the business.

- *Driving Value Creation.* Our CPE teams seek to make investments in portfolio companies in which our particular strengths and resources may be employed to their best advantage. Typically, as part of a CPE investment, our investment teams will prepare and execute a value creation plan that is developed during a thorough due diligence effort and draws on the deep resources available across our global platform, specifically relying on:
  - *Reach:* Our global team and global presence enables us to support international expansion efforts and global supply chain initiatives.
  - *Expertise:* Our deep bench of investment professionals and industry specialists provide extensive sector-specific knowledge and local market expertise. Our investment teams benefit from best-in-class support services and infrastructure provided through the global Carlyle organization. Carlyle's overall infrastructure and support services cover the full range of administrative functions, including fund management, accounting, legal and compliance, human resources, information technology, tax, and external affairs.
  - *Insight:* We engage more than 40 operating executives and advisors as independent consultants to work with our investment teams, provide board-level governance and support and advise our portfolio companies. These operating executives and advisors are former CEOs and other high-level executives of some of the world's most successful corporations and currently sit on the boards of directors of a diverse mix of companies. We use this collective group of operating executives to provide special expertise to support specific value creation initiatives.
  - *Data:* The goal of our research function is to extract as much information as possible from our portfolio about the current state of the economy and its likely evolution over the near-to-medium term. Our CPE investment portfolio includes over 175 active portfolio companies as of December 31, 2018, across a diverse range of industries and geographies that each generate multiple data points (e.g., orders, shipments, production volumes, occupancy rates, bookings). By evaluating this data on a systematic basis, we work to identify the data with the highest correlation with macroeconomic data and map observed movements in the portfolio to anticipated variation in the economy, including changes in growth rates across industries and geographies. We incorporate this proprietary data into our investment portfolio management strategy and exit decisions on an ongoing basis. We believe this robust data gives us an advantage over our peers who do not have as large of a global reach.
  - *Information Technology Resources:* Carlyle has established an Information Technology ("IT") capability that contributes to due diligence, portfolio company strategy and portfolio company operations. The capability includes dedicated information technology and business process resources, including assistance with portfolio company risk assessments and enhanced deal analytics.
  - *Pursuing Best Exit Alternatives.* In determining when to exit an investment, our private equity teams consider whether a portfolio company has achieved its objectives, the financial returns and the appropriate timing in industry cycles and company development to strive for the optimal value. The fund's investment committee approves all exit decisions.

### **Real Assets**

Our Real Assets business includes investments in real estate assets, infrastructure and energy and natural resources (including power) companies and projects. The investment approach of the teams advising the international energy, power and infrastructure funds is similar to that of our CPE funds.

Generally, the investment approach of our real estate teams is characterized as follows:

- *Pursue Single Asset Transactions.* In general, our U.S. real estate funds have focused on single asset transactions. We follow this approach in the U.S. because we believe that pursuing single assets enables us to better understand the factors that contribute to the fundamental value of each property, mitigate concentration risk, establish appropriate asset-by-asset capital structures and maintain governance over major property-level decisions. In addition, the direct ownership of assets typically enables us to effectively employ an active asset management

approach and reduce financing and operating risk, while increasing the visibility of factors that affect the overall returns of the investment. In the U.S., we plan to continue to focus on single asset transactions in both our opportunistic and core plus investment strategies. Outside the U.S., we continue to opportunistically invest in the European markets.

- *Seek out Strong Joint Venture Partners or Managers.* Where appropriate, we seek out joint venture partners or managers with significant operational expertise and/or deal sourcing capability. For each joint venture, we design structures and terms to align interests and provide situationally appropriate incentives, often including, for example, the subordination of the joint venture partner's equity and profits interest to that of a fund, giveback provisions and/or profits escrow accounts in favor of a fund and exclusivity. We also typically structure positions with control or veto rights over major decisions.
- *Source Deals Directly.* Our teams endeavor to establish "market presence" in our target geographies where we have a history of operating in local markets and benefit from extensive long-term relationships with developers, corporate real estate owners, institutional investors and private owners. These relationships have resulted in our ability to source a large number of investments on a direct negotiated basis.
- *Focus on Sector-Specific Strategies.* Our real estate funds focus on specific sectors and markets in areas where we believe the fundamentals are sound and dynamic capital markets allow for identification of assets whose value is not fully recognized. The real estate funds we advise have invested according to strategies established in several main sectors: residential, senior living, industrial, self storage, retail, warehouse and logistics, office and hotel.
- *Actively Manage our Real Estate Investments.* Our real estate investments often require active management to uncover and create value. Accordingly, we have put in place experienced local asset management teams to assist in communicating with operating partners and property managers on a regular basis. These teams add value through analysis and execution of capital expenditure programs, development projects, lease negotiations, operating cost reduction programs and asset dispositions. The asset management teams work closely with the other real estate professionals to effectively formulate and implement strategic management plans.
- *Manage the Exit of Investments.* We believe that "exit management" is as important as traditional asset management in order to take full advantage of the typically short windows of opportunity created by temporary imbalances in capital market forces that affect real estate. In determining when to exit an investment, our real estate teams consider whether an investment has fulfilled its strategic plan, the depth of the market and generally prevailing industry conditions. Throughout our investment holding period, our investment professionals remain actively engaged in and focused on managing the steps needed to proceed to a successful exit.

Our energy and natural resources activities primarily focus on four areas: international energy, North American energy, power and infrastructure.

- *International Energy Investing.* Our international energy team pursues investment opportunities in oil and gas exploration and production, midstream, oilfield services and refining and marketing in Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia. Seeking to take advantage of the lack of capital in the international energy market, we pursue transactions where we have a distinctive competitive advantage and can create tangible value for the companies in which we invest, through industry specialization, deployment of human capital and access to our global network. In seeking to build a geographically-diverse international energy portfolio, we focus on cash-generating opportunities, with a particular focus on proven reserves and production, and strategically seek to enhance the efficiency of the portfolio through exploration, infrastructure or operating improvements. We may pursue investment opportunities of variable size, and utilize alternative structures and sources of capital, including incorporating blank check companies to invest alongside our funds to effectively pursue large transactions.
- *North American Energy Investing.* We conduct our current North American energy investing through our strategic partnership with NGP, an Irving, Texas-based energy investment firm that focuses on investments across a range of energy and natural resource assets, including oil and gas resources, oilfield services, pipelines and processing, as well as agricultural investments and properties. NGP seeks to align itself with "owner-managers" who are invested in the enterprise, have a top-tier technical team and who have a proprietary edge that differentiates their business plan. NGP strives to establish a portfolio of platform companies to grow through acquisitions and development and provides financial and strategic support and access to additional capital at the lowest cost. We do not control or manage the NGP Energy Funds that are advised by NGP. NGP is managed by its senior leadership.

- *Power Investing.* Our power team focuses on investment opportunities in the North American power generation sector. Leveraging the expertise of the investment professionals at Cogentrix Power Management L.L.C., one of our portfolio companies, the team seeks investments where it can obtain direct or indirect operational control to facilitate the implementation of technical enhancements. We seek to capitalize on secular trends and to identify assets where engineering and technical expertise, in addition to a strong management team, can facilitate performance.
- *Global Infrastructure Investing.* Our global infrastructure team pursues investments across a variety of sectors and geographies. The fund team targets investment opportunities primarily domiciled in developed markets with strong commercial systems and rule of law. The team utilizes a value-added approach to transaction sourcing, diligence and asset management and seeks to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns for the fund. The team seeks to enhance the value of its investments through strategic and operational impact including risk management techniques utilized across Carlyle's global corporate private equity and natural resources investment businesses. The goal of this approach is to increase the profitability of the investments, increase cash flow yield and enhance the attractiveness of the asset for ultimate exit to a trade buyer, core infrastructure buyer or the public markets.

### **Global Credit**

The investment approach of our Global Credit platform is generally characterized as follows:

- *Source Investment Opportunities.* Our Global Credit team sources investment opportunities from both the primary and secondary markets through our global network and strong relationships with the financial community. We typically target portfolio companies that have a demonstrated track record of profitability, market leadership in their respective niche, predictable cash flow, a definable competitive advantage and products or services that are value added to its customer base.
- *Conduct Fundamental Due Diligence and Perform Capital Structure Analyses.* After an opportunity is identified, our Global Credit investment professionals conduct fundamental due diligence to determine the relative value of the potential investment and capital structure analyses to determine credit worthiness. Our due diligence approach typically incorporates meetings with management, company facility visits, discussions with industry analysts and consultants and an in-depth examination of financial results and projections. In conducting due diligence, our Global Credit team employs an integrated, cross platform approach with industry-dedicated credit research analysts and non-investment grade expertise across the capital structure. Our Global Credit team also seeks to leverage resources from across the firm, utilizing information obtained from our more than 275 active portfolio companies and lending relationships with over 800 companies, 12 credit industry research analysts, and in-house government affairs and economic research teams.
- *Evaluation of Macroeconomic Factors.* Our Global Credit team evaluates technical factors such as supply and demand, the market's expectations surrounding a company and the existence of short- and long-term value creation or destruction catalysts. Inherent in all stages of credit evaluation is a determination of the likelihood of potential catalysts emerging, such as corporate reorganizations, recapitalizations, asset sales, changes in a company's liquidity and mergers and acquisitions.
- *Risk Minimization.* Our Global Credit team seeks to make investments in capital structures to enable companies to both expand and weather downturns and/or below-plan performance. The team works to structure investments with strong financial covenants, frequent reporting requirements and board representation, if possible. Through board representation or observation rights, our Global Credit team works to provide a consultative, interactive approach to equity sponsors and management partners as part of the overall portfolio management process.

### **Investment Solutions**

Our Investment Solutions team aims to apply a wide array of capabilities to help clients meet their investment objectives. The investment approach of our Investment Solutions platform is generally characterized as follows:

- *Well-informed, Disciplined Investment Process:* We follow a disciplined, highly-selective investment process and seek to achieve diversification by deploying capital across economic cycles, segments and investment styles. Our integrated and collaborative culture across our strategies, reinforced by investment in information technology solutions, provides deep insight into fund manager portfolios and operations to support our rigorous selection process.

- *Proactive Sourcing:* AlpInvest Partners' and Metropolitan Real Estate's extensive network of private equity and real estate managers across the globe positions us to identify investment opportunities that may be unavailable to other investors. Our investment strategy is defined by a strong belief that the best opportunities are found in areas that are less subject to competitive pressures. As a result, our teams actively seek out proprietary investments that would otherwise be difficult for our investors to access.
- *Global Scale and Presence:* Our scale and on-the-ground presence across three continents - Asia, Europe and North America - give us a distinct and comprehensive perspective on the private equity and real estate markets. Our stable, dedicated, and experienced teams have deep knowledge of their respective markets across the globe. We believe this enhances our visibility across the global investment market and provides detailed local information that enhances our investment evaluation process.

## Our Family of Funds

The following chart presents the name (acronym), total capital commitments (in the case of our carry funds, structured credit funds, and the NGP Predecessor Funds), assets under management (in the case of structured products), gross assets (in the case of our BDCs) and vintage year of the active funds in each of our segments, as of December 31, 2018. We present total capital commitments (as opposed to assets under management) for our closed-end investment funds because we believe this metric provides the most useful information regarding the relative size and scale of such funds. In the case of our products which are open-ended and accordingly do not have permanent committed capital, we generally believe the most useful metric regarding relative size and scale is assets under management.

Corporate Private Equity				Global Credit				Real Assets			
Buyout Carry Funds				Loans & Structured Credit				Real Estate Carry Funds			
<b>Carlyle Partners (U.S.)</b>				<b>Cash CLO's</b>				<b>Carlyle Realty Partners (U.S.)</b>			
CP VII	\$18.5 bn	2018		U.S.	\$17.0 bn	2012-2018		CRP VIII	\$5.5 bn	2017	
CP VI	\$13.0 bn	2014		Europe	€6.0 bn	2013-2018		CRP VII	\$4.2 bn	2014	
CP V	\$13.7 bn	2007		<b>Structured Credit Carry Funds</b>				CRP VI	\$2.3 bn	2011	
CP IV	\$7.9 bn	2005		CSC	\$0.8 bn	2017		CRP V	\$3.0 bn	2006	
<b>Global Financial Services Partners</b>				CASCOF	\$0.4 bn	2015		CRP IV	\$1.0 bn	2005	
CGFSP III	\$1.0 bn	2018		<b>Direct Lending</b>				CRP III	\$0.6 bn	2001	
CGFSP II	\$1.0 bn	2013		<b>Business Development Companies<sup>1</sup></b>				<b>Core Plus Real Estate (U.S.)</b>			
CGFSP I	\$1.1 bn	2008		TCG BDC II, Inc.	\$1.4 bn	2017		CP <sup>2</sup>	\$2.2 bn	2016	
<b>Carlyle Europe Partners</b>				TCG BDC, Inc.	\$2.1 bn	2013		<b>International Real Estate</b>			
CEP V	€5.9 bn	2018		<b>Corporate Mezzanine Carry Fund</b>				CER	€0.5 bn	2017	
CEP IV	€3.7 bn	2014		CMP II	\$0.6 bn	2008		CEREP III	€2.2 bn	2007	
CEP III	€5.3 bn	2007		<b>Opportunistic Credit Carry Fund</b>				<b>Natural Resources Funds</b>			
CEP II	€1.8 bn	2003		CCOF	\$1.1 bn	2017		<b>NGP Energy Carry Funds</b>			
<b>Carlyle Asia Partners</b>				<b>Energy Credit Carry Funds</b>				NGP XII	\$4.0 bn	2017	
CAP V	\$6.6 bn	2018		CEMOF II	\$2.8 bn	2015		NGP XI	\$5.3 bn	2014	
CBPF II	RMB 1.5 bn	2017		CEMOF I	\$1.4 bn	2011		NGP X	\$3.6 bn	2012	
CAP IV	\$3.9 bn	2014		<b>Distressed Credit Carry Funds</b>				<b>NGP Agribusiness Carry Fund</b>			
CAP III	\$2.6 bn	2008		CSP IV	\$2.5 bn	2016		NGP GAP	\$0.4 bn	2014	
CAP II	\$1.8 bn	2006		CSP III	\$0.7 bn	2011		<b>NGP Predecessor Funds</b>			
<b>Carlyle Japan Partners</b>				CSP II	\$1.4 bn	2007		Various <sup>3</sup>	\$5.7 bn	2007-2008	
CJP III	¥119.5 bn	2013		<b>Carlyle Aviation Partners</b>				<b>International Energy Carry Funds</b>			
CJP II	¥165.6 bn	2006		SASOF IV	\$1.0 bn	2018		CIEP II	\$1.2 bn	2018	
<b>Carlyle Global Partners</b>				SASOF III	\$0.8 bn	2015		CIEP I	\$2.5 bn	2013	
CGP	\$3.6 bn	2015		SASOF II	\$0.6 bn	2012		<b>Infrastructure Carry Funds</b>			
<b>Carlyle MENA Partners</b>				Securitization Vehicles <sup>2</sup>	\$2.4 bn	Various		CGIOF	\$1.3 bn	2018	
MENA I	\$0.5 bn	2008		Liquid Products <sup>2</sup>	\$0.9 bn	Various		CIP I	\$1.1 bn	2006	
<b>Carlyle South American Buyout Fund</b>				Managed Accounts <sup>2</sup>	\$1.0 bn	Various		<b>Power Carry Funds</b>			
CSABF I	\$0.8 bn	2009		<b>Investment Solutions</b>				CPP II	\$1.5 bn	2014	
<b>Carlyle Sub-Saharan Africa Fund</b>				<b>AlpInvest</b>				CPOCP	\$0.5 bn	2013	
CSSAF I	\$0.7 bn	2012		<b>Fund of Private Equity Funds</b>				<b>Legacy Energy Carry Funds</b>			
<b>Carlyle Peru Fund</b>				78 vehicles	€42.8 bn	2000-2018		<b>Carlyle/Riverstone Global Energy</b>			
CPF I	\$0.3 bn	2012		<b>Secondary Investments</b>				Energy IV	\$6.0 bn	2008	
<b>Middle Market &amp; Growth Carry Funds</b>				57 vehicles	€15.7 bn	2002-2018		Energy III	\$3.8 bn	2005	
<b>Carlyle U.S. Venture/Growth Partners</b>				<b>Co-Investments</b>				<b>Carlyle/Riverstone Renewable Energy</b>			
CEOF II	\$2.4 bn	2015		58 vehicles	€15.5 bn	2000-2018		Renew II	\$3.4 bn	2008	
CEOF I	\$1.1 bn	2011		<b>Metropolitan Real Estate</b>				<b>Real Estate Fund of Funds</b>			
CUSGF III	\$0.6 bn	2006		32 vehicles	\$4.7 bn	2002-2018					
CVP II	\$0.6 bn	2001									
<b>Carlyle Europe Technology Partners</b>											
CETP III	€0.7 bn	2014									

CETP II	€0.5 bn	2008
<b>Carlyle Asia Venture/Growth Partners</b>		
CAGP V	\$0.3 bn	2017
CAGP IV	\$1.0 bn	2008
CAGP III	\$0.7 bn	2005
<b>Carlyle Cardinal Ireland</b>		
CCI	€0.3 bn	2014

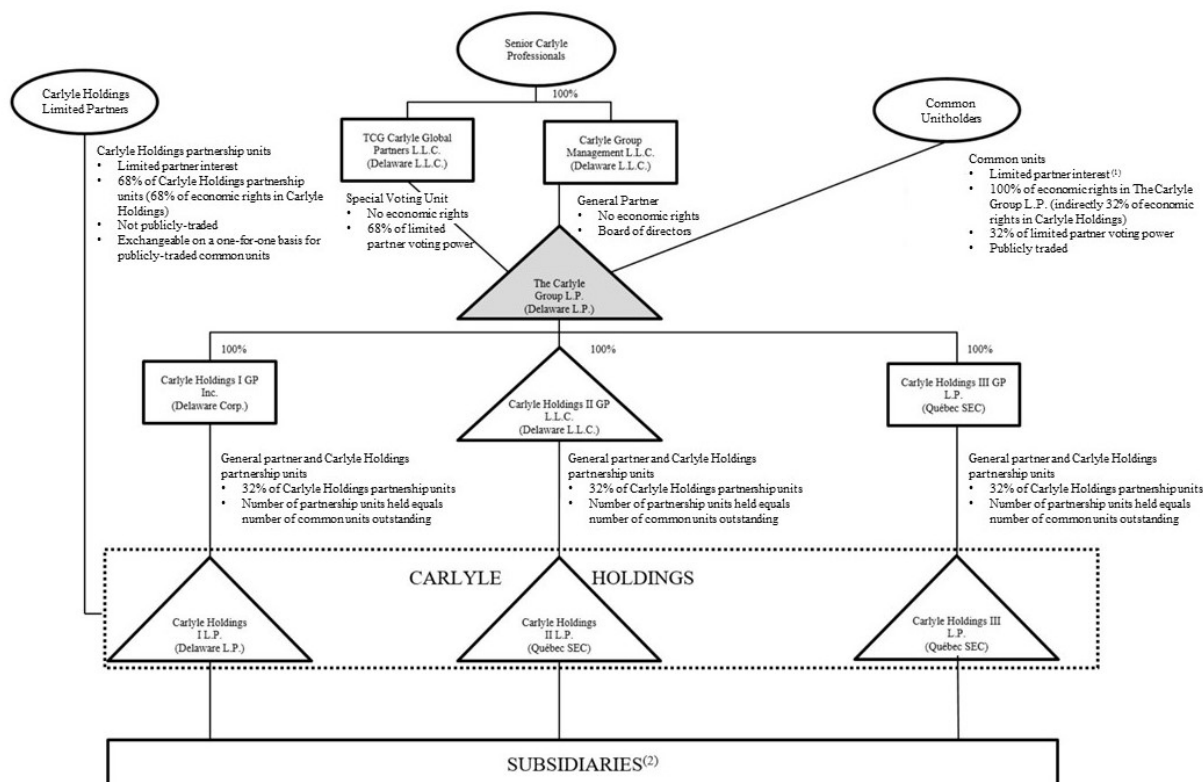
Note: All amounts shown represent total capital commitments as of December 31, 2018, unless otherwise noted. Certain of our recent vintage funds are currently in fundraising and total capital commitments are subject to change. In addition, certain carry funds included herein may be disclosed which are not included in fund performance if they have not made an initial capital call or commenced investment activity. We jointly advise the Legacy Energy funds with Riverstone Holdings L.L.C. The NGP funds are advised by NGP Energy Capital Management, LLC, a separately registered investment adviser, and we do not serve as an investment adviser to those funds.

- (1) Amounts represent gross assets plus any available capital as of December 31, 2018.
- (2) Amounts represent Total AUM as of December 31, 2018.
- (3) Includes NGP M&R, NGP ETP II, and NGP IX, on which we are not entitled to a share of carried interest.



## Organizational Structure

The simplified diagram below depicts our organizational structure. Ownership information in the diagram below is presented as of December 31, 2018. The diagram does not depict all of our subsidiaries, including intermediate holding companies through which certain of the subsidiaries depicted are held. As discussed in greater detail below, The Carlyle Group L.P. holds, through wholly owned subsidiaries, a number of Carlyle Holdings partnership units that is equal to the number of common units that The Carlyle Group L.P. has issued and benefits from the income of Carlyle Holdings to the extent of its equity interests in the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. While the holders of common units of The Carlyle Group L.P. are entitled to all of the economic rights in The Carlyle Group L.P., the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, like the wholly owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P., hold Carlyle Holdings partnership units that entitle them to economic rights in Carlyle Holdings to the extent of their equity interests in the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. Public investors do not directly hold equity interests in the Carlyle Holdings partnerships.



- (1) The Carlyle Group L.P. common unitholders have only limited voting rights and have no right to remove our general partner or, except in limited circumstances, elect the directors of our general partner. TCG Carlyle Global Partners L.L.C., an entity wholly owned by our senior Carlyle professionals, holds a special voting unit in The Carlyle Group L.P. that entitles it, on those few matters that may be submitted for a vote of The Carlyle Group L.P. common unitholders, to participate in the vote on the same basis as the common unitholders and provides it with a number of votes that is equal to the aggregate number of vested and unvested partnership units in Carlyle Holdings held by the limited partners of Carlyle Holdings on the relevant record date.
- (2) Certain individuals engaged in our business own interests directly in selected subsidiaries, including, in certain instances, entities that receive management fees from funds that we advise. See “— Structure and Operation of Our Investment Funds — Incentive Arrangements/Fee Structure” in this Item 1 for additional information.

The Carlyle Group L.P. conducts all of its material business activities through Carlyle Holdings. Each of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships was formed to hold our interests in different businesses. Carlyle Holdings I L.P. owns all of our U.S. fee-generating businesses and many of our non-U.S. fee-generating businesses, as well as our carried interests (and other investment interests) that derive income that we believe is not qualifying income for purposes of the U.S. federal income tax publicly-traded partnership rules and certain of our carried interests (and other investment interests) that do not relate to investments in stock of corporations or in debt, such as equity investments in entities that are pass-through for U.S. federal

income tax purposes. Carlyle Holdings II L.P. holds a variety of assets, including our carried interests in many of the investments by our carry funds in entities that are treated as domestic corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes and in certain non-U.S. entities. Certain of our non-U.S. fee-generating businesses, as well as our non-U.S. carried interests (and other investment interests) that derive income that we believe is not qualifying income for purposes of the U.S. federal income tax publicly-traded partnership rules and certain of our non-U.S. carried interests (and other investment interests) that do not relate to investments in stock of corporations or in debt, such as equity investments in entities that are pass-through for U.S. federal income tax purposes are held by Carlyle Holdings III L.P.

The Carlyle Group L.P. has wholly owned subsidiaries that serve as the general partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships: Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. (a Delaware corporation that is a domestic corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes), Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C. (a Delaware limited liability company that is a disregarded entity and not an association taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P. (a Québec *société en commandite* that is a foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) serve as the general partners of Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P., respectively. Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. and Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P. serve as the general partners of Carlyle Holdings I L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P., respectively, through wholly owned subsidiaries that are disregarded for federal income tax purposes. We refer to Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C. and Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P. collectively as the “Carlyle Holdings General Partners.”

### **Holding Partnership Structure**

The Carlyle Group L.P. is treated as a partnership and not as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, although our partnership agreement does not restrict our ability to take actions that may result in our being treated as an entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal (and applicable state) income tax purposes. An entity that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes is not a taxable entity and incurs no U.S. federal income tax liability. Instead, each partner is required to take into account its allocable share of items of income, gain, loss and deduction of the partnership in computing its U.S. federal income tax liability, whether or not cash distributions are made. Each holder of our common units is a limited partner of The Carlyle Group L.P., and accordingly, is generally required to pay U.S. federal income taxes with respect to the income and gain of The Carlyle Group L.P. that is allocated to such holder, even if The Carlyle Group L.P. does not make cash distributions. We believe that the Carlyle Holdings partnerships should also be treated as partnerships and not as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, the holders of partnership units in Carlyle Holdings, including The Carlyle Group L.P.’s wholly owned subsidiaries, incur U.S. federal, state and local income taxes on their proportionate share of any net taxable income of Carlyle Holdings.

Each of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships has an identical number of partnership units outstanding, and we use the terms “Carlyle Holdings partnership unit” or “partnership unit in/of Carlyle Holdings” to refer collectively to a partnership unit in each of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. The Carlyle Group L.P. holds, through wholly owned subsidiaries, a number of Carlyle Holdings partnership units equal to the number of common units that The Carlyle Group L.P. has issued. The Carlyle Holdings partnership units that are held by The Carlyle Group L.P.’s wholly owned subsidiaries are economically identical to the Carlyle Holdings partnership units that are held by the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. Accordingly, the income of Carlyle Holdings benefits The Carlyle Group L.P. to the extent of its equity interest in Carlyle Holdings.

The Carlyle Group L.P. is managed and operated by our general partner, Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., to whom we refer as “our general partner,” which is in turn wholly owned by our senior Carlyle professionals. Our general partner does not have any business activities other than managing and operating us. We reimburse our general partner and its affiliates for all costs incurred in managing and operating us, and our partnership agreement provides that our general partner determines the expenses that are allocable to us. Although there are no ceilings on the expenses for which we will reimburse our general partner and its affiliates, the expenses to which they may be entitled to reimbursement from us, such as director fees, historically have not been, and are not expected to be, material.

### **LP Relations**

Our diverse and sophisticated investor base includes more than 1,950 active investors in our carry funds, excluding Investment Solutions, located in 90 countries. Included among our many longstanding fund investors are pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies and high net worth individuals in the United States, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and South America.

We strive to maintain a systematic fundraising approach to support growth and serve our investor needs. This approach to fundraising has been critical in raising over \$33 billion in 2018. We continuously seek to strengthen and expand our relationships with them through frequent investor engagement and by cross-selling products across our diverse platform. We

have a dedicated in-house LP relations group, which includes 26 geographically-focused professionals with extensive investor relations and fundraising experience. In addition, we have 13 product specialists with a focus on specific business segments and 11 professionals focused on high net worth distribution. Our LP relations group is supported by 50 support staff responsible for project management and fulfillment. Our LP relations professionals are in constant dialogue with our fund investors, which enables us to monitor investor preferences and tailor future fund offerings to meet investor demand. We strive to secure a first-mover advantage with key investors, often by establishing a local presence and providing a broad and diverse range of investment opportunities.

As of December 31, 2018, approximately 92% of commitments to our active carry funds (by dollar amount) were from investors who are committed to more than one active carry fund and approximately 66% of commitments to our active carry funds (by dollar amount) were from investors who are committed to more than five active carry funds. We believe the loyalty of our carry fund investor base, as evidenced by our substantial number of multi-fund relationships, enhances our ability to raise new funds and successor funds in existing strategies.

### **Investor Services**

We have a team of over 500 investor services professionals worldwide. The investor services group performs a range of functions to support our investment teams, LP relations group and the corporate infrastructure of Carlyle. Our investor services professionals provide an important control function, ensuring that transactions are structured pursuant to the partnership agreements, assisting in global regulatory compliance requirements and investor reporting to enable investors to easily monitor the performance of their investments. We have devoted substantial resources to creating comprehensive and timely investor reports, which are increasingly important to our investor base. The investor services group also works closely with each fund's lifecycle, from fund formation and investments to portfolio monitoring and fund liquidation. We maintain an internal global legal and compliance team, which includes 31 professionals and a government relations group with a presence around the globe, which includes 15 professionals as of December 31, 2018. We intend to continue to build and invest in our legal, regulatory and compliance and tax functions to enable our investment teams to better serve our investors.

### **Structure and Operation of Our Investment Funds**

We conduct the sponsorship and management of our carry funds and other investment vehicles primarily through limited partnerships, which are organized by us, to accept commitments and/or funds for investment from institutional investors and high net worth individuals. Each investment fund that is a limited partnership, or "partnership" fund, has a general partner that is responsible for the management and operation of the fund's affairs and makes all policy and investment decisions relating to the conduct of the investment fund's business. Generally, the limited partners of such funds take no part in the conduct or control of the business of such funds, have no right or authority to act for or bind such funds and have no influence over the voting or disposition of the securities or other assets held by such funds, although such limited partners may vote on certain partnership matters including the removal of the general partner or early liquidation of the partnership by majority vote, as discussed below. Most of our funds also have an investor advisory committee, comprising representatives of certain limited partners, which may consider and/or waive conflicts of interest or otherwise consult with the general partner on certain partnership matters. In the case of certain separately managed accounts advised by us, the investor, rather than us, may control the asset or the investment decisions related thereto or certain investment vehicles or entities that hold or have custody of such assets. More often, however, we retain investment discretion with respect to separately managed accounts we advise.

Each investment fund and in the case of our separately managed accounts, the client, engages an investment adviser. Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. ("CIM") or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates serves as an investment adviser for most of our carry funds and is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act"). Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C. ("CGCIM") is an affiliate of CIM and serves as investment adviser for most of our Global Credit carry funds and clients, as well as our BDCs and is registered under the Advisers Act. The business of Carlyle Aviation Partners includes investment funds organized to invest in certain aviation assets (including aircraft, engines and components), and the adviser and general partner of such funds are currently not registered under the Advisers Act or otherwise operated in reliance on another entity's registration under the Advisers Act. Our investment advisers are generally entitled to a management fee from each investment fund for which they serve as investment advisers. For a discussion of the management fees to which our investment advisers are entitled across our various types of investment funds, see "—Incentive Arrangements / Fee Structure" below.

Investment funds themselves typically do not register as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act" or the "Investment Company Act"), in reliance on Section 3(c)(7) or Section 7(d) thereof or, typically in the case of funds formed prior to 1997, Section 3(c)(1) thereof. Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act exempts from the

1940 Act's registration requirements investment funds privately placed in the United States whose securities are owned exclusively by persons who, at the time of acquisition of such securities, are "qualified purchasers" as defined under the 1940 Act and purchase their interests in a private placement. Section 3(c)(1) of the 1940 Act exempts from the 1940 Act's registration requirements privately placed investment funds whose securities are beneficially owned by not more than 100 persons and purchase their interests in a private placement. In addition, under certain current interpretations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), Section 7(d) of the 1940 Act exempts from registration any non-U.S. investment fund all of whose outstanding securities are beneficially owned either by non-U.S. residents or by U.S. residents that are qualified purchasers and purchase their interests in a private placement. Certain of our investment funds, however, rely on other exemptions from the 1940 Act or register as investment companies under the 1940 Act or elect to be regulated as BDCs under the 1940 Act.

The governing agreements of the vast majority of our investment funds provide that, subject to certain conditions, a majority in interest (based on capital commitments) of third-party investors in those funds have the right to remove the general partner of the fund for cause and/or to accelerate the liquidation date of the investment fund without cause. In addition, the governing agreements of many of our investment funds generally require investors in those funds to affirmatively vote to continue the commitment period in the event that certain "key persons" in our investment funds do not provide the specified time commitment to the fund or our firm, cease to control the general partner (or similar managing entity) or the investment adviser or cease to hold a specified percentage of the economic interests in the general partner.

With limited exceptions, our carry funds, BDCs, and NGP Predecessor Funds are closed-end funds. In a closed-end fund structure, once an investor makes an investment, the investor is generally not able to withdraw or redeem its interest, except in very limited circumstances. Furthermore, each limited partnership contains restrictions on an investor's ability to transfer its interest in the fund. In the open-ended funds we advise, investors' interests are usually locked up for a period of time after which investors may generally redeem their interests on a quarterly basis, to the extent that sufficient cash is available.

With respect to our CPE, Real Assets and Global Credit carry funds, investors generally agree to fund their commitment over a period of time. For our carry funds, the commitment period generally runs until the earlier of (i) the sixth anniversary of either the effective date (the date we start charging management fees for the fund) or the initial closing date or the fifth anniversary of the final closing date of the fund; (ii) the date the general partner cancels such obligation due to changes in applicable laws, business conditions or when at least a significant portion (which may range between 75% and 90%) of the capital commitments to the fund have been invested, committed or reserved for investments; (iii) the date a supermajority in interest (based on capital commitments) of investors vote to terminate the commitment period; or (iv) the failure of certain key persons to devote a specified amount of time to such fund or Carlyle, to control the general partner or the investment adviser or to hold a specified percentage of the economic interests in the general partner, unless upon any of these events the investors vote to continue the commitment period. Following the termination of the commitment period, an investor generally will be released from any further obligation with respect to its undrawn capital commitment except to the extent necessary to pay partnership expenses and management fees, fund outstanding borrowings and guarantees, complete investments with respect to transactions committed to prior to the end of the commitment period and make follow-on investments in existing companies. Generally, an investor's obligation to fund follow-on investments extends for a period of three years following the end of the commitment period, although certain funds do not have a time limit and there may be limitations on how much the fund is permitted to fund for such follow-on investments. In those funds where such limitations exist, they generally range from 15-20% of the fund's aggregate capital commitment.

For the latest generation of our closed-end real estate funds, the length of the commitment period varies from fund to fund, typically running for a period of between two and five years from the final closing date, provided that the general partner may unilaterally extend such expiration date for one year and may extend it for another year with the consent of a majority of the limited partners or the investment advisory committee for that fund. Investors in the latest generation of our closed-end real estate funds are also obligated to continue to make capital contributions with respect to follow-on investments and to repay indebtedness for a period of time after the original expiration date of the commitment period, as well as to fund partnership expenses and management fees during the life of the fund.

The term of each of the CPE, Real Assets and Global Credit carry funds generally will end 10 years from the initial closing date, or in some cases, from the final closing date, but such termination date may be earlier in certain limited circumstances (e.g., 6 years, in the case of certain Carlyle Aviation Partners funds) or later if extended by the general partner (in many instances with the consent of a majority in interest (based on capital commitments) of the investors or the investment advisory committee) for successive one-year periods, typically up to a maximum of two years. Certain of such investment funds may have a longer initial termination date (such funds, "longer-dated funds"), such as 15 years from the final closing date or may be open-ended.

With respect to our Investment Solutions vehicles and separately managed accounts, the commitment period generally runs for a period of one to five years after the initial closing date of the vehicle. Following the termination of the commitment period, an investor in one of our Investment Solutions vehicles or separately managed accounts generally will only be required to fund additional amounts for commitments entered into during the commitment period, partnership expenses (including management fees and indemnification obligations), outstanding borrowings and guarantees, and follow-on investments in existing companies. The term of each of the funds generally will end 8 to 12 years from the initial closing date. In some cases, the termination date may be later if extended by the general partner (in many instances with the consent of a majority in interest (based on capital commitments) of the investors or the investment advisory committee) for successive up to two-year periods, potentially up to a maximum of four years or until such time as is reasonably necessary for the general partner to be able to liquidate the fund's assets.

### ***Incentive Arrangements / Fee Structure***

***Fund Management Fees.*** The Partnership provides management services to funds in which it holds a general partner interest or has a management agreement. For closed-end carry funds in the CPE, Real Assets and Global Credit segments, management fees generally range from 1.0% to 2.0% of commitments during the fund's commitment period based on limited partners' capital commitments to the funds. Following the expiration or termination of the commitment period, management fees generally are based on the lower of cost or fair value of invested capital and the rate charged may also be reduced to between 0.6% and 2.0%. For certain separately managed accounts, open-end funds and longer-dated carry funds, with expected terms greater than ten years, management fees generally range from 0.2% to 1.0% based on contributions for unrealized investments or the current value of the investment. The investment adviser will receive management fees during a specified period of time, which is generally ten years from the initial closing date, or, in some instances, from the final closing date, but such termination date may be earlier in certain limited circumstances or later if extended for successive one year periods, typically up to a maximum of two years. Depending on the contracted terms of the investment advisory or investment management and related agreements, these fees are generally called semi-annually in advance. For certain open-end and longer-dated carry funds, management fees are called quarterly over the life of the funds.

Within the Global Credit segment, for CLOs and other structured products, management fees generally range from 0.4% to 0.5% based on the total par amount of assets or the aggregate principal amount of the notes in the CLO and are due quarterly or semi-annually based on the terms. Management fees for the CLOs and other structured products are governed by indentures and collateral management agreements. The investment advisers will receive management fees for the CLOs until redemption of the securities issued by the CLOs, which is generally five to ten years after issuance. Management fees for the BDCs are due quarterly in arrears at annual rates that range from 1.25% of invested capital to 1.5% of gross assets, excluding cash and cash equivalents.

The investment advisers of our Investment Solutions private equity and real estate carry fund vehicles generally receive an annual management fee that ranges from 0.25% to 1.0% of the vehicle's capital commitments during the commitment fee period of the relevant fund or the weighted-average commitment period of the underlying funds. Following the expiration of the commitment fee period or weighted-average investment period of such funds, the management fees generally range from 0.25% to 1.0% on (i) the lower of cost or fair value of the capital invested, (ii) the net asset value for unrealized investments or (iii) the contributions for unrealized investments; however certain separately managed accounts earn management fees at all times on contributions for unrealized investments or on the initial commitment amount. The management fees we receive from our Investment Solutions carry fund vehicles typically are payable quarterly in advance.

Our equity interest in NGP entitles us to an allocation of income equal to 55% of the management fee-related revenues of the NGP entities that serve as advisors to the NGP Energy Funds.

The general partners or investment advisers to certain of our CPE, Real Assets and Global Credit carry funds from time to time receive customary transaction fees upon consummation of many of our funds' acquisition transactions, receive monitoring fees from many of their portfolio companies following acquisition and may from time to time receive other fees in connection with their activities. The ongoing monitoring fees that they receive are generally calculated either as a fixed amount or as a percentage of a specified financial metric of a particular portfolio company. The transaction fees which they receive are generally calculated either as a fixed amount or as a percentage (that generally ranges up to 1%, but may exceed 1% in certain circumstances) of the total enterprise value or capitalization of the investment. The management fees charged to limited partner investors in our carry funds are generally reduced by 80% to 100% of such transaction fees and certain other fees that are received by the general partners and their affiliates.

In addition, Carlyle Aviation Partners may receive servicing fees in connection with asset-backed financing transactions for certain Carlyle Aviation Partners funds, generally in the range of 2% of rents, incentive fees up to 4% of rents in

the aggregate, and 3% of sales proceeds earned from such assets. To the extent the financing instruments are held by the funds, these fees are generally offset against management fees or partnership expenses of the funds.

*Performance Allocations.* The general partner of each of our carry funds also receives carried interest from the carry funds. Carried interest entitles the general partner to a special residual allocation of profit on third-party capital. In the case of our closed-end carry funds in the CPE, Real Assets and Global Credit segments, carried interest is generally calculated on a “realized gain” basis, and each general partner is generally entitled to a carried interest equal to 20% allocation (or 10% to 20% on certain open-end and longer-dated carry funds, certain credit funds and external co-investment vehicles, or approximately 10% in the case of most of the recent Investment Solutions carry funds, and approximately 2% to 10% in the case of most of our more mature Investment Solutions carry funds) of the net realized profit (generally taking into account unrealized losses) generated by third-party capital invested in such fund. Net realized profit or loss is not netted between or among funds. Our senior Carlyle professionals and other personnel who work in these operations also own interests in the general partners of our carry funds and we generally allocate 45% of any carried interest that we earn to these individuals in order to better align their interests with our own and with those of the investors in the funds. Of the 55% of the carried interest that we retain, we may utilize a portion for a plan for certain of our employees who do not receive direct allocations of carried interest to further align their interests with those of our own and the investors in our investment funds. For most carry funds, the carried interest is subject to an annual preferred return of 7% to 9% (or 4% to 7% for certain longer-dated carry funds) and return of certain fund costs (generally subject to catch-up provisions as set forth in the fund limited partnership agreement) from its CPE, Real Assets and Global Credit carry funds. If, as a result of diminished performance of later investments in the life of a closed-end fund, the fund does not achieve investment returns that (in most cases) exceed the preferred return threshold or (in almost all cases) the general partner receives in excess of 20% (or 10% to 20% on certain longer-dated carry funds as well as some external co-investment vehicles, as well as certain vehicles and accounts managed by Carlyle Aviation Partners or approximately 2% to 10% in the case of most of our Investment Solutions carry fund vehicles) of the net profits on third-party capital over the life of the fund, we will be obligated to repay the amount by which the carried interest that was previously distributed to us exceeds amounts to which we are ultimately entitled. This obligation, which is known as a “giveback” obligation, operates with respect to a given carry fund’s own net investment performance only and is typically capped at the after-tax amount of carried interest received by the general partner. Each recipient of carried interest distributions is individually responsible for his or her proportionate share of any “giveback” obligation; however, we may guarantee the full amount of such “giveback” obligation in respect of amounts received by Carlyle and certain other amounts. With respect to the portion of any carried interest allocated to the firm, we expect to fund any “giveback” obligation from available cash. Our ability to generate carried interest is an important element of our business and carried interest has historically accounted for a significant portion of our income.

The receipt of carried interest in respect of investments of our carry funds is dictated by the terms of the partnership agreements that govern such funds, which generally allow for carried interest distributions in respect of an investment upon a realization event after satisfaction of obligations relating to the return of capital from all realized investments, any realized losses, allocable fees and expenses and the applicable annual preferred return. Carried interest is ultimately realized and distributed when: (i) an underlying investment is profitably disposed of, (ii) certain costs borne by the limited partner investors have been reimbursed, (iii) the investment fund’s cumulative returns are in excess of the preferred return and (iv) we have decided to collect carry rather than return additional capital to limited partner investors. Distributions to eligible senior Carlyle professionals in respect of such carried interest are generally made shortly thereafter. Our decision to realize carry considers such factors as the level of embedded valuation gains, the portion of the fund invested, the portion of the fund returned to limited partner investors and the length of time the fund has been in carry, as well as other qualitative measures. Although Carlyle has seldom been obligated to pay a giveback obligation, such obligation, if any, in respect of previously realized carried interest, is generally determined and due upon the winding up or liquidation of a carry fund pursuant to the terms of the fund’s partnership agreement, although in certain cases the giveback is calculated at prior intervals.

Under our arrangements with the historical owners of Carlyle Aviation Partners, we are entitled to 100% of the management fee-related revenues and advisory fee-related revenues of Carlyle Aviation Partners that serve as advisors or service providers of the Carlyle Aviation Partners funds and portfolios of investments. In addition, we will receive 55% of the carried interest from funds managed or advised by Carlyle Aviation Partners, with the remaining 45% being allocated to the prior owners of Carlyle Aviation Partners and certain employees.

With respect to our arrangements with NGP, we have acquired future interests in the general partners of certain future funds advised by NGP that will entitle us to an allocation of income equal to 47.5% of the carried interest received by such fund general partners. In addition, we also exercised our option to purchase interests in the general partner of the NGP X fund, which entitles us to an allocation of income equal to 40% of the carried interest received by NGP X’s general partner.

Under our arrangements with the historical owners and management team of AlpInvest, we generally do not retain any carried interest in respect of the historical investments and commitments to our fund of funds vehicles that existed as of July 1, 2011 (including any options to increase any such commitments exercised after such date). We are entitled to 15%, or in some cases 40%, of the carried interest in respect of commitments from the historical owners of AlpInvest for the period between 2011 and 2020 and 40% of the carried interest in respect of all other commitments (including all future commitments from third parties).

Under our arrangements with the historical owners and management team of Metropolitan, the management team and employees are allocated all carried interest in respect of the historical investments and commitments to the fund vehicles that have had a final closing on or prior to July 31, 2013, and 45% of the carried interest in respect of all other commitments.

As noted above, in connection with raising new funds or securing additional investments in existing funds, we negotiate terms for such funds and investments with existing and potential investors. The outcome of such negotiations could result in our agreement to terms that are materially less favorable to us than for prior funds we have advised or funds advised by our competitors. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors — Risks Related to Our Business Operations — Our investors in future funds may negotiate to pay us lower management fees and the economic terms of our future funds may be less favorable to us than those of our existing funds, which could adversely affect our revenues.”

### ***Capital Invested in and Alongside Our Investment Funds***

To further align our interests with those of investors in our investment funds, we have invested our own capital and that of our senior Carlyle professionals in and alongside the investment funds we sponsor and advise. Carlyle generally expects to commit to fund approximately 0.75% to 1% of the capital commitments to our future CPE, Real Assets and Global Credit carry funds. We also intend to make investments in our Investment Solutions carry funds, our open-end funds and our CLO vehicles. In addition, certain qualified Carlyle professionals and other qualified individuals (including certain individuals who may not be employees of the firm but who have pre-existing business relationships with Carlyle or industry expertise in the sector in which a particular investment fund may be investing) are permitted, subject to certain restrictions, to invest alongside the investment funds we sponsor and advise. Fees assessed or profit allocations on such investments by such persons may be eliminated or substantially reduced.

Minimum general partner capital commitments to our investment funds are determined separately with respect to each investment fund. We may, from time to time, exercise our right to purchase additional interests in our investment funds that become available in the ordinary course of their operations. See “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations— Liquidity and Capital Resources” for more information regarding our minimum general partner capital commitments to our funds. Our general partner capital commitments are funded with cash and not with carried interest or through a management fee waiver program.

Carlyle and its eligible employees and officers generally have the right to co-invest with most of the CPE and Real Asset and Global Credit carry funds on a deal-by-deal basis.

### **One Carlyle Culture**

Our culture is built on promoting innovation, good citizenship and service to our investors. Carlyle uses its One Carlyle global network, deep industry knowledge, Operating Executive consultants and portfolio intelligence to create and execute a customized value creation plan for each of our CPE and Real Assets investments. To further this end, Carlyle has created a Global Investment Resources team that helps to translate our One Carlyle culture into services and capabilities supporting our investment process and portfolio companies. This team coordinates with our investment professionals and advisors, including our operating executive and other consultants, to create value during the investment lifecycle. We have also developed a leveraged purchasing effort to provide portfolio companies with effective sourcing programs with better pricing and service levels to help create operating value. This program seeks to drive down costs on common indirect spend categories and disseminate best practices on managing functional spend in the areas of HR/employee benefits, corporate real estate, information technology and treasury/risk. Our approach ensures that Carlyle’s global network, deep industry knowledge and operational expertise are used to support and enhance our investments.

### **Corporate Citizenship**

We are committed to the principle that building a better business means investing responsibly and engaging in communities where we work and invest. Responsible investing means we consider the environmental, social and governance

(ESG) implications of our investments, and have developed a framework for understanding, monitoring and managing those issues. In September 2008, Carlyle developed a set of responsible investment guidelines that consider the environmental, social and governance implications of certain investments we make. These guidelines were integral to shaping the corporate social responsibility guidelines later adopted by the members of the American Investment Council. We use the principles in these guidelines to inform our investment decision-making process for controlling, corporate investments.

Over the years, we have sought to continuously strengthen governance and transparency, ensuring that the interests of our investors, portfolio companies and investment professionals are aligned with our ESG goals. Good governance processes enable us to monitor current and emerging risks and provide investors with the transparency they require. We maintain strong internal corporate governance processes and fiduciary functions and are subject to regulatory supervision. Carlyle professionals receive regular and targeted training on many issues related to corporate governance and compliance, such as anti-corruption, conflicts of interest, economic sanctions and anti-money laundering. All employees annually certify to their understanding of and compliance with key global Carlyle policies and procedures.

ESG considerations play a growing role in our investment processes and the operations of our portfolio companies. As part of Carlyle's investment process for our Corporate Private Equity funds, we evaluate ESG risks and seek opportunities to create value through sustainability initiatives. During our ownership period, we support our management teams' efforts to develop strategic ESG programs and provide access to prescreened vendors, sustainability resources and individualized assistance from our Chief Sustainability Officer. Carlyle educates portfolio companies in which we have a controlling interest on the guidelines for responsible investment and encourage them to review the guidelines at the board level on an annual basis. We see sustainability efforts adding value primarily in four areas: customer satisfaction, brand equity, operational efficiency and cost savings and workforce.

At Carlyle we believe that diverse teams and experiences bring tremendous value to our firm. We are committed to growing and cultivating an environment that fosters diversity in gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, religion and age, as well as cultural backgrounds and ideas.

In 2013, Carlyle established our Diversity & Inclusion Council, which we believe is the first of its kind in our industry. We currently have seven Employee Resource Groups (ERG) to foster and cultivate a diverse and inclusive workforce. We also have a mentoring program that provides support for employees across the globe. Carlyle earned a 100% rating on the 2018 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), a national benchmarking survey and report on corporate policies and practices related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) workplace equality, administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. In 2018, Carlyle hired a Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer.

We encourage our employees to get involved where they live, work and invest through our volunteer and wealth sharing programs. We work to continually improve environmental stewardship within our firm, particularly in the areas of energy and materials use. In 2018, Carlyle achieved carbon neutral operations, based on our analysis as of September 30, 2018.

We are a member of the British Venture Capital Association and seek to ensure that our U.K.-based portfolio companies are compliant, on a voluntary basis, with the Private Equity Reporting Group Guidelines for Disclosure and Transparency when such companies become subject to these guidelines. Carlyle is a member of Invest Europe and an active participant in its work on ESG-related industry issues. Further, we are also a member of the Bundesverband Deutscher Kapitalbeteiligungsgesellschaften (BVK), the German private equity and venture capital trade association. We believe that we are compliant with the BVK Guidelines for Disclosure and Transparency and seek to ensure that our German portfolio companies comply with these guidelines when they are required to do so.

AlpInvest is a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment and has adopted the UN Global Compact as a corporate social responsibility (CSR) framework to evaluate fund managers and portfolio companies. AlpInvest has fully integrated CSR into its investment process and actively engages with fund managers and other stakeholders in the private equity markets to promote sustainability and improved corporate governance as an investment consideration.

Since Carlyle was established, we have recognized the value and benefits of maintaining a business model grounded in investment fundamentals, strong governance and transparency. We maintain strong internal corporate governance processes and fiduciary functions and are subject to regulatory supervision. Carlyle professionals receive regular and targeted training on many issues related to corporate governance and compliance, such as anti-corruption, conflicts of interest, economic sanctions and anti-money laundering. All employees annually certify to their understanding of and compliance with key global Carlyle policies and procedures.



## **Global Information Technology and Solutions**

Global Information Technology and Solutions, which we refer to as GTS, is essential for Carlyle to conduct investment activities, manage internal administration activities and connect a global enterprise. As part of our GTS strategy and governance processes, we develop and routinely refine our technology architecture to leverage solutions that will best serve the needs of our investors. Our systems, data, network and infrastructure are continuously monitored and administered by formal controls and risk management processes that also help protect the data and privacy of our employees and investors. Our business continuity plans are designed to allow all critical business functions to continue in an orderly manner in the event of an emergency. GTS works closely with our various segments to test Carlyle's business continuity plans via table top exercises and disaster recovery exercises. GTS requires firm-wide information security awareness training on a quarterly basis to sensitize employees about the cyber risks to the firm with a goal of educating the firm on how to safeguard Carlyle's information assets. This annual testing is intended to help mitigate risk to the firm if an actual emergency were to occur. Carlyle's Information Security Steering Committee, chaired by the Chief Information Security Officer, monitors threats and prioritizes the initiatives of Carlyle's information security programs.

## **Competition**

As a global investment firm, we compete with a broad array of regional and global investment firms, as well as global banking institutions and other types of financial institutions and markets, for both investors and investment opportunities. Generally, our competition varies across business lines, geographies, distribution channels and financial markets. We believe that our competition for investors is based primarily on investment performance, business relationships, the quality of services provided to investors, reputation and brand recognition, pricing and the relative attractiveness of the particular opportunity in which a particular fund intends to invest. To stay competitive, we believe it is also important to be able to offer fund investors a customized suite of investment products which enable them to tailor their investments across alternatives in private equity, real estate and credit. We believe that competition for investment opportunities varies across business lines, but is generally based on industry expertise and potential for value-add, pricing, terms and the structure of a proposed investment and certainty of execution.

We generally compete with sponsors of public and private investment funds across all of our segments. Within our CPE segment, we also compete with BDCs, sovereign wealth funds and operating companies acting as strategic acquirers. In our Global Credit segment, we compete with private credit strategies, BDCs, distressed debt funds, mezzanine funds and other CLO issuers. In our Real Assets segment, we compete with real estate development companies and other infrastructure investment business. In our Investment Solutions segment, we generally compete with other fund of funds managers and/or with advisers that are turning their business models towards discretionary investment advisory services. In the United States, the new government administration may propose changes to financial regulation that could increase competition from banks and non-bank institutions in certain of our business segments.

In addition to these traditional competitors within the global investment industry, we have increasingly faced competition from local and regional firms, financial institutions, sovereign wealth funds, family offices and agencies and instrumentalities of governments in the various countries in which we invest. This trend has been especially apparent in emerging markets, where local firms tend to have more established relationships with the companies in which we are attempting to invest. In addition, large institutional investors and sovereign wealth funds have begun to develop their own in-house investment capabilities and may compete against us for investment opportunities. Furthermore, in some cases, large institutional investors have reduced allocations to "fund of funds" vehicles and turned instead to private equity advisory firms that assist with direct investments. Greater reliance on advisory firms or in-house investment management may reduce fund of funds' appeal to large institutional investors. As we continue to target high net worth investors, we also face competition from mutual funds and investment firms that have competing products.

Some of the entities that we compete with as a global investment firm are substantially larger and have greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources and more personnel than we do. Several of our competitors also have recently raised or are expected to raise, significant amounts of capital and many of them have investment objectives similar to ours, which may create additional competition for investment opportunities and investor capital. Some of these competitors may also have a lower cost of capital and access to funding sources that are not available to us, which may create competitive disadvantages for us when sourcing investment opportunities. In addition, some of these competitors may have higher risk tolerances, different risk assessments or lower return thresholds, which could allow them to consider a wider range of investments and to bid more aggressively than us for investments. Strategic buyers may also be able to achieve synergistic cost savings or revenue enhancements with respect to a targeted portfolio company, which we may not be able to achieve through our own portfolio, and this may provide them with a competitive advantage in bidding for such investments.

## **Employees**

We believe that one of the strengths and principal reasons for our success is the quality and dedication of our people. As of December 31, 2018, we employed more than 1,650 individuals, including 637 investment professionals, located in 31 offices across six continents.

## **Operating Executives**

Supplementing Carlyle's investment expertise, we have retained a group of senior business executives to help Carlyle invest wisely and create value across a range of industries. These operating executives are former CEOs and other high-level executives of some of the world's most successful corporations and currently sit on the boards of directors of a diverse mix of companies. Operating executives are independent consultants and are not Carlyle employees. Operating executives are engaged by Carlyle primarily to assist with deal sourcing, due diligence and market intelligence. Carlyle typically retains these operating executives and bears the cost of such retainer fees. Operating executives may also be engaged by, and compensated by, our portfolio companies as directors or to otherwise advise portfolio company management.

## **Regulatory and Compliance Matters**

### ***United States***

Our businesses, as well as the financial services industry generally, are subject to extensive regulation in the United States and elsewhere. The SEC, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") and other regulators around the globe have in recent years significantly increased their regulatory activities with respect to global investment firms.

Certain of our subsidiaries are registered as investment advisers with the SEC. Registered investment advisers are subject to the requirements and regulations of the Advisers Act. Such requirements relate to, among other things, fiduciary duties to advisory clients, maintaining an effective compliance program, solicitation agreements, conflicts of interest, recordkeeping and reporting requirements, disclosure requirements, limitations on agency cross and principal transactions between an adviser and advisory clients and general anti-fraud prohibitions. In addition, our registered investment advisers are subject to routine periodic and other examinations by the staff of the SEC. In accordance with our efforts to enhance our compliance program and in response to recommendations received from the SEC in the course of routine examinations, certain additional policies and procedures have been put into place, but no material changes to our registered investment advisers' operations have been made as a result of such examinations. Our registered investment advisers also have not been subject to any regulatory or disciplinary actions by the SEC. Finally, certain of our investment advisers are subject to limited SEC disclosure requirements as "exempt reporting advisers."

TCG Securities, L.L.C. ("TCG Securities"), the affiliate entity through which we conduct U.S.-based marketing and fundraising activities and house our anti-money laundering compliance function, is registered as a limited purpose broker-dealer with the SEC, is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and is also registered as a broker-dealer in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Additionally, TCG Securities operates under an international broker-dealer exemption in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec. TCG Securities acts as a placement agent, on a best efforts basis, for interests in private funds.

In 2018 we obtained FINRA approval for TCG Capital Markets L.L.C. ("TCG Capital Markets"), an affiliate broker-dealer entity that operates as part of the Carlyle Capital Solutions platform ("CCS") within Global Credit, and engages in the syndication and placement of securities of corporate issuers in private transactions, among other related activities, including U.S.-based marketing and fundraising for Global Credit. In addition, TCG Capital Markets is registered as a broker-dealer with the SEC and in 48 states and the District of Columbia. The CCS platform also includes TCG Senior Funding, L.L.C., which has been established to originate and syndicate loans.

Additionally, FINRA, a self-regulatory organization that is subject to SEC oversight, maintains regulatory authority over all securities firms doing business with the public in the United States (including our broker-dealers), adopts and enforces rules governing the activities of its member firms and conducts cycle examinations and targeted sweep inquiries on issues of immediate concern, among other roles and responsibilities. Our broker-dealers are subject to routine periodic and other examinations by the staff of FINRA. No material changes to our broker-dealers' operations have been made as a result of such examinations.

Broker-dealers are subject to rules relating to transactions on a particular exchange and/or market, and rules relating to the internal operations of the firms and their dealings with customers including, but not limited to the form or organization of

the firm, qualifications of associated persons, officers and directors, net capital and customer protection rules, books and records and financial statements and reporting. In particular, as a result of its registered status, each of TCG Securities and TCG Capital Markets are subject to the SEC's uniform net capital rule, Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), which specifies both the minimum level of net capital a broker-dealer must maintain relative to the scope of its business activities and net capital liquidity parameters. The SEC and FINRA require compliance with key financial responsibility rules, including maintenance of adequate funds to meet expenses and contractual obligations, as well as early warning rules that compel notice to the regulators via accelerated financial reporting anytime a firm's capital falls below the minimum required level. The uniform net capital rule limits the amount of qualifying subordinated debt that is treated as equity to a specific percentage under the debt-to-equity ratio test, and further limits the withdrawal of equity capital, which is subject to specific notice provisions. Finally, compliance with net capital rules may also limit a firm's ability to expand its operations, particularly to those activities that require the use of capital. Violation of the net capital rule may result in censures, fines, the issuance of cease-and-desist orders, revocation of licenses or registrations, the suspension or expulsion from the securities industry of the broker-dealer or its officers or employees or other similar consequences by regulatory bodies. To date, neither TCG Securities nor TCG Capital Markets has had any capital adequacy issues and each entity is currently capitalized in excess of the minimum maintenance amount required by regulators.

Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C. ("CGCIM"), one of our subsidiaries, serves as investment adviser to certain closed-end investment companies that have elected, or intend to elect, to be regulated as BDCs under the Investment Company Act (as well as to certain private fund and other clients). Accordingly, these BDCs are, or are expected to be, subject to all relevant provisions under the Investment Company Act as registered investment companies. In addition, CGCIM serves as a sub-adviser to OFI Carlyle Private Credit Fund, which is regulated as a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act and to which OC Private Capital, LLC, a Carlyle joint venture with OppenheimerFunds, Inc., serves as the investment adviser.

In 2011, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act amended the Commodity Exchange Act to expand the CFTC's regulatory jurisdiction with respect to certain derivative instruments, including swaps. In 2012, the CFTC rescinded an exemption from CFTC registration traditionally relied upon by private fund managers, narrowed an exception related to registered investment companies and amended related rules and guidance. As a result of these changes, managers of certain pooled investment vehicles with exposure in commodity interests now may be required to register with the CFTC as commodity pool operators ("CPOs") and/or commodity trading advisors ("CTAs") and become members of the National Futures Association (the "NFA"). As such, certain of our or our subsidiaries' risk management or other commodities interest-related activities may be subject to CFTC oversight. Consequently, certain CFTC rules expose global investment firms, such as us, to increased registration and reporting requirements in connection with transactions in futures, swaps and other derivatives regulated by the CFTC. These regulations have required us to reassess certain business practices related to our pooled vehicles, consider registration of certain entities with the CFTC or file for additional exemptions from such registration requirements. In addition, as a result of their commodities interest-related activities, certain of our entities also may be subject to a wide range of other regulatory requirements, such as:

- potential compliance with certain commodities interest position limits or position accountability rules;
- administrative requirements, including recordkeeping, confirmation of transactions and reconciliation of trade data; and
- mandatory central clearing and collateral requirements.

### ***United Kingdom and the European Union***

CECP Advisors LLP ("CECP"), one of our subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, is authorized and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"). CECP operates in accordance with the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA"), which is the United Kingdom's implementing legislation for the European Markets in Financial Instruments Directive ("MiFID"). CECP has permission to engage in a number of corporate finance activities regulated under the FSMA, including advising on, and arranging deals in relation to certain types of, investments. CECP is only permitted to carry out these activities in relation to eligible counterparties and professional clients. CECP has registered a branch office in Ireland in connection with Carlyle's investment activities in that country. CELF Advisors LLP ("CELF"), another one of our subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, is also authorized and regulated by the FCA under the FSMA and has permission to engage in a number of activities regulated under the FSMA, including making arrangements with a view to transactions in investments, advising on, managing and arranging deals in relation to certain types of investments, dealing in investments as agent and arranging safeguarding and administration of assets. CELF is only permitted to carry out these activities in relation to eligible counterparties and professional clients. The FSMA and related rules govern most aspects of investment businesses, including sales, research and trading practices, provision of investment advice, corporate finance, use and safekeeping of client funds and

securities, record keeping, margin practices and procedures, approval standards for individuals, anti-money laundering, periodic reporting and settlement procedures.

The FSMA says that any firm or individual which carries out a regulated activity in the United Kingdom must be authorized or regulated by the FCA, unless they are exempt. The FCA is responsible for monitoring regulated entities' compliance with the FSMA. Violations of these requirements may result in censures, fines, imposition of additional requirements, injunctions, restitution orders, revocation or modification of permissions or registrations, the suspension or expulsion from certain "controlled functions" within the financial services industry of officers or employees performing such functions or other similar consequences.

Similar to the United States, jurisdictions outside the United States in which we operate, in particular Europe, have become subject to extensive further regulation. Governmental regulators and other authorities in Europe have proposed or implemented a number of initiatives and additional rules and regulations that could adversely affect our business. Certain of our subsidiaries are subject to compliance requirements in connection with the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (the "AIFMD"), which generally became effective in countries across the European Economic Area (the "EEA") in 2014. The AIFMD imposes significant regulatory requirements on alternative investment fund managers operating or marketing funds to investors within the EEA, as well as prescribing certain conditions with regard to regulatory standards, cooperation and transparency that must be satisfied for non-EEA fund managers to market or manage alternative investment funds into EEA jurisdictions. Authorization under the AIFMD is currently available only to EEA fund managers. One of Carlyle's subsidiaries, AlpInvest, obtained such authorization in 2015. As such, AlpInvest is licensed as an alternative investment fund manager under the AIFMD by the Authority for Financial Markets in the Netherlands (the "AFM"). AlpInvest is also licensed by the AFM to provide investment management services under the MiFID. In early 2018 one of our subsidiaries, CIM Europe S.a.r.l. ("CIM Europe"), was authorized as an alternative investment fund manager under the AIFMD in Luxembourg to offer certain funds in Europe, however Carlyle's Global Credit and real estate fund of funds are currently offered in the EEA in accordance with the national private placement regimes of the various EEA jurisdictions. Compliance with applicable AIFMD requirements may restrict Carlyle's fund marketing strategy and will place additional compliance obligations in the form of remuneration policies, capital requirements, reporting requirements, leverage oversight and liquidity management.

Additionally, certain of our subsidiaries are subject to various aspects of the European Market Infrastructure Regulation ("EMIR"). Among other things, EMIR imposes a set of requirements on European Union derivatives activities, including risk mitigation, risk management, regulatory reporting and margin and clearing requirements. Given the global scale of the derivatives activity of various Carlyle entities, the various regulatory regimes to which Carlyle is subject could result in duplication of administration and increased transaction costs related to such derivatives activities.

As outlined above, certain of our European subsidiaries must comply with the pan-European regime established by MiFID, which regulates the provision and conduct of investment services and activities throughout the EEA. MiFID sets out detailed requirements governing the organization and conduct of business of investment firms, regulated markets and certain other entities such as credit institutions to the extent they perform investment services or activities. It also includes pre- and post-trade transparency requirements for transactions within scope. MiFID has been substantially amended by Directive 2014/65/EU and Regulation 600/2014/EU (collectively referred to as "MiFID II") that has been effective since January 3, 2018. MiFID II is designed to amend the functioning of financial markets in light of the financial crisis and to strengthen investor protection. MiFID II has extended the MiFID requirements in a number of areas including market structure requirements, new and extended requirements in relation to transparency and transaction reporting, revised rules on research and inducements and product governance requirements. MiFID II has therefore imposed further compliance requirements on CECP, CELF and AlpInvest.

As of May 2018, the EU's General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") strengthened and unified data protection rules for individuals within the EU. GDPR also addresses the export of personal data outside the EU. The primary objectives of GDPR are to give citizens control of their personal data and to simplify the regulatory environment for international businesses by unifying data protection regulation within the EU. As with any other organization that holds personal data of EU data subjects, we have to comply with the GDPR because, among other things, we process European individuals' personal data via our global technology systems and in connection with our business activities. The failure to comply timely and properly with the GDPR rules and to maintain ongoing compliance with such rules may subject us to enforcement proceedings and significant fines and costs.

The impact of the United Kingdom's anticipated withdrawal from the EU ("Brexit") on our business operations in the United Kingdom and the EU is unknown, and will vary depending on the final terms of the impending withdrawal agreement or in a "no deal" scenario. Ongoing changes in the EU's regulatory framework applicable to our operations, including the impact

of Brexit as well as any other changes in the composition of the EU's member states, are expected to add complexity to our global operations, particularly as it relates to regulatory licensing for certain activities (e.g. investment advisory services, fundraising, etc.) See "Item 1A, Risk Factors" below for further detail on Brexit.

### ***Other Jurisdictions***

Certain of our subsidiaries are subject to registration and compliance with laws and regulations of non-U.S. governments, their respective agencies and/or various self-regulatory organizations or exchanges relating to, among other things, investment advisory services and the marketing of investment products, and any failure to comply with these regulations could expose us to liability and/or damage our reputation. Certain of our private funds are also required to comply with the trading and disclosure rules and regulations of non-U.S. securities regulators.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (the "OECD") has developed Common Reporting Standard ("CRS") rules for the automatic exchange of FATCA-like financial account information amongst OECD member states. Like FATCA, CRS imposes certain due diligence, documentation and reporting requirements on various Carlyle entities. While CRS does not contain a potential withholding requirement, non-compliance could subject Carlyle to certain reputational harm.

Carlyle Hong Kong Equity Management Limited is licensed by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission to carry on Type 1 (dealing in securities) regulated activity in respect of professional investors.

Carlyle Mauritius Investment Advisor Limited and Carlyle Mauritius CIS Investment Management Limited are licensed providers of investment management services in the Republic of Mauritius and are subject to applicable Mauritian securities laws and the oversight of the Financial Services Commission. In addition, Carlyle Mauritius Investment Advisor Limited holds a "Foreign Institutional Investor" license from the Securities and Exchange Board of India, which entitles this entity to engage in limited activities in India.

Carlyle Australia Equity Management Pty Limited is licensed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission as an Australian financial services licensee and is authorized to carry on a financial services business to provide advice on and deal in financial products (managed investment schemes and securities) for wholesale clients.

Carlyle MENA Investment Advisors Limited, a company limited by shares in the Dubai Financial Centre, holds a Category 3C license issued by the Dubai Financial Services Authority and is authorized to arrange credit or deal in investments, advise on financial products or credit and manage collective investment funds.

Carlyle Singapore Investment Advisors Pte Limited holds a capital markets license and an exempt financial adviser status with the Monetary Authority of Singapore to carry on fund management and dealing in regulated capital market products activities in respect of institutional and accredited investors.

Carlyle South Africa Advisors (Proprietary) Limited, a limited company incorporated in the Republic of South Africa, is licensed as a Category 1 Authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (No. 37 of 2002) and is thereby regulated by the Financial Services Board in South Africa.

Carlyle Global Credit (Asia) Limited is licensed by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission to carry on Type 9 (asset management) regulated activity in respect of asset management activities to professional investors.

Carlyle Real Estate SGR S.p.A. holds an authorization from the Bank of Italy to carry on AIFMD-compliant fund management and real estate activities.

AlpInvest Partners Limited is licensed by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission to carry on Type 1 (dealing in securities) regulated activity in respect of professional investors.

Diversified Global Asset Management Corporation holds an exempt market dealer license with Ontario Securities Commission to facilitate certain Carlyle fund marketing activities in Canada.

TCG Gestor is licensed by the Securities & Exchange Commission of Brazil as an investment adviser.

AlpInvest is registered as a cross-border discretionary investment management company with the Financial Supervisory Service of South Korea.

In November 2018, TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P. acquired a 19.9% stake in Fortitude Re, a Bermuda company registered as a Class 4 and Class E insurer. Fortitude Re is subject to regulation and supervision by the Bermuda Monetary Authority (the “BMA”) and compliance with all applicable Bermuda law and Bermuda insurance statutes and regulations, including but not limited to the Insurance Act of 1978 (Bermuda) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the “Bermuda Insurance Act”). In addition, as a result of the acquisition, TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P. is subject to certain insurance laws and regulations in Bermuda as a “controller” of Fortitude Re under the Bermuda Insurance Act. These laws and regulations include certain notice requirements for any person that has become, or as a result of a disposition ceased to be, a shareholder controller of a registered insurer, and failure to comply with such requirements is an offense punishable by law.

In addition, we and/or our affiliates and subsidiaries may become subject to additional regulatory demands in the future to the extent we expand our investment advisory business in existing and new jurisdictions. There are also a number of pending or recently enacted legislative and regulatory initiatives in the United States and around the world that could significantly impact our business. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors-Risks Related to our Company- Extensive regulation in the United States and abroad affects our activities, increases the cost of doing business and creates the potential for significant liabilities and penalties,” “-Financial regulatory changes in the United States could adversely affect our business and the possibility of increased regulatory focus could result in additional burdens and expenses on our business” and “-Regulatory initiatives in jurisdictions outside the United States could adversely affect our business.”

Our businesses have operated for many years within a framework that requires our being able to monitor and comply with a broad range of legal and regulatory developments that affect our activities and we take our obligation to comply with all such laws, regulations and internal policies seriously. Our reputation depends on the integrity and business judgment of our employees and we strive to maintain a culture of compliance throughout the firm. We have developed, and adhere to, compliance policies and procedures such as codes of conduct, compliance systems, education and communication of compliance matters. These policies focus on matters such as insider trading, anti-corruption, document retention, conflicts of interest and other matters. Our legal and compliance team monitors our compliance with all of the legal and regulatory requirements to which we are subject and manages our compliance policies and procedures. Our legal and compliance team also monitors the information barriers that we maintain to restrict the flow of confidential information, including material, nonpublic information, across our business. Our enterprise risk management function analyzes our operations and investment strategies to identify key risks facing the firm and works closely with the legal and compliance team to address them. The firm also has an independent and objective internal audit department that employs a risk-based audit approach that focuses on Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, enterprise risk management functions and other areas of perceived risk and aims to give management and the Board of Directors of our general partner reasonable assurance that our risks are well managed and controls are appropriate and effective.

#### **Website and Availability of SEC Filings**

Our website address is [www.carlyle.com](http://www.carlyle.com). We make available free of charge on our website or provide a link on our website to our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. To access these filings, go to the “SEC Documents” portion of our “Public Investors” page on our website. You may also access the reports and other documents we file with the SEC at a website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

We use our website ([www.carlyle.com](http://www.carlyle.com)), our corporate Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/onecarlyle/>) and our corporate Twitter account (@OneCarlyle) as channels of distribution of material company information. For example, financial and other material information regarding our company is routinely posted on and accessible at [www.carlyle.com](http://www.carlyle.com). Accordingly, investors should monitor these channels, in addition to following our press releases, SEC filings and public conference calls and webcasts. In addition, you may automatically receive email alerts and other information about Carlyle when you enroll your email address by visiting the “Email Alert Subscription” section at <http://ir.carlyle.com/email-alerts>. The contents of our website and social media channels are not, however, a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and are not incorporated by reference herein.

The Carlyle Group L.P. was formed in Delaware on July 18, 2011. Our principal executive offices are located at 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004-2505.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

### Risks Related to Our Company

*Adverse economic and market conditions could negatively impact our business in many ways, including by reducing the value or performance of the investments made by our investment funds and reducing the ability of our investment funds to raise capital, any of which could materially reduce our revenue, earnings and cash flow and adversely affect our financial prospects and condition.*

Our business is materially affected by conditions in the global financial markets and economic conditions or events throughout the world that are outside of our control, including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, slowdown in global growth, changes in laws (including laws relating to taxation and regulations on the financial industry), disease, trade barriers, commodity prices, currency exchange rates and controls and national and international political circumstances (including government shutdowns, wars, terrorist acts or security operations). These factors may affect the level and volatility of securities prices and the liquidity and the value of investments, and we may not be able to or may choose not to manage our exposure to these market conditions and/or other events. In the event of a market downturn, each of our businesses could be affected in different ways.

Over the twelve months ending in December 2018, the S&P 500 fell 6%, while the MSCI All Country World Index (MSCI) declined by 11%, pulled down by a 14.25% average decline in emerging markets. Over the fourth quarter of 2018, the markets experienced a heightened level of volatility in connection with a widespread sell-off, which was broad-based across equity sectors and regions. While the proximate cause of such dislocations is difficult to ascertain with absolute certainty, the correction seemed to be the natural product of growing concerns about global growth and geopolitical risks intersecting with monetary policy tightening by the United States Federal Reserve. Corporate bonds also declined in value, while safe-haven assets like government bonds rallied. Although markets rebounded somewhat in January, it is possible that the recent volatility experienced at the end of 2018 could reemerge. If global markets become unstable, it is possible sellers may readjust their valuations and attractive investment opportunities may become available. On the other hand, the valuations of certain assets we planned to sell in the near future could be negatively impacted.

Market volatility could adversely affect our fundraising efforts in several ways. Investors often allocate to alternative asset classes (including private equity) based on a target percentage of their overall portfolio. If the value of an investor's portfolio decreases as a whole, the amount available to allocate to alternative assets (including private equity) could decline. Further, investors often evaluate the amount of distributions they have received from existing funds when considering commitments to new funds. General market volatility and/or a reduction in distributions to investors could cause investors to delay making new commitments to investment funds. With several large buyout funds in the market, a decrease in the amount an investor commits to our funds could have an impact on the ultimate size of the fund and amount of management fees we generate.

The availability and cost of financing for significant acquisition and disposition transactions could be impacted by heightened volatility in equity and credit markets amid concerns about corporate earnings and global growth. In the United States, high yield credit spreads rose by over 130 basis points (bps) from October 2018 to the first week of February 2019. If credit markets weaken, it is possible that we and our investment funds may not be able to consummate significant acquisition and disposition transactions on acceptable terms or at all if we or our funds are unable to finance these types of transactions on attractive terms or if the counterparty to the transaction is unable to secure suitable financing. If there is a general slowdown in global merger and acquisition activity due to the lack of availability of suitable financing, this could cause a slowdown in our investment pace, which in turn could have an adverse impact on our ability to generate future performance revenues and to fully invest the available capital in our funds and reduce opportunities to exit and realize value from our fund investments. A slowdown in the deployment of our available capital could impact the management fees we earn on those carry funds and managed accounts that generate fees based on invested (and not committed) capital. A slowdown in the deployment of our available capital could also adversely affect our ability to raise and the timing of raising successor investment funds. In 2018, we invested a record \$22 billion through our carry funds.

During periods of difficult market conditions or slowdowns (which may occur across one or more industries or geographies), our funds' portfolio companies may experience adverse operating performance, decreased revenues, financial losses, credit rating downgrades, difficulty in obtaining access to financing and increased funding costs. Negative financial results in our funds' portfolio companies may result in less appreciation across the portfolio and lower returns in our funds, which could materially and adversely affect our ability to raise new funds as well as our operating results and cash flow. During such periods of weakness, our funds' portfolio companies may also have difficulty expanding their businesses and operations or meeting their debt service obligations or other expenses as they become due, including expenses payable to us. Furthermore,

such negative market conditions could potentially result in a portfolio company entering bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of certain real estate funds, the abandonment or foreclosure of investments, thereby potentially resulting in a complete loss of the fund's investment in such portfolio company or real assets and a significant negative impact to the fund's performance and consequently our operating results and cash flow, as well as to our reputation. In addition, negative market conditions would also increase the risk of default with respect to investments held by our funds that have significant debt investments, such as our Global Credit funds.

Finally, during periods of difficult market conditions or slowdowns, our fund investment performance could suffer, resulting in, for example, the payment of less or no performance revenues to us or the creation of the obligation to repay performance revenues previously received by us. The payment of less or no performance revenues could cause our cash flow from operations to significantly decrease, which could materially and adversely affect our liquidity position and the amount of cash we have on hand to conduct our operations and to distribute to our unitholders. The generation of less performance revenues could also impact our leverage ratios and compliance with our term loan covenants. Having less cash on hand could in turn require us to rely on other sources of cash (such as the capital markets, which may not be available to us on acceptable terms or at all) to conduct our operations, which include, for example, funding significant general partner and co-investment commitments to our carry funds. Furthermore, during adverse economic and market conditions, we might not be able to renew or refinance all or part of our credit facility or find alternate financing on commercially reasonable terms. As a result, our uses of cash may exceed our sources of cash, thereby potentially affecting our liquidity position.

***Changes in the debt financing markets could negatively impact the ability of certain of our funds and their portfolio companies to obtain attractive financing or re-financing and could increase the cost of such financing if it is obtained, which could lead to lower-yielding investments and could potentially decrease our net income.***

A significant contraction in the market for debt financing, such as the contraction that occurred in 2008 and 2009, or other adverse change relating to the terms of debt financing, including higher interest rates and equity requirements and more restrictive covenants, could have a material adverse impact on our business and that of our investment funds and their portfolio companies. Regulatory changes that constrain banks' ability to provide debt financing also could have a material adverse impact on our business and that of our investment funds and their portfolio companies. If our funds are unable to obtain committed debt financing for potential acquisitions or are only able to obtain debt financing at unfavorable interest rates or on unfavorable terms, our funds may have difficulty completing acquisitions that may have otherwise been profitable or if completed, such acquisitions could generate lower than expected profits, both of which could lead to a decrease in our net income.

Our funds' portfolio companies also regularly utilize the corporate debt markets to obtain financing for their operations. While credit was available on attractive terms throughout much of 2018, there was substantial weakening in credit markets during the fourth quarter of 2018. Corporate debt issuance and merger and acquisition activity decreased significantly as credit spreads widened. It is possible that further tightening in the credit markets could render debt financing difficult to obtain, less attractive or more expensive, which may negatively impact the operating performance of our portfolio companies who use debt to fund certain of their operations. This may result in a negative impact on the investment returns of our funds. In addition, if market conditions make it difficult or impossible to refinance debt that is maturing in the near term, some of our portfolio companies' operations may be negatively impacted or our portfolio companies may be unable to repay their debt at maturity and may be forced to sell assets, undergo a recapitalization or seek bankruptcy protection.

***Our use of leverage may expose us to substantial risks.***

We use indebtedness as a means to finance our business operations, which exposes us to the risks associated with using leverage. We are dependent on financial institutions extending credit to us on reasonable terms to finance our business. There is no guarantee that such institutions will continue to extend credit to us or will renew the existing credit agreements we have with them, or that we will be able to refinance our outstanding notes or other obligations when they mature. In addition, the incurrence of additional debt in the future could result in downgrades of our existing corporate credit ratings, which could limit the availability of future financing and/or increase our cost of borrowing. As borrowings under our credit facility or any other indebtedness mature, we may be required to either refinance them by entering into a new facility or issuing additional debt, which could result in higher borrowing costs, or issuing additional equity, which would dilute existing unitholders. We could also repay them by using cash on hand, cash provided by our continuing operations or cash from the sale of our assets, which could reduce distributions to our unitholders. We could have difficulty entering into new facilities or issuing debt or equity securities in the future on attractive terms, or at all.

From time to time we may access the capital markets by issuing debt securities. For example, in September 2018, we issued \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 5.650% senior notes due September 2048 and used a portion of the proceeds



of the offering to repurchase \$250 million in aggregate principal amount of our 3.875% senior notes due February 2023. Approximately \$250 million aggregate principal amount of our 3.875% senior notes due February 2023 remains outstanding. In March 2013, we issued \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 5.625% senior notes due March 2043 and in March 2014, we issued an additional \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 5.625% senior notes due March 2048. We may also access the capital markets by issuing preferred units. In September 2017, we issued 16,000,000 5.875% Series A Preferred Units. We also have a credit agreement that provides a \$775 million revolving facility with a final maturity date of February 11, 2024. The credit agreement contains financial and non-financial covenants with which we need to comply to maintain access to this source of liquidity. Non-compliance with any of the financial or non-financial covenants without cure or waiver would constitute an event of default, and an event of default resulting from a breach of certain financial or non-financial covenants could result, at the option of the lenders, in an acceleration of the principal and interest outstanding, and a termination of the credit agreement. In addition, to the extent we incur additional debt relative to our current level of earnings or experience a decrease in our level of earnings, our credit rating could be adversely impacted, which would increase our interest expense under our credit facility. In September 2018 in connection with our issuance of 5.650% senior notes due September 2048, Standard & Poor's and Fitch reaffirmed their "BBB+" stable rating.

***Our revenue, earnings and cash flow are variable, which makes it difficult for us to achieve steady earnings growth on a quarterly basis.***

Our revenue, earnings and cash flow are variable. For example, our cash flow fluctuates because we receive carried interest from our carry funds only when investments are realized and achieve a certain preferred return. We may also experience fluctuations in our quarterly and annual results, including our revenue and net income, due to a number of other factors, including changes in the carrying values and performance of our funds' investments that can result in significant volatility in the carried interest that we have accrued (or as to which we have reversed prior accruals) from period to period, as well as changes in the amount of distributions, gains, dividends or interest paid in respect of investments, changes in our operating expenses, the degree to which we encounter competition and general economic and market conditions. The valuations of investments made by our funds could also be impacted by changes, or anticipated changes, in government policy, including policies related to tax reform, financial services regulation, international trade, immigration, healthcare, labor, infrastructure and energy. For instance, during the 2008 and 2009 economic downturn, we recorded significant reductions in the carrying values of many of the investments of the investment funds we advise. The carrying value of fund investments, particularly the public portion of our carry fund portfolios, may be more variable during times of market volatility. As of December 31, 2018, 7% of our CPE, Real Assets and Global Credit carry fund portfolio was in public securities, which is a decrease from 14% of this portfolio that was held in public securities at December 31, 2017. In addition, transaction fees earned by our carry funds can vary from quarter-to-quarter and year-to-year depending on the nature of the investments in any given period. For example, in 2018, we earned approximately \$32 million in transaction fees from our carry funds, which was an increase of approximately \$5 million as compared to the total transaction fees we earned in 2017 of approximately \$27 million, and was a slight increase from the total transaction fees of approximately \$31 million we earned in 2016. The increase was due to greater investment activity, primarily in our U.S. buyout funds, in 2017 as compared to 2018. Going forward, we anticipate a general decline in net transaction fees earned as certain carry funds that we have recently raised or are actively fundraising have increased the percentage of transaction fees that are shared with fund investors from 80% to 100% of the fees we generate. See “—A decline in the pace or size of investments by our carry funds could result in our receiving less revenue from transaction fees”.

During periods in which a significant portion of our AUM is attributable to carry funds that are in the fundraising period or are in the investment period that precedes harvesting, as has been the case from time to time, we may receive substantially lower distributions. Higher fundraising activity also generates incremental expenses and, as new capital commitments may not immediately generate fees until they activate management fees, we could incur fundraising related costs ahead of generating revenues. Moreover, even if an investment proves to be profitable, it may be several years before any profits can be realized in cash. A downturn in the equity markets also makes it more difficult to exit investments by selling equity securities at a reasonable value. If we were to have a realization event in a particular quarter, that event may have a significant impact on our quarterly results and cash flow for that particular quarter and may not be replicated in subsequent quarters. We cannot predict precisely when, or if, realizations of investments will occur, where a fund will be in its lifecycle when the realizations occur or whether a fund will realize carried interest.

We recognize revenue on investments in our investment funds based on our allocable share of realized and unrealized gains (or losses) reported by such investment funds, and a decline in realized or unrealized gains, or an increase in realized or unrealized losses, would adversely affect our revenue, which could further increase the volatility of our quarterly results and cash flow. Because our carry funds have preferred investor return thresholds that need to be met prior to us receiving any carried interest, declines in, or failures to increase sufficiently the carrying value of, the investment portfolios of a carry fund may delay or eliminate any carried interest distributions paid to us with respect to that fund. This is because the value of the

assets in the fund would need to recover to their aggregate cost basis plus the preferred return over time before we would be entitled to receive any carried interest from that fund or vehicle.

The timing and receipt of realized carried interest also varies with the life cycle of our carry funds and there is often a difference between the time we start accruing carried interest for financial reporting purposes and the realization and distribution of such carried interest. However, performance revenues are ultimately realized when (i) an investment is profitably disposed of, (ii) certain costs borne by the limited partner investors have been reimbursed, (iii) the investment fund's cumulative net returns are in excess of the preferred return and (iv) we have decided to collect carried interest rather than return additional capital to limited partner investors. In deciding to realize carried interest we consider such factors as the level of embedded valuation gains, the portion of the fund invested, the portion of the fund returned to limited partner investors, the length of time the fund has been in carry, and other qualitative measures. In most funds, we will initially defer realizing carried interest even when contractually entitled to take it, allowing carried interest to accrue until it is determined that giveback risk is substantially reduced. As a result of this deferral, we are generally entitled to a disproportionate "catch-up" level of profit allocation at some point during the harvesting period. For example, during the period from late 2013 to early 2015, we benefited from "catch-up" realized carried interest on some of our largest funds, but in 2016 and 2017 we did not benefit from "catch-up" realized carried interest to the extent we had in prior years. In certain circumstances, we may also need to reduce the rate at which we realize carried interest, or temporarily stop realizing carried interest, in order to maintain a sufficient level of reserves and reduce the risk of potential future giveback obligations. In addition to the timing uncertainty of realized carried interest in a single fund, there may also be a generational trough or gap in the realized carried interest of a fund family, as a predecessor fund transitions to its successor fund. In such cases, even when both the predecessor and successor fund have strong performance and earn carried interest, the predecessor fund may substantially exit its investment portfolio before the successor fund is in a sufficient position to begin realizing carried interest. See "— Our investors may negotiate to pay us lower management fees and the economic terms of our future funds may be less favorable to us than those of our existing funds, which could adversely affect our revenues."

Our fee revenue may also depend on the pace of investment activity in our funds. In many of our carry funds, the base management fee may be reduced when the fund has invested substantially all of its capital commitments or the aggregate fair market value of a fund's investments is below its cost. We may receive a lower management fee from such funds if there has been a decline in value or after the investing period and during the period the fund is harvesting its investments. As a result, the variable pace at which many of our carry funds invest capital and dispose of investments may cause our management fee revenue to vary from one quarter to the next. Additionally, in certain of our funds that derive management fees only on the basis of invested capital, the pace at which we make investments, the length of time we hold such investment and the timing of dispositions will directly impact our revenues.

The investment period of a fund may expire prior to the raising of a successor fund. Where appropriate, we may work with our fund investors to extend the investment period, which gives us the opportunity to invest any capital that remains in the fund. In general, the end of the original investment period (regardless of whether it is extended) will trigger a change in the capital base on which management fees are calculated from committed capital to invested capital. In some cases, a step-down in the applicable rate used to calculate management fees may also occur. For example, prior to raising a successor fund, the South America buyout fund's original investment period ended in the second half of 2015, resulting in a change from committed capital to invested capital for the management fee base, despite a one-year extension to the investment period.

***We depend on our founders, our Co-Chief Executive Officers and other key personnel, and the loss of their services or investor confidence in such personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.***

We depend on the efforts, skill, reputations and business contacts of our senior Carlyle professionals, including our founders, Messrs. Conway, D’Aniello and Rubenstein, our Co-Chief Executive Officers, Messrs. Lee and Youngkin, and other key personnel, including members of our Executive Group, our management committee, the investment committees of our investment funds and senior members of our investment teams, the information and deal flow they and others generate during the normal course of their activities and the synergies among the diverse fields of expertise and knowledge held by our professionals. On January 1, 2018, Kewsong Lee and Glenn Youngkin became Co-Chief Executive Officers of our firm, Messrs. Conway and Rubenstein transitioned to be Co-Executive Chairmen and Mr. D’Aniello transitioned to be Chairman Emeritus. Mr. Conway also was joined by Peter Clare as Co-Chief Investment Officers as of January 1, 2018. Although our founders remain committed to our business, in these new roles, they no longer have responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the firm and may choose to pursue philanthropic or other personal endeavors, including personal investment activities, in addition to their roles at Carlyle. Our founders and other key personnel are not obligated to remain employed with us in their current capacities or at all. To enhance our capabilities, we have and will continue to hire and internally develop senior professionals to assume key leadership positions throughout the firm into the future. The efficacy of such future leadership may constitute an adverse risk to our business.

All of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by our founders and other key personnel, including Mr. Youngkin, are vested. Mr. Lee does not hold any Carlyle Holdings partnership units. In October 2017, we entered into employment agreements with Messrs. Lee and Youngkin. See "Part III. Item 11. Executive Compensation—Employment Agreements and Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control." Several key personnel have left the firm in the past and others may do so in the future, and we cannot predict the impact that the departure of any key personnel will have on our ability to achieve our objectives. The loss of the services of any of them could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, net income and cash flow and could harm our ability to maintain or grow AUM in existing funds or raise additional funds in the future. The governing agreements of many of our investment funds generally require investors in those funds to vote to continue the investment period in the event that certain "key persons" in our investment funds do not provide the specified time commitment to the fund or our firm ceases to control the general partner. We have historically relied in part on the interests of these professionals in the investment funds’ carried interest and incentive fees to discourage them from leaving the firm. However, to the extent our investment funds perform poorly, thereby reducing the potential for carried interest and incentive fees, their interests in carried interest and incentive fees become less valuable to them and may become a less effective retention tool.

Our senior Carlyle professionals and other key personnel possess substantial experience and expertise and have strong business relationships with investors in our funds and other members of the business community. As a result, the loss of these personnel could jeopardize our relationships with investors in our funds and members of the business community and result in the reduction of AUM or fewer investment opportunities. For example, if any of our senior Carlyle professionals were to join or form a competing firm, that action could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***Recruiting and retaining professionals may be more difficult in the future, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.***

Our most important asset is our people, and our continued success is highly dependent upon the efforts of our senior Carlyle professionals and other professionals we employ. Our future success and growth depends to a substantial degree on our ability to retain and motivate our senior Carlyle professionals and other key personnel and to strategically recruit, retain and motivate new talented personnel, including new senior Carlyle professionals. The market for qualified investment professionals is extremely competitive and we may not be successful in our efforts to recruit, retain and motivate these professionals.

There are also certain factors that are not within our control that may affect our efforts to recruit, retain and motivate investment professionals, in particular as it relates to tax considerations regarding carried interest. For example, if the U.S. Congress or state, local or certain foreign governments enacted legislation to treat carried interest as ordinary income rather than as capital gain for tax purposes or impose a surcharge on carried interest, this could result in a material increase in the amount of taxes that our unitholders would be required to pay, which would in turn affect our ability to recruit, retain and motivate our current and future professionals. See “—Risks Related to U.S. Taxation—Our structure involves complex provisions of U.S. federal income tax law for which no clear precedent or authority may be available. Our structure also is subject to potential legislative, judicial or administrative change and differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis” and “—Risks Related to our Company—In past years, the U.S. Congress has considered legislation that would have, in some cases after a ten-year transition period, precluded us from qualifying as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or required us to hold carried interest through taxable subsidiary corporations. If any similar legislation were to be enacted and

apply to us, the after tax income and gain related to our business could be reduced.” U.S. tax reform legislation, informally known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was signed into law on December 22, 2017 (the "TCJA"), includes a provision that changes the treatment of carried interest with respect to an applicable partnership interest from long-term capital gains to short-term capital gains (taxable at ordinary income rates) to the extent such gains relate to property with a holding period not greater than three years. Outside the U.S., in April 2016, the United Kingdom adopted legislation that changed the scope of and tax rate for carried interest, which impacted certain of our investment funds and certain of our London-based investment professionals. There could certainly be other countries that clarify or modify their treatment of carried interest. These types of developments might make it more difficult for us to incentivize, recruit and retain investment professionals, which may have an adverse effect on our ability to achieve our investment objectives. In addition, the after-tax income and gain related to our business, our distributions to common unitholders and the market price of our common units, all could be reduced.

We have granted and expect to grant equity awards from our Equity Incentive Plan, which has caused dilution. While we evaluate the grant of equity awards from our Equity Incentive Plan to employees on an annual basis, the size of the grants, if any, is made at our discretion. If we increase the use of equity awards from our Equity Incentive Plan in the future, expenses associated with equity-based compensation may increase materially. In 2018, we incurred equity compensation expenses of \$144 million in connection with grants of deferred restricted common units. The value of our common units may drop in value or be volatile, which may make our equity less attractive to our employees since we may not be able to adequately incentivize them.

As of December 31, 2018, our employees held an aggregate of 20,522,131 unvested deferred restricted common units, which vest over various time periods, generally from one and a half to six years from the date of grant. In order to recruit and retain existing and future senior Carlyle professionals and other key personnel, we may need to increase the level of compensation that we pay to them. Accordingly, as we promote or hire new senior Carlyle professionals and other key personnel over time or attempt to retain the services of certain of our key personnel, we may increase the level of compensation we pay to these individuals, which could cause our total employee compensation and benefits expense as a percentage of our total revenue to increase and adversely affect our profitability. The issuance of equity interests in our business in the future to our senior Carlyle professionals and other personnel would also dilute our unitholders.

At the time of our initial public offering and in several subsequent acquisitions, we issued Carlyle Holdings partnership units that are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for common units. The exchange and sale of these units will increase the number of our common units that are traded in the public market. All of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by our founders are fully vested. Of the outstanding Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by our other senior Carlyle professionals, substantially all are vested as of December 31, 2018, and the remaining unvested units will vest in November 2019. Subject to the terms of the Exchange Agreement, including the minimum retained ownership requirements and other restrictions, Carlyle Holdings unitholders were able to exchange their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units in the Partnership on a one-to-one basis each quarter starting in the second quarter of 2017. See “Part III. Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence—Exchange Agreement.”

We strive to maintain our One Carlyle culture of collaboration and seek to continue to align our interests (and the interests of our employees) with those of our fund investors. If we do not continue to develop and implement the right processes and tools to maintain our culture, our ability to compete successfully and achieve our business objectives could be impaired, which could negatively impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Given our focus on achieving superior investment performance and maintaining and strengthening investor relations, we may reduce our AUM, restrain its growth, reduce our fees or otherwise alter the terms under which we do business when we deem it in the best interest of our fund investors—even in circumstances where such actions might be contrary to the near-term interests of unitholders.***

From time to time if we decide it is in the best interests of all stakeholders, we may take actions that could reduce the profits we could otherwise realize in the short term. While we believe that our commitment to treating our fund investors fairly is in the long-term interest of us and our unitholders, our unitholders should understand we may take actions that could adversely impact our short-term profitability, and there is no guarantee that such actions will benefit us in the long term. The means by which we seek to achieve superior investment performance in each of our strategies could include limiting the AUM in our strategies to an amount that we believe can be invested appropriately in accordance with our investment philosophy and current or anticipated economic and market conditions. Additionally, we may voluntarily reduce management fee rates and terms for certain of our funds or strategies when we deem it appropriate, even when doing so may reduce our short-term revenue. For instance, in order to enhance our relationship with certain fund investors, we have reduced management fees or ceased charging management fees on certain funds in specific instances. In certain investment funds, we have agreed to charge management fees based on invested capital or net asset value as opposed to charging management fees based on committed

capital. In certain cases, such as our most recent power fund, we have provided “fee holidays” to certain investors during which we do not charge management fees for a fixed period of time (such as the first six months). We may receive requests to reduce management fees on other funds in the future. “—See Risks Related to Our Business—Our investors may negotiate to pay us lower management fees and the economic terms of our future funds may be less favorable to us than those of our existing funds, which could adversely affect our revenues.”

Certain of our investment funds may utilize subscription lines of credit to fund investments prior to the receipt of capital contributions from the fund's investors. As capital calls made to a fund's investors are delayed when using a subscription line of credit, the investment period of such investor capital is shortened, which may increase the net internal rate of return of an investment fund. However, since interest expense and other costs of borrowings under subscription lines of credit are an expense of the investment fund, the investment fund's net multiple of invested capital will be reduced, as will the amount of carried interest generated by the fund. Any material reduction in the amount of carried interest generated by a fund will adversely affect our revenues.

We may also take other actions that could adversely impact our short-term results of operations when we deem such action appropriate. We have also waived management fees on certain leveraged finance vehicles at various times to improve returns. Furthermore, we typically delay the realization of carried interest to which we are otherwise entitled if we determine (based on a variety of factors, including the stage of the fund's life cycle and the extent of fund profits accrued to date) that there would be an unacceptably high risk of potential future giveback obligations. Any such delay could result in a deferral of realized carried interest to a subsequent period. See “— Risks Related to Our Company — Our revenue, earnings and cash flow are variable, which makes it difficult for us to achieve steady earnings growth on a quarterly basis.”

***We may not be successful in expanding into new investment strategies, markets and businesses, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.***

Our growth strategy focuses on providing resources to foster the development of new product offerings and business strategies by our investment professionals. Given our diverse platform, these initiatives could create conflicts of interests with existing products, increase our costs and expose us to new market risks and legal and regulatory requirements. These products may have different economic structures than our traditional investment funds and may require a different marketing approach. These activities also may impose additional compliance burdens on us, subject us to enhanced regulatory scrutiny and expose us to greater reputation and litigation risk.

The success of our growth strategy will depend on, among other things:

- our ability to correctly identify and create products that appeal to our investors;
- the diversion of management's time and attention from our existing businesses;
- management's ability to spend time developing and integrating the new business and the success of the integration effort;
- our ability to properly manage conflicts of interests;
- our ability to identify and manage risks in new lines of businesses;
- our ability to obtain requisite approvals and licenses from the relevant governmental authorities and to comply with applicable laws and regulations without incurring undue costs and delays; and
- our ability to successfully negotiate and enter into beneficial arrangements with our counterparties.

In some instances, we may determine that growth in a specific area is best achieved through the acquisition of an existing business or a smaller scale lift out of an investment team to enhance our platform. Our ability to consummate an acquisition will depend on our ability to identify and value potential acquisition opportunities accurately and successfully compete for these businesses against companies that may have greater financial resources. Even if we are able to identify and successfully negotiate and complete an acquisition, these transactions can be complex and we may encounter unexpected difficulties or incur unexpected costs.

In addition to the concerns noted above, the success of a firm acquisition will be affected by, among other things:

- difficulties and costs associated with the integration of operations and systems;

- difficulties integrating the acquired business's internal controls and procedures into our existing control structure;
- difficulties and costs associated with the assimilation of employees; and
- the risk that a change in ownership will negatively impact the relationship between an acquiree and the investors in its investment vehicles.

Each acquisition transaction presents unique challenges. For example, in December 2018 we acquired 100% of Apollo Aviation Group, a global commercial aviation investment and servicing firm with total assets under management of \$5.8 billion, and over 80 employees and offices in the United States, Ireland and Singapore. We renamed Apollo Aviation Group to Carlyle Aviation Partners at the time of our acquisition. Our investment in Carlyle Aviation Partners faces the risk that we do not successfully integrate the business into our Global Credit segment.

In addition, if a new product, business or venture developed internally or by acquisition is unsuccessful, we may decide to wind down, liquidate and/or discontinue it. Such actions could negatively impact our relationships with fund investors in those businesses, could subject us to litigation or regulatory inquiries and can expose us to additional expenses, including impairment charges and potential liability from investor or other complaints.

***Our organizational documents do not limit our ability to enter into new lines of business, and we intend to, from time to time, expand into new investment strategies, geographic markets and businesses, each of which may result in additional risks and uncertainties in our businesses.***

We intend, to the extent that market conditions warrant, to seek to grow our businesses and expand into new investment strategies, geographic markets and businesses. Our organizational documents do not limit us to the asset management business and to the extent that we make strategic investments or acquisitions in new geographic markets or businesses, undertake other related strategic initiatives or enter into a new line of business, we may face numerous risks and uncertainties, including risks associated with the following:

- the required investment of capital and other resources;
- the possibility that we have insufficient expertise to engage in such activities profitably or without incurring inappropriate amounts of risk;
- the diversion of management's attention from our core businesses;
- assumption of liabilities in any acquired business;
- the disruption of our ongoing business;
- the increasing demands on or issues related to the combination or integration of operational and management systems and controls;
- compliance with or applicability to our business or our portfolio companies of regulations and laws, including, in particular, local regulations and laws (for example, consumer protection related laws) and customs in the numerous global jurisdictions in which we operate and the impact that noncompliance or even perceived noncompliance could have on us and our portfolio companies;
- a potential increase in investor concentration; and
- the broadening of our geographic footprint, including the risks associated with conducting operations in certain foreign jurisdictions where we currently have no presence.

Entry into certain lines of business may subject us to new laws and regulations with which we are not familiar or from which we are currently exempt, and may lead to increased liability, litigation, regulatory risk and expense. If a new business generates insufficient revenue or if we are unable to efficiently manage our expanded operations, our results of operations may be adversely affected.

Our strategic initiatives may include joint ventures, which may subject us to additional risks and uncertainties in that we may be dependent upon, and subject to liability, losses or reputational damage relating to, systems, controls and personnel that are not under our control. We currently participate in joint advisory arrangements and may elect to participate in additional joint venture opportunities in the future if we believe that operating in such a structure is in our best interests. There can be no assurances that our current joint advisory arrangements will continue in their current form, or at all, in the future or that we will be able to identify acceptable joint venture partners in the future or that our participation in any additional joint venture opportunities will be successful.

***In past years, the U.S. Congress has considered legislation that would have, in some cases after a ten-year transition period, precluded us from qualifying as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or required us to hold carried interest through taxable subsidiary corporations. If any similar legislation were to be enacted and apply to us, the after tax income and gain related to our business could be reduced.***

Legislative proposals by members of the U.S. Congress have provided that, for taxable years beginning ten years after the date of enactment, income derived with respect to carried interest would not meet the qualifying income requirements under the publicly traded partnership rules. Therefore, if similar legislation is enacted, following such ten-year period, we would be precluded from qualifying as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or be required to hold all such carried interest through corporations, possibly U.S. corporations. If we were taxed as a U.S. corporation or required to hold all carried interest through corporations, our effective tax rate would increase significantly. The federal statutory rate for corporations is currently 21%. In addition, we could be subject to increased state and local taxes. Furthermore, common unitholders could be subject to tax on our conversion into a corporation or any restructuring required in order for us to hold our carried interest through a corporation.

***States and local jurisdictions have considered and are considering changes to the income tax treatment of carried interest and partnerships generally that could, if enacted, cause us to incur a material increase in our tax liability and/or cause carried interest or other income allocable to holders of our common units to be subject to state or local income tax at higher rates than under current law.***

States and other jurisdictions have also considered legislation to increase taxes with respect to carried interest. For example, New Jersey recently enacted legislation which eliminates an exclusion from New Jersey source income (for non-residents) for carried interest and income from providing investment management services, which is not expected to materially affect our common unitholders, and authorizes a contingent 17% surtax on such management income for gross income tax and corporate income tax purposes. These carried interest provisions remain non-operative as they are dependent upon Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts enacting legislation with identical provisions. In addition, New York has considered recently introduced legislation which would tax income from certain investment management services provided by a partner (whether or not a New York resident), which could cause a non-resident of New York who holds our common units to be subject to New York state income tax on carried interest earned by entities in which we hold an indirect interest, thereby requiring the non-resident to file a New York state income tax return reporting such carried interest income. As part of that same legislation, New York also proposed a state tax surcharge of 19% on carried interest in addition to the personal income tax. Similar to the New Jersey legislation, the New York legislation would not take effect until similar legislation is enacted by Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts. In addition, states and other jurisdictions have considered legislation to increase taxes involving other aspects of our structure and have considered and enacted legislation which could increase taxes imposed on our income and gain. For example, the District of Columbia has passed legislation that could expand the portion of our income that could be subject to District of Columbia income or franchise tax. These and other proposals have recently been under heightened consideration in light of the recently enacted TCJA.

***Proposed changes in U.S. and foreign taxation of businesses could adversely affect us.***

Congress, the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development ("OECD"), the European Commission and other government agencies in jurisdictions where we and our affiliates invest or do business have maintained a focus on issues related to the taxation of multinational corporations. The OECD, which represents a coalition of member countries, has proposed changes to numerous long-standing tax principles through its base erosion and profit shifting ("BEPS") project, an area that focuses in part on payments made between affiliates from a jurisdiction with high tax rates to a jurisdiction with lower tax rates.

The OECD released the BEPS package in October 2015, which looks at various different ways in which domestic tax rules around the world, and the bilateral double tax treaties that govern the interplay between them, could be amended to address profit shifting among affiliated entities. Several of the proposed measures, including measures covering treaty abuse, the deductibility of interest expense, local nexus requirements, transfer pricing and hybrid mismatch arrangements are

potentially relevant to some of our structures and could have an adverse tax impact on our funds, investors and/or our portfolio companies. Some member countries have been moving forward on the BEPS agenda but, because timing of implementation and the specific measures adopted will vary among participating states, significant uncertainty remains regarding the impact of BEPS proposals. If implemented, these proposals could result in a loss of tax treaty benefits and increased taxes on income from our investments.

A number of European jurisdictions have enacted taxes on financial transactions, and the European Commission has proposed legislation to harmonize these taxes under the so-called "enhanced cooperation procedure," which provides for adoption of EU-level legislation applicable to some but not all EU Member States. We are continuing to evaluate the impacts of these contemplated changes which, if adopted by individual countries, could potentially increase tax uncertainty and/or costs faced by us, our funds' portfolio companies and our investors, change our business model and cause other adverse consequences.

The European Union has taken steps to implement BEPS type legislation between Member States through its Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive ("ATAD" and ATAD II"). This Directive may impact the investments in certain of our funds. The Directive will be applicable as from January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020 for certain provisions. The ATAD rules may impact the tax efficiency of certain investments in our funds and could lead to increased costs which could adversely affect profitability and returns on our funds. In addition, the European Union also passed legislation in June 2018 to provide for enhanced transparency of tax arrangements, which will be fully effective by 2020, with retrospective effect back to 2018, requiring mandatory disclosure of certain transactions. This will likely create additional costs and administrative burdens and penalties could be imposed for failure to adequately provide such disclosure in a timely manner.

Other jurisdictions have implemented various country specific legislation, including the proposals related to digital services taxes, general anti-avoidance provisions, additional substance requirement provisions and other specific legislation, which may impact the value of the investments or create additional administrative burdens and costs on the organization.

The Netherlands continued to provide additional updates to its withholding tax on dividends. It is anticipated that the current dividend withholding tax rules will be abolished as of January 1, 2020 and will be replaced by conditional withholding taxation at a rate of 23.9% (22.5% from January 1, 2021). These rules will apply to payments made to affiliated entities in low taxed jurisdictions (jurisdictions with a corporate tax rate below 7% or included in the EU blacklist of non-cooperative jurisdictions). We are evaluating the impact of this change which could result in additional withholding on certain payments for us and our investment funds.

As part of the TCJA, any gain recognized by a non-U.S. holder on the sale or exchange of a partnership interests that is deemed to be effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business will also be treated as ECI. The TCJA includes a provision effective after December 31, 2017 requiring the transferee of an interest in a partnership that is engaged in a U.S. trade or business to withhold 10 percent of the transferor's realized gain (gross purchase price) on the sale, exchange or other disposition of such partnership interest, unless an applicable non-foreign person affidavit is furnished by the transferor or another exception applies. Until additional guidance is issued by the applicable authorities, due to lack of clarity this could have an adverse impact on our secondaries business.

***Operational risks, including those associated with our business model, may disrupt our businesses, result in losses or limit our growth.***

We rely heavily on our financial, accounting, information and other data processing systems. We face various security threats on a regular basis, including ongoing cyber security threats to and attacks on our information technology infrastructure that are intended to gain access to our proprietary information, destroy data or disable, degrade or sabotage our systems. These security threats could originate from a wide variety of sources, including unknown third parties outside the company. There has been an increase in the frequency and sophistication of the cyber and security threats we face, with attacks ranging from those common to businesses generally to those that are more advanced and persistent, which may target us because, as a global investment management firm, we hold a significant amount of confidential and sensitive information about our investors, our portfolio companies and potential investments. As a result, we may face a heightened risk of a security breach or disruption with respect to this information resulting from an attack by computer hackers, foreign governments, cyber extortionists or cyber terrorists. If successful, these types of attacks on our network or other systems could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations, due to, among other things, the loss of investor or proprietary data, interruptions or delays in our business and damage to our reputation.

Because employees and contractors may introduce vulnerabilities in our systems if they are the target of "phishing," social engineering or other attacks through the firm's email systems, we have implemented a security awareness training



program. The objective of this program is to inform Carlyle personnel of their responsibility for information security and includes quarterly online training, live awareness events and phishing simulations.

Although we are not currently aware that we have been subject to cyber-attacks or other cyber-incidents which, individually or in the aggregate, have materially affected our operations or financial condition, there can be no assurance that the various procedures and controls we utilize to mitigate these threats will be sufficient to prevent disruptions to our systems, especially because the cyber-attack techniques used change frequently or are not recognized until launched, and because cyber-attacks can originate from a wide variety of sources. If any of these systems do not operate properly or are disabled for any reason or if there is any unauthorized disclosure of data, whether as a result of tampering, a breach of our network security systems, a cyber-incident or attack or otherwise, we could suffer substantial financial loss, increased costs, a disruption of our businesses, liability to our funds and fund investors, regulatory intervention or reputational damage. The costs related to cyber or other security threats or disruptions may not be fully insured or indemnified by other means.

Cyber security also has become a top priority for regulators around the world, including the SEC's Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations (OCIE). In its examination programs, OCIE has prioritized cyber security with an emphasis on, among other things, proper configuration of network storage devices, information security governance, and policies and procedures related to retail trading information security. In addition, many jurisdictions in which we operate have laws and regulations relating to data privacy, cyber security and protection of personal information, including the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") in the EU that went into effect in May 2018. If we fail to comply with the relevant laws and regulations, it could result in regulatory investigations and penalties, which could lead to negative publicity and may cause our fund investors and clients to lose confidence in the effectiveness of our security measures.

Our information systems and technology may not continue to be able to accommodate our growth, and the cost of maintaining such systems may increase from its current level. For example, our existing systems may not be adequate to identify or control the relevant risks in investment strategies employed by new investment funds we may introduce. A failure to accommodate growth, or an increase in costs related to such information systems, could have a material adverse effect on us. In addition, we rely on third-party service providers for certain aspects of our business, including for certain information systems and technology and administration of our business development companies, structured credit funds and Investment Solutions segment. Any interruption or deterioration in the performance of these third parties or failures of their information systems and technology could impair the quality of the funds' operations and could affect our reputation and hence adversely affect our businesses.

We depend on our headquarters in Washington, DC, where most of our administrative and operations personnel are located, and our office in Arlington, Virginia, which houses our treasury, tax, finance, and GTS functions, for the continued operation of our business. However, our global employee base services the needs of our investment funds and investors out of 31 offices around the world. As our business needs evolve and/or in order to reduce expenses, we may close offices, terminate the employment of a significant number of our personnel or cut back or eliminate the use of certain services or service providers, that, in each case, could be important to our business and without which our operating results could be adversely affected. Furthermore, a restructuring of our corporate real estate that results in the closure of one or more offices could result in significant charges and other costs incurred by us.

A disaster or a disruption in the infrastructure that supports our businesses, including a disruption involving electronic communications or other services used by us or third parties with whom we conduct business, or directly affecting our headquarters, could have a material adverse impact on our ability to continue to operate our business without interruption. Our disaster recovery programs may not be sufficient to mitigate the harm that may result from such a disaster or disruption. We may also need to commit additional management, operational and financial resources to identify new professionals to join our firm and to maintain appropriate operational and financial systems to adequately support expansion. The market for hiring talented professionals, including IT professionals, is competitive and we may not be able to grow at the pace we desire.

In addition, we may not be able to obtain or maintain sufficient insurance on commercially reasonable terms or with adequate coverage levels against potential liabilities we may face in connection with potential claims, which could have a material adverse affect on our business. We may face a risk of loss from a variety of claims, including related to securities, antitrust, contracts, fraud and various other potential claims, whether or not such claims are valid. Insurance and other safeguards might only partially reimburse us for our losses, if at all, and if a claim is successful and exceeds or is not covered by our insurance policies, we may be required to pay a substantial amount in respect of such successful claim. Certain losses of a catastrophic nature, such as wars, earthquakes, typhoons, terrorist attacks or other similar events, may be uninsurable or may only be insurable at rates that are so high that maintaining coverage would cause an adverse impact on our business, our investment funds and their portfolio companies. In general, losses related to terrorism are becoming harder and more expensive to insure against. Some insurers are excluding terrorism coverage from their all-risk policies. In some cases, insurers are offering significantly limited coverage against terrorist acts for additional premiums, which can greatly increase the total cost of

casualty insurance for a property. As a result, we, our investment funds and their portfolio companies may not be insured against terrorism or certain other catastrophic losses.

Our portfolio companies also rely on data and processing systems and the secure processing, storage and transmission of information. A disruption or compromise of these systems could have a material adverse effect on the value of these businesses. Our funds may invest in strategic assets having a national or regional profile or in infrastructure assets, the nature of which could expose them to a greater risk of being subject to a terrorist attack or security breach than other assets or businesses. Such an event may have adverse consequences on our investment or assets of the same type or may require portfolio companies to increase preventative security measures or expand insurance coverage.

***Failure to maintain the security of our information and technology networks, including personally identifiable employee and investor information, intellectual property and proprietary business information could have a material adverse effect on us.***

We are subject to various risks and costs associated with the collection, handling, storage and transmission of sensitive information, including those related to compliance with U.S. and foreign data collection and privacy laws and other contractual obligations, as well as those associated with the compromise of our systems collecting such information. In the ordinary course of our business, we collect and store sensitive data, including our proprietary business information and intellectual property, and personally identifiable information of our employees and our investors, in our data centers and on our networks. The secure processing, maintenance and transmission of this information are critical to our operations. Although we take various measures and have made, and will continue to make, significant investments to ensure the integrity of our systems and to safeguard against such failures or security breaches, there can be no assurance that these measures and investments will provide protection. In addition, we and our employees may be the target of fraudulent emails or other targeted attempts to gain unauthorized access to proprietary or sensitive information. For example, we could be the target of wire transfer fraud whereby a third party seeks to benefit from misrepresenting an employee or fund investor by improperly authorizing a wire transfer or change in wire instructions. A significant actual or potential theft, loss, corruption, exposure, fraudulent use or misuse of investor, employee or other personally identifiable or proprietary business data, whether by third parties or as a result of employee malfeasance or otherwise, non-compliance with our contractual or other legal obligations regarding such data or intellectual property or a violation of our privacy and security policies with respect to such data could result in significant remediation and other costs, fines, litigation or regulatory actions against us by the U.S. federal and state governments, the European Union (the "EU") or other jurisdictions or by various regulatory organizations or exchanges. Such an event could additionally disrupt our operations and the services we provide to investors, damage our reputation, result in a loss of a competitive advantage, impact our ability to provide timely and accurate financial data, and cause a loss of confidence in our services and financial reporting, which could adversely affect our business, revenues, competitive position and investor confidence.

***Extensive regulation in the United States and abroad affects our activities, increases the cost of doing business and creates the potential for significant liabilities and penalties.***

Our business is subject to extensive regulation, including periodic examinations, by governmental agencies and self-regulatory organizations in the jurisdictions in which we operate around the world. Many of these regulators, including U.S. and foreign government agencies and self-regulatory organizations and state securities commissions in the United States, are empowered to conduct investigations and administrative proceedings that can result in fines, suspensions of personnel or other sanctions, including censure, the issuance of cease-and-desist orders or the suspension or expulsion of a broker-dealer or investment adviser from registration or memberships. Even if an investigation or proceeding does not result in a sanction or the sanction imposed against us or our personnel by a regulator were small in monetary amount, the costs incurred in responding to such matters could be material and the adverse publicity relating to the investigation, proceeding or imposition of these sanctions could harm our reputation and cause us to lose existing fund investors or fail to gain new investors or discourage others from doing business with us. Some of our investment funds invest in businesses that operate in highly regulated industries, including in businesses that are regulated by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission and U.S. federal and state banking authorities. The regulatory regimes to which such businesses are subject may, among other things, condition our funds' ability to invest in those businesses upon the satisfaction of applicable ownership restrictions or qualification requirements. Our failure to obtain or maintain any regulatory approvals necessary for our funds to invest in such industries may disqualify our funds from participating in certain investments or require our funds to divest themselves of certain assets.

In recent years, the SEC and its staff have focused on issues relevant to global investment firms and have formed specialized units devoted to examining such firms and, in certain cases, bringing enforcement actions against the firms, their principals and their employees. It is unclear whether the SEC and its staff will maintain the same level of enforcement activity

under the current administration. Significant enforcement activity related to global investment firms may cause us to reevaluate certain practices and adjust our compliance control function as necessary and appropriate.

It is generally expected that the SEC's oversight of global investment firms will continue to focus on concerns related to transparency and investor disclosure practices. Although the SEC has cited improvements in disclosures and industry practices in this area, it has also indicated that there is room for improvement in particular areas, including fees and expenses (and the allocation of such fees and expenses) and co-investment practices. To this end, many firms have received inquiries during examinations or directly from the SEC Division of Enforcement regarding various transparency-related topics, including the acceleration of monitoring fees, the allocation of broken-deal expenses, the disclosure of operating partner or operating executive compensation, outside business activities of firm principals and employees, group purchasing arrangements and general conflicts of interest disclosures.

The SEC's focus in these areas could impact Carlyle in various ways. For example, in November 2015, the SEC requested additional information about our historical monitoring fee acceleration practices, a topic of a recent enforcement action within the private equity industry. We continue to cooperate with the SEC's informal request. In addition, our private equity funds frequently engage operating executives who often work (generally, on a part-time basis) with our investment teams during due diligence, provide board-level governance and support and advise portfolio company management. Operating executives generally are third parties, are not considered Carlyle employees and typically are retained by us pursuant to consulting agreements. Generally these consultants also are involved in non-Carlyle related activities, including serving on boards of companies that are not our portfolio companies. In some cases, an operating executive may be retained by a portfolio company directly and in such instances the portfolio company may compensate the operating executive directly (meaning that investors in our private equity funds may indirectly bear the cost of the operating executive's compensation). While we believe we have made appropriate and timely disclosures regarding the engagement and compensation of our operating executives, the SEC staff may disagree.

We regularly are subject to requests for information and informal or formal investigations by the SEC and other regulatory authorities, with which we routinely cooperate and, in the current environment, even historical practices that have been previously examined are being revisited. In 2014, the SEC indicated that investment advisers that receive transaction-based compensation for investment banking or acquisition activities relating to fund portfolio companies may be required to register as broker-dealers. Specifically, the Staff noted that if a firm receives fees from a fund portfolio company in connection with the acquisition, disposition or recapitalization of such portfolio company, such fees could raise broker-dealer concerns under applicable regulations related to broker-dealers. In 2016, the SEC charged an SEC-registered investment advisor to a private equity fund and its principal with violating Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act for providing brokerage services and receiving transaction-based compensation in connection with the purchase and sale of portfolio companies while not being registered as a broker-dealer. To the extent we receive such transaction fees and the SEC takes the position that such activities render us a "broker" under the applicable rules and regulations of the Exchange Act, we could be subject to additional regulation. If receipt of transaction fees from a portfolio company is determined to require a broker-dealer license, receipt of such transaction fees in the past or in the future during any time when we did not or do not have a broker-dealer license could subject us to liability for fines, penalties or damages. Even if a regulatory investigation or proceeding does not result in a sanction or the sanction imposed against us or our personnel by a regulator were small in monetary amount, the adverse publicity relating to such matters could harm our reputation. In addition, our ability to accelerate such fees in the future could be affected.

We regularly rely on exemptions from various requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the Exchange Act, the Investment Company Act, the Commodity Exchange Act, and the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), in conducting our asset management activities in the United States.

Similarly, in conducting our asset management activities outside the United States, we rely on available exemptions from the regulatory regimes of various foreign jurisdictions. These exemptions from regulation within the United States and abroad are sometimes highly complex and may, in certain circumstances, depend on compliance by third parties whom we do not control. If for any reason these exemptions were to become unavailable to us, we could become subject to regulatory action or third-party claims and our business could be materially and adversely affected. For example, in 2014, the SEC amended Rule 506 of Regulation D under the Securities Act to impose "bad actor" disqualification provisions which ban an issuer from offering or selling securities pursuant to the safe harbor in Rule 506 if the issuer, or any other "covered person", is the subject of a criminal, regulatory or court order or other "disqualifying event" under the rule which has not been waived by the SEC. The definition of "covered person" under the rule includes an issuer's directors, general partners, managing members and executive officers; affiliates who are also issuing securities in the offering; beneficial owners of 20% or more of the issuer's outstanding equity securities; and promoters and persons compensated for soliciting investors in the offering. Accordingly, our ability to rely on Rule 506 to offer or sell securities would be impaired if we or any "covered person" is the subject of a disqualifying event under the rule and we are unable to obtain a waiver from the SEC. Moreover, the requirements imposed by our regulators

are designed primarily to ensure the integrity of the financial markets and to protect investors in our funds and are not designed to protect our unitholders. Consequently, these regulations often serve to limit our activities and impose burdensome compliance requirements. See—“Part I. Item 1. Business — Regulatory and Compliance Matters.”

We may become subject to additional regulatory and compliance burdens as we expand our product offerings and investment platform. For example, we have a number of closed-end investment companies in our Global Credit segment that are regulated as business development companies under the Investment Company Act. These business development companies are subject to inspection by the SEC and to the Investment Company Act and the rules thereunder, which, among other things impose regulatory restrictions on principal transactions between, and joint transactions among, the business development company and certain of its affiliates, including its investment adviser. One such business development company completed an initial public offering in 2017, further subjecting that company to additional securities law requirements applicable to publicly traded issuers, as well as the listing standards of the applicable national securities exchange. These additional regulatory requirements will increase our compliance costs and may expose us to liabilities and penalties if we fail to comply with the applicable laws, rules and regulations.

In addition, the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (the “ITRA”) expanded the scope of U.S. sanctions against Iran and Section 219 of the ITRA amended the Exchange Act to require companies subject to SEC reporting obligations under Section 13 of the Exchange Act to disclose in their periodic reports specified dealings or transactions involving Iran or other individuals and entities targeted by certain sanctions promulgated by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) engaged in by the reporting company or any of its affiliates, including in our case some of our portfolio companies, during the period covered by the relevant periodic report. In some cases, the ITRA requires companies to disclose transactions even if they were permissible under U.S. law. In addition, the ITRA imposes an obligation to separately file with the SEC a notice that specified activities have been disclosed in our quarterly and annual reports, and the SEC is required to post this notice of disclosure on its website and send the report to the U.S. President and certain U.S. Congressional committees. Disclosure of ITRA-specified activity, even if such activity is legally permissible and not subject to sanctions under applicable law, and any fines or penalties actually imposed on us or our affiliates as a result of impermissible any Iran-related activities, could harm our reputation and have a negative impact on our business. In the past, we have disclosed pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act, certain permissible dealings and transactions and to date, we have not received notice of any investigation into such activities.

***It is unclear what impact the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union will have on the Partnership or the fund portfolio companies.***

The United Kingdom (the “UK”) held a referendum in June 2016 on whether to remain a member state of the European Union (“EU”), in which a majority of voters voted to leave the EU. The UK formally notified the European Council of its intention to leave the EU on March 29, 2017. Under the process for leaving the EU, the UK will remain a member state until a withdrawal agreement is entered into or failing that, two years following the notification its of intention to leave, although the European Council, in agreement with the UK, could decide to extend this period.

Under guidelines published by the European Council, the negotiations for leaving are to be conducted broadly in two phases. The first phase is intended to ensure the UK's orderly withdrawal from the EU; the second phase is directed toward outlining a framework for a future relationship between the UK and the EU.

There is no guarantee that an agreement on withdrawal or an outline of a future relationship can be reached within the time available, or at all. However, assuming it will take the full two years to negotiate a withdrawal agreement and outline a future relationship, the UK will remain a member state subject to EU law with privileges to provide services under the single market directives until at least March 29, 2019, and may possibly continue to have certain privileges after March 29, 2019 if a withdrawal agreement provides for a transition or implementation period.

Currently, the EU provides a single market for goods and services, seeking to ensure the free movement of goods within the EU and seeking to eliminate obstacles to trade and the provision of services within the EU. The single market directives in financial services provide mutual access rights to markets and market infrastructure across the European Economic Area (“EEA”). Entities authorized or licensed in their home member state under sectoral legislation relating to banking, investment services, insurance or fund management may provide service and offer financial products on a cross-border basis in other EEA host countries in reliance on passporting rights without the need for additional approval from the host state regulator.

In the absence of an agreement between the UK and the EU on an orderly withdrawal, or without an extension of the negotiating period, or without the revocation of the UK's notification to leave the EU, the UK will become a third country vis-à-vis the EU on March 29, 2019 (i.e. in a “no-deal Brexit” scenario). As a third country, the UK will cease to have access to the

single market and will no longer be a member of the EU customs union. The cross-border trade in goods between the UK and the EU member states will, in such circumstances, depend on any multilateral trade agreements to which both the EU and the UK are parties (such as those administered by the World Trade Organization); the provision of services by UK firms will be restricted to those that can be provided by firms established in any third country.

Amongst other consequences, a no-deal Brexit could immediately result in a tariff on goods flowing between the UK and the EU, customs checks which extend the time during which goods are in transit, uncertainty with respect to fiscal cooperation (including withholding tax arrangements), the interruption of ongoing cross-border services, and restrictions on movements of employees and prospective employees.

The UK has indicated that it will provide a temporary permissions regime to permit firms established in the EEA to continue offering their services in the UK, and intends to bring existing EU law into UK domestic law on the date of the UK's exit from the EU. There is no expectation that the EU will reciprocate in facilitating access to its market following a no-deal Brexit. While some EU directives contemplate access to the market by firms established in countries deemed to have equivalent standards, even if UK domestic law continues to be equivalent to EU law for the foreseeable future, there is no certainty that the EU would facilitate findings of equivalency in a timely fashion following a no-deal Brexit. It is therefore expected that following a no-deal Brexit UK regulated entities will lose the right to passport their services into the EEA and market infrastructure operated in the UK will cease to have the benefits of being part of the single market.

UK regulated firms and other UK businesses that currently depend on the free movement of goods (without tariff and non-tariff barriers), or the provision of cross-border services between the UK and the EEA, will be adversely affected by a no-deal Brexit absent some contingency plan. Equally, if a withdrawal agreement is reached and a transition or implementation period is secured, UK regulated firms and other UK businesses could still be adversely affected by the terms ultimately agreed for a future trading relation with the EU. A tariff on goods, customs checks, the inability to provide cross-border services, changes in withholding tax, restrictions on movements of employees, etc., all have the potential to materially impair the profitability of a business, require it to adapt or even relocate.

Regardless of whether the UK ultimately secures a withdrawal agreement that allows for an orderly transition to a future relationship with the EU, as the date of March 29, 2019 approaches without the prospect of an orderly withdrawal, many businesses become unable to postpone executing their contingency plans. Contingency planning for some businesses involves re-establishing the business in a member state of the EU, moving personnel and, if applicable, seeking authorization from the local regulator - all of which are costly, disruptive and potentially inefficient if a business presence is also required in the UK.

Uncertainty about the way in which these many and complex issues will be resolved (and whether by agreement or through the absence of any agreement) could adversely affect the Partnership, its investment funds and portfolio companies (especially if its investment funds include, or expose them to, businesses that depend on access to the single market, the customs union, or whose value is affected adversely by the UK's future relationship with the EU). The Partnership set up a Brexit Contingency Planning Committee (the "Brexit Committee") in September 2016 to conduct a risk review and track key political and business-related developments related to Brexit. The Brexit Committee has identified actions to be taken in relation to the immediate pre-Brexit period (initially up to March 29, 2019) and is also preparing contingency and risk mitigation plans to manage a negotiated Brexit outcome, a "no-deal" outcome or other potential scenarios such as delayed withdrawal or calling of a second referendum. For example, the Brexit Committee has identified market access through a passporting regime to limited partners in member states in the EU excluding the UK ("EU27") as an important immediate Brexit-related issue to address for the Partnership and its global fund structure. We have also briefed our London-based employees of the Partnership on issues relating to immigration, residency and nationality. On taxation, the Brexit Committee has considered, amongst other things, the availability of EU tax directives to our UK based entities in the post-Brexit landscape and the impact that loss of such directives may have on the structure of our funds and portfolio investments. We are also engaging in regular and continuing dialogue with UK tax authorities (HMRC) and Treasury in respect of the tax framework that may apply between the UK and EU post Brexit and the impact of such framework on our business. The Brexit Committee continuously monitors the activities of those portfolio companies which could be impacted by Brexit, including considering the impact on pending exits and acquisition activity, contractual provisions and "material adverse change" clauses, debt restructuring, capital raising plans. The Brexit Committee coordinates engagement with portfolio company management to address identified issues.

At this time, there is uncertainty as to how the UK's withdrawal from the EU will be implemented and what the economic, tax, fiscal, legal, regulatory and other implications will be for the private investment funds industry and the broader European and global financial and real estate markets generally and for the Partnership, its investment funds and fund portfolio companies, specifically. Given the size and importance of the UK's economy, uncertainty or unpredictability about the terms of its withdrawal from the EU or the absence of any withdrawal agreement and its legal, political and/or economic relationships

with Europe is now, and may continue to be for the foreseeable future (including beyond the date of the UK's withdrawal from the EU), a source of instability, significant currency fluctuations and/or other adverse effects on international markets, international trade agreements and/or other existing cross-border cooperation arrangements (whether economic, tax, fiscal, legal, regulatory or otherwise). In addition, the withdrawal of the UK from the EU could have a destabilizing effect if any other member states were to consider withdrawing from the EU. The decision for any other member state to withdraw from the EU could exacerbate such uncertainty and instability and may present similar and/or additional potential risks and consequences for the Partnership, its investment funds and fund portfolio companies.

***Financial regulatory changes in the United States could adversely affect our business and the possibility of increased regulatory focus could result in additional burdens and expenses on our business.***

As a result of the global financial crisis and highly publicized financial scandals, there has been an active debate over the appropriate extent of regulation and oversight of the financial industry, including private investment funds and their managers. The regulatory and legal requirements that currently apply to our business are subject to change from time to time and may become more restrictive, which may impose additional expenses on us, make compliance with applicable requirements more difficult, require significant attention of our senior management team or otherwise restrict our ability to conduct our business activities in the manner in which they are now conducted.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), enacted in 2010, has imposed significant changes on almost every aspect of the U.S. financial services industry, including aspects of our business. Among other things, the Dodd-Frank Act currently includes the following provisions, which could have an adverse impact on our ability to conduct our business:

- The Dodd-Frank Act imposes a number of restrictions on the relationship and activities of banking organizations with private equity funds and hedge funds and other provisions that will affect the private equity industry, either directly or indirectly. Among other things, the Volcker Rule generally prohibits any "banking entity" (broadly defined as any insured depository institution, subject to certain exceptions including for depository institutions that do not have, and are not controlled by a company that has, more than \$10 billion in total consolidated assets and significant trading assets and liabilities, any company that controls such an institution, a non-U.S. bank that is treated as a bank holding company for purposes of U.S. banking law and any affiliate or subsidiary of the foregoing entities) from sponsoring, acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in a fund that is not subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act in reliance upon either Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act. The Volcker Rule also authorizes the imposition of additional capital requirements and certain other quantitative limits on such activities engaged in by certain nonbank financial companies that have been determined to be systemically important by the Financial Stability Oversight Council ("FSOC") and subject to supervision by the Federal Reserve, although such entities are not expressly prohibited from sponsoring or investing in such funds.
- The Dodd-Frank Act also imposes a regulatory structure on the "swaps" market, including requirements for clearing, exchange trading, capital, margin, reporting, and recordkeeping. In connection with the Dodd-Frank Act, the CFTC has finalized many rules applicable to swap market participants, including business conduct standards for swap dealers, reporting and recordkeeping, mandatory clearing for certain swaps, exchange trading rules applicable to swaps, initial and variation margin requirements for uncleared swap transactions and regulatory requirements for cross-border swap activities. For example, the CFTC finalized a rule governing margin requirements for uncleared swaps entered into by swap dealers and major swap participants who are not supervised by a "prudential regulator" ("covered swap entities"). The final rule generally requires covered swap entities, subject to certain thresholds and exemptions for inter-affiliate swaps, to collect and post margin in respect of uncleared swap transactions with other covered swap entities and financial end-users. In particular, the finalized rule requires covered swap entities and financial end-users having "material swaps exposure," defined as such entity and certain affiliates that have an average aggregate daily notional amount of uncleared swaps exceeding \$8 billion for June, July and August of the previous calendar year, to collect and post a minimum amount of "initial margin" in respect of each uncleared swap. In addition, the finalized rule requires covered swap entities entering into uncleared swaps with other covered swap entities or financial-end users, regardless of swaps exposure, to post or collect (as appropriate) "variation margin". The federal banking agencies (the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System), the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and the Farm Credit Administration or have finalized a similar rule governing margin requirements for uncleared swaps entered into by swap dealers who are supervised by one of those

agencies. These margin requirements for uncleared swaps could adversely affect our business, including our ability to enter such swaps or our available liquidity.

- The Dodd-Frank Act amended the Exchange Act to direct the Federal Reserve and other federal regulatory agencies to adopt rules requiring sponsors of asset-backed securities (or a majority-owned affiliate thereof) to retain at least 5% of the credit risk relating to the assets collateralizing the asset-backed securities (the “U.S. Risk Retention Rules”). The U.S. Risk Retention Rules were issued by five federal banking and housing agencies (the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Federal Housing Finance Agency) and the SEC in October 2014 and became effective on December 24, 2016.
- On February 9, 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the U.S. Risk Retention Rules do not apply to managers of open-market CLOs - CLOs for which the underlying assets are not transferred by the manager to the CLO issuer via a sale. On April 5, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia issued an order implementing this decision and vacating the U.S. Risk Retention Rules with respect to collateral managers of open-market CLOs. The deadline for the regulators to appeal the Risk Retention Decision to the U.S. Supreme Court expired on May 10, 2018. As a result, we have determined that we are not subject to the U.S. Risk Retention Rules in respect of our open-market CLO transactions and do not intend to act in accordance with the various restrictions the U.S. Risk Retention Rules imposed on sponsors of securitization transactions. We continue to review this decision and its ultimate impact on our business, including with respect to unwinding previous financing facilities put in place to allow us to satisfy the U.S. Risk Retention Rules for open-market CLOs entered into prior to May 10, 2018.
- The Dodd-Frank Act authorizes federal regulatory agencies to review and, in certain cases, prohibit compensation arrangements at financial institutions that give employees incentives to engage in conduct deemed to encourage inappropriate risk taking by covered financial institutions. On May 16, 2016, the SEC re-proposed a rule, as part of a joint rulemaking effort with U.S. federal banking regulators, that would apply to “covered financial institutions,” including registered investment advisers and broker-dealers that have total consolidated assets of at least \$1 billion, and impose substantive and procedural requirements on incentive-based compensation arrangements. The application of this rule, if adopted, to us could limit our ability to recruit and retain investment professionals and senior management executives. However, the proposed rule remains pending and may be subject to significant modifications.
- The Dodd-Frank Act requires public companies to adopt and disclose policies requiring, in the event the company is required to issue an accounting restatement, the giveback of any related incentive compensation from current and former executive officers.
- The Dodd-Frank Act amended the Exchange Act to compensate and protect whistleblowers who voluntarily provide original information to the SEC and establishes a fund to be used to pay whistleblowers who will be entitled to receive a payment equal to between 10% and 30% of certain monetary sanctions imposed in a successful government action resulting from the information provided by the whistleblower.

In June 2010, the SEC approved Rule 206(4)-5 under the Advisers Act regarding “pay to play” practices by investment advisers involving campaign contributions and other payments to government clients and elected officials able to exert influence on such clients. The rule prohibits investment advisers from providing advisory services for compensation to a government client for two years, subject to very limited exceptions, after the investment adviser, its senior executives or its personnel involved in soliciting investments from government entities make contributions to certain candidates and officials in a position to influence the hiring of an investment adviser by such government client. Any failure on our part to comply with the rule could expose us to significant penalties, loss of fees, and reputational damage. In August 2016, the SEC approved “pay to play” regulations proposed by FINRA that are largely similar to the SEC’s regulations and such laws went into effect in August 2017. These FINRA rules effectively prohibit the receipt of compensation from state or local government agencies for solicitation and distribution activities within two years of a prohibited contribution by a broker-dealer or one of its covered associates. There have also been similar laws, rules and regulations and/or policies adopted by a number of states and municipal pension plans, which prohibit, restrict or require disclosure of payments to (and/or certain contracts with) state officials by individuals and entities seeking to do business with state entities, including investment by public retirement funds.

We may be impacted indirectly by guidance recently directed to regulated banking institutions with regard to leveraged lending practices. In March 2013, the U.S. federal banking agencies issued updated guidance on credit transactions characterized by a high degree of financial leverage. To the extent that such guidance limits the amount or increases the cost of

financing we are able to obtain for our transactions, the returns on our investments may suffer. However, the status of the 2013 leveraged lending guidance remains in doubt following a determination by the Government Accountability Office, on October 19, 2017, that such guidance constituted a “rule” for purposes of the Congressional Review Act of 1996. As a result, the guidance was required to be submitted to Congress for review. It is possible the guidance could be overturned if a joint resolution of disapproval is passed by Congress.

The current administration’s short-term legislative agenda may include certain deregulatory measures for the U.S. financial services industry, including changes to the Volcker Rule, the U.S. Risk Retention Rules, capital and liquidity requirements, FSOC’s authority and other aspects of the Dodd-Frank Act. On February 3, 2017, the president signed an executive order calling for the administration to review U.S. financial laws and regulations in order to determine their consistency with a set of core principles identified in the order. In response to this executive order, the U.S. Department of Treasury released four reports that identify laws and regulations that are inconsistent with the core principles set forth in the executive order and proposed recommendations for reform in the regulation of banks and credit unions, capital markets, asset management and insurance companies, and nonbank financials and financial technology companies. On May 24, 2018, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act (the “Reform Act”) was signed into law. Among other financial regulatory changes, the Reform Act amends various sections of the Dodd-Frank Act, including by modifying the Volcker Rule to exempt insured depository institutions that do not have, and are not controlled by a company that has, (i) more than \$10 billion in total consolidated assets and (ii) total trading assets and trading liabilities that are more than 5 percent of total consolidated assets. The ultimate consequences of the Reform Act on our business remain uncertain.

The Reform Act and various other proposals focused on deregulation of the U.S. financial services industry may have the effect of increasing competition for our credit-focused businesses or otherwise reducing investment opportunities. Increased competition from banks and other financial institutions in the credit markets could have the effect of reducing credit spreads, which may adversely affect the revenues of our credit and other businesses whose strategies include the provision of credit to borrowers.

The Dodd-Frank Act, as well as future related legislation, may have an adverse effect on the fund industry generally and/or us, specifically. It is difficult to determine the full extent of the impact on us of any new laws, regulations or initiatives that may be proposed or whether any of the proposals will become law. Any changes in the regulatory framework applicable to our business, including the changes described above, may impose additional costs on us, require the attention of our senior management or result in limitations on the manner in which we conduct our business. Moreover, there may be an increase in regulatory investigations of the trading and other investment activities of private funds, including our funds. Compliance with any new laws or regulations could make compliance more difficult and expensive, affect the manner in which we conduct our business and adversely affect our profitability.

***The short-term and long-term impact of the Basel III capital standards is uncertain.***

In June 2011, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (“Basel Committee”), an international body comprised of senior representatives of bank supervisory authorities and central banks from 27 countries, including the United States, announced the final framework for a comprehensive set of capital and liquidity standards, commonly referred to as “Basel III,” for internationally active banking organizations and certain other types of financial institutions. These new standards, which will be fully phased in by 2019, will require banks to hold more capital, predominantly in the form of common equity, than under the current capital framework. Implementation of Basel III will require implementing regulations and guidelines by member countries. In July 2013, the U.S. federal banking regulators announced the adoption of final regulations to implement Basel III for U.S. banking organizations, subject to various transition periods. In December 2017, the Basel Committee adopted a package of revisions to the Basel III framework. Compliance with the Basel III standards, as well as other standards from the Basel Committee, may result in significant costs to banking organizations, which in turn may result in higher borrowing costs for the private sector and reduced access to certain types of credit.

***Regulatory initiatives in jurisdictions outside the United States could adversely affect our business.***

Similar to the environment in the United States, the current environment in jurisdictions outside the United States in which we operate, in particular the EU, has become subject to further regulation. Governmental regulators and other authorities in the EU have proposed or implemented a number of initiatives and additional rules and regulations that could adversely affect our business.

The Capital Requirements Regulation together with the recast Capital Requirements Directive (collectively “CRD IV”), reformed the EU’s capital requirements regime for credit institutions and investment firms. CRD IV implements the key Basel III reforms in the EU. These include amendments to the definition of capital and counterparty credit risk and the



introduction of a leverage ratio and liquidity requirements. CRD IV was also used to introduce other reforms, such as to introduce stricter control on remuneration of key employees and risk takers within certain credit institutions and investment firms. The regulation became applicable and member states were required to transpose the Directive's requirements from January 1, 2014. The extent of CRD IV's impact on a credit institution or investment firm depends on a variety of factors, including the firm's size and the nature of its activities. It is possible that other regulators may seek to impose similar controls on remuneration of personnel. Currently, Carlyle is permitted to disapply certain of CRD IV's restrictive remuneration provisions. However, to the extent that European regulators determine that Carlyle must comply with these restrictions or such regulators incorporate similar restrictions into other European directives to which Carlyle is subject, it may be necessary for certain of our subsidiaries to change their compensation structures for key personnel, thereby affecting our ability to recruit and retain these personnel.

In June 2018, the Parliament's Economic & Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) provided its report on a proposal by the European Commission to make further amendments to CRD IV. The proposal is intended to implement the most recent standards set by the Basel Committee and to address some perceived shortcomings in CRD IV, with a view to contributing to sustainable bank financing of the economy. The proposal is likely to amend, amongst other things, the way in which credit institutions calculate an exposure (held in the banking book) to a collective investment undertaking. These changes have the potential to change and provide more certainty about the calculation of an exposure to, e.g., an investment in a private equity fund. The Commission's proposal is currently in trilogue discussions.

The AIFMD was implemented in most jurisdictions in the EEA, on July 22, 2014. The AIFMD regulates alternative investment fund managers ("AIFMs") established in the EEA that manage alternative investment funds ("AIFs"). The AIFMD also regulates and imposes regulatory obligations in respect of the marketing in the EEA by AIFMs (whether established in the EEA or elsewhere) of AIFs (whether established in the EEA or elsewhere). The AIFMD was intended to have a staged implementation, possibly even allowing for the authorization of non-EEA managers, but decisions with respect to certain key milestones have been delayed. As a result of the business activities of certain of our subsidiaries, such subsidiaries currently are subject to various compliance obligations in connection with the AIFMD, including capital requirements, investor and regulatory reporting, portfolio company asset stripping restrictions, deal-related notifications, and remuneration reporting. AlpInvest, one of our subsidiaries, obtained authorization in 2015 and is licensed as an AIFM in the Netherlands. Additionally, in 2018, one of our subsidiaries, CIM Europe S.à.r.l., obtained authorization as AIFM in Luxembourg. The AIFMD obligations applicable to these and any other subsidiaries may have an adverse effect on us and/or our investment funds by, among other things, increasing the regulatory burden and costs of raising money and doing business in EEA jurisdictions, imposing capital requirements on our business, imposing extensive disclosure obligations on certain investment funds and portfolio companies, and disadvantaging our investment funds as bidders for and potential owners of private companies located in the EEA when compared to non-AIF/AIFM competitors, which may not be subject to the requirements of the AIFMD.

Certain of our European subsidiaries must comply with the pan-European regime established by the EU Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC) ("MiFID") which regulates the provision and conduct of investment services and activities throughout the EEA. MiFID sets out detailed requirements governing the organization and conduct of business of investment firms, regulated markets and certain other entities such as credit institutions to the extent they perform investment services or activities. It also includes pre- and post-trade transparency requirements for securities markets and extensive transaction reporting requirements for transactions within scope.

MiFID was substantially amended by Directive 2014/65/EU and Regulation 600/2014/EU (collectively referred to as "MiFID II") and has been effective since January 3, 2018. MiFID II is designed to amend the functioning of financial markets in light of the financial crisis and to strengthen investor protection. MiFID II has extended the MiFID requirements in a number of areas including market structure requirements, new and extended requirements in relation to transparency and transaction reporting, revised rules on research and inducements and product governance requirements. MiFID II has therefore imposed further compliance requirements on our European operations, requiring additional management time and resources.

In December 2016, the European Commission established a 'High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance'. In May 2018, the European Commission adopted a package of measures relating to its "action plan on sustainable finance". The package includes:

- a proposal for a regulation on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment;
- a proposal for a regulation on disclosures relating to sustainable investments and sustainability risks and amending the EU pension fund directive, IORP II, to include environmental, social and governance ("ESG") considerations into the advice provided by investment firms; and
- a proposal for a regulation amending the benchmark regulation (to create a new category of benchmark relating to low carbon and positive carbon investments).

The action plan contemplates:

- establishing a ‘taxonomy’ for sustainable activities;
- establishing EU labels for green financial products;
- introducing measures to clarify asset managers’ and institutional investors’ duties regarding sustainability in their investment decision-making processes;
- strengthening the transparency of companies on their ESG policies; and
- introducing a ‘green supporting factor’ in the EU prudential rules for banks and insurance companies to incorporate climate risks into banks’ and insurance companies’ risk management policies.

The action plan will be implemented through a series of delegated acts. It is expected that the first delegated act could be adopted by the end of 2019, with further acts adopted in 2021 and 2022. The action plan is designed to define and reorient investment toward sustainability. Although the taxonomy of sustainable activities has yet to be agreed and published, there is a risk that a significant reorientation in the market could be adverse to our investment businesses, at least in the short term, and to our portfolio companies if they are perceived to be less valuable as a consequence of, e.g., their carbon footprint.

In December 2011, China’s National Development and Reform Commission (the “NDRC Regulation”) issued a new circular regulating the activities of private equity funds established in China. The circular established new rules relating to the establishment, fundraising and investment scope of such funds; risk control mechanisms; basic responsibilities and duties of fund managers; information disclosure systems; and record filing. As a supplement to the NDRC regulations in August 2014, China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”), the Chinese securities regulator, promulgated the Interim Regulations on the Supervision and Administration of Private Investment Funds (the “CSRC Regulations”). These new regulations adopt a very broad definition of private investment funds, potentially including private equity funds. In recent years, regulations, directives and guidelines from, amongst others, the Administration for Industry and Commerce and the Asset Management Association of China (“AMAC”) have continued to regulate private investment funds incorporated in China. For example, during the course of 2016, AMAC issued “*Guidelines for Internal Control of Privately-raised Investment Fund Managers*” (February, 2016), “*Administrative Measures for Information Disclosure of Privately-raised Investment Fund*” (February, 2016), “*Announcement on Further Regulating Relevant Matters Concerning the Registration of the Managers of the Privately-Raised Funds*” (February, 2016), “*Measures for the Administration of Private Placement of Private Investment Funds*” (April, 2016) and “*Private Equity Fund Contract Guidelines No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3*” (April, 2016). These regulations may have an adverse effect on us and/or our renminbi (RMB)-denominated investment funds by, among other things, increasing the regulatory burden and costs of raising money for RMB-denominated investment funds, imposing extensive disclosure obligations on RMB-denominated investment funds and their associated portfolio companies, and disadvantaging our investment funds as bidders, imposing significant capital requirements on managers of RMB denominated investment funds, imposing numerous registrations and ongoing filings by private investment fund managers in China with multiple government authorities.

The legislative and regulatory framework for privacy and data protection issues worldwide is rapidly evolving and is likely to remain uncertain for the foreseeable future. The Company collects personally identifiable information (PII) and other data as an integral part of its business processes and activities. This data is subject to a variety of U.S. and international laws and regulations, including oversight by various regulatory or other governmental bodies. Many foreign countries and governmental bodies, including the European Union and other relevant jurisdictions where we conduct business, have laws and regulations concerning the collection and use of PII and other data obtained from their residents or by businesses operating within their jurisdiction that are more restrictive than those in the U.S. The General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) was published on the Official Journal in May 2016, but only became applicable throughout the European Union on 25 May 2018. Among other things, the GDPR imposes more stringent data protection requirements and provides for greater penalties for noncompliance. A failure to comply with the GDPR could result in fines up to 20 million Euros or 4% of annual global revenues, whichever is higher. Further, any inability, or perceived inability, to adequately address privacy and data protection concerns, or comply with applicable laws, regulations, policies, industry standards, contractual obligations, or other legal obligations could result in additional cost and liability and could damage our reputation and adversely affect our business.

The EU has adopted certain risk retention, due diligence and transparency and reporting requirements pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 (the “Securitization Regulation”), which have been supplemented by certain technical standards (the “Securitization Regulation Requirements”). The Securitization Regulation Requirements affect certain investors, sponsors, original lenders, originators and securitization special purpose entities (“SSPEs”) in relation to securitizations issued from and including January 1, 2019. Unlike the regime for securitizations issued prior to January 1, 2019, the Securitization Regulation Requirements impose direct obligations on originators, sponsors, original lenders and SSPEs. The Securitization Regulation Requirements also place extensive due diligence requirements on “institutional investors”, a term which includes various types of EU regulated investor institutions, including, but not limited to, credit institutions, AIFMs, investment firms, insurance and reinsurance undertakings, certain Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) and certain institutions for occupational retirement provision (or their investment manager).

The Securitization Regulation Requirements apply to securitizations the securities of which are issued on or after January 1, 2019. Existing transactions issued prior to January 1, 2019 will remain subject to pre-existing EU risk retention rules. However, it is likely that if such existing transactions are refinanced or otherwise materially amended, they will fall within the remit of the Securitization Regulation. There can also be no assurances as to whether relevant transactions or any potential refinancing will be affected by any other change in law or regulation relating to the Securitization Regulation Requirements, including as a result of any changes recommended in future reports or reviews.

Among other things, the Securitization Regulation Requirements require (a) the originator, sponsor or original lender of the relevant securitization to retain, on an on-going basis, a net economic interest of no less than 5 per cent. in respect of certain specified credit risk tranches or securitized exposures and (b) one of the originator, sponsor or SSPE of the securitization to make certain information available to investors (current and prospective) and the relevant competent authority. Failure to comply with one or more of the applicable Securitization Regulation Requirements may result in various penalties or have other impacts, including (a) in the case of those investors subject to regulatory capital requirements, the imposition of a punitive capital charge on the notes issued by our CLOs acquired by the relevant investor, (b) in the case of originators, sponsors and SSPEs failing to meet the applicable Securitization Regulation Requirements, certain sanctions and fines which are to be implemented by individual members states and (c) in the case of our EU CLO notes in the secondary market the Securitization Regulation Requirements could have a negative impact on the price and liquidity of such notes.

In December 2015, the EBA produced guidelines to set appropriate aggregate limits to shadow banking entities when carrying out banking activities. These guidelines came into effect on January 1, 2017. While most alternative investment funds are excluded from the definition of “shadow banking entity,” funds that use leverage on a substantial basis at fund level or have certain third-party lending exposures are within the definition. When dealing with shadow banking entities, the EEA financial institution would be required to implement additional effective processes (including with respect to due diligence) and set internal aggregate and individual limits to such exposures where they exceed 0.25% of the institution’s eligible capital. While the guidelines do not themselves introduce a quantitative limit to institutions’ exposures to shadow banking entities at the individual or aggregate exposure level, they place the responsibility on the banking sector to demonstrate that risks are managed effectively. Affected institutions will be required to set internal aggregate and individual limits to exposures to individual shadow banking entities which could limit or restrict the availability of credit and/or increase the cost of credit from these institutions for impacted funds.

In May 2017, the European Central Bank (“ECB”) issued guidance on leveraged transactions. The ECB guidance applies to significant credit institutions supervised by the ECB in member states of the euro zone. Under the guidance, credit institutions are expected to have in place internal policies that include a definition of “leveraged transactions”. Loans or credit exposures to a borrower should be regarded as leveraged transactions if: (i) the borrower’s post-financing level of leverage exceeds a total debt to EBITDA ratio of 4.0 times; or (ii) the borrower is owned by one or more “financial sponsors”. For these purposes, a financial sponsor is an investment firm that undertakes private equity investments in and/or leveraged buyouts of companies. In summary, credit institutions are expected to define their appetite for underwriting and syndicating transactions, which will include defining acceptable leverage levels. Underwriting of transactions having a ratio of total debt to EBITDA exceeding 6.0 times at deal inception is a high level of leverage and should be exceptional. For most industries, the ECB believes a leverage level in excess of 6.0 times total debt to EBITDA should raise concerns. Following these guidelines, credit institutions in the euro zone could in the future limit, delay or restrict the availability of credit and/or increase the cost of credit for funds or portfolio companies involved in leveraged transactions. Credit institutions may be reluctant to enter into a leveraged transaction having a ratio of total debt to EBITDA exceeding 6.0 times absent an appropriate justification.

Our investment businesses are subject to the risk that similar measures might be introduced in other countries in which our funds currently have investments or plan to invest in the future, or that other legislative or regulatory measures that negatively affect their respective portfolio investments might be promulgated in any of the countries in which they invest. The reporting related to such initiatives may divert the attention of our personnel and the management teams of our portfolio companies. Moreover, sensitive business information relating to us or our portfolio companies could be publicly released.

See—“Risks Related to Our Business Operations —Our funds make investments in companies that are based outside of the United States, which may expose us to additional risks not typically associated with investing in companies that are based in the United States” and “Part I. Item 1. Business — Regulatory and Compliance Matters”—for more information.

***Changing regulations regarding derivatives and commodity interest transactions could adversely impact various aspects of our business.***

The regulation of derivatives and commodity interest transactions in the United States and other countries is a rapidly changing area of law and is subject to ongoing modification by governmental and judicial action. We and our affiliates enter into derivatives and commodity interest transactions for various purposes, including to manage the financial risks related to our business. Accordingly, the impact of this evolving regulatory regime on our business is difficult to predict, but it could be substantial and adverse.

Among other things, the CFTC adopted certain amendments to its existing rules that potentially subject certain of our affiliated entities to registration, reporting and record-keeping obligations in connection with derivatives transactions (including for hedging/risk management purposes). As such, our business may incur increased ongoing costs associated with monitoring compliance with the CFTC registration and exemption obligations across platforms and complying with the various reporting and record-keeping requirements.

In addition, derivatives regulations in the United States and Europe are effectively transforming an over-the-counter market in which parties negotiate directly with each other into a regulated market in which a majority of swap transactions are executed on registered exchanges and cleared through central counterparties. These regulations could significantly increase the cost of entering into derivative contracts (including through requirements to post collateral which could adversely affect our available liquidity), materially alter the terms of derivative contracts, reduce the availability of derivatives to protect against risks that we encounter, reduce our ability to restructure our existing derivative contracts, and increase our exposure to less creditworthy counterparties. If we reduce our use of derivatives as a result of such regulations (and any new regulations), our results of operations may become more volatile and our cash flows may be less predictable, which could adversely affect our ability to satisfy our debt obligations or plan for and fund capital expenditures.

Furthermore, the CFTC has proposed rules relating to position limits on derivatives (including futures, options and swaps) with certain underlying reference assets, as well as supplemental rules relating to the aggregation of derivative positions among commonly owned or controlled entities and exemptions from such aggregation. In December 2016, the CFTC finalized the rules related to the aggregation of positions, but proposed for further comment the position limit rules. It is unclear when the CFTC intends to finalize such rules. In addition to these U.S. requirements, we are subject to, where relevant and applicable, position limit requirements in Europe under MiFID II and related rules. Specifically, under MiFID II, national competent authorities (including the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA")), within EU member states, are required to establish position limits in relation to the maximum size of positions which a relevant person can hold in certain commodity derivatives. The limits apply to contracts traded on trading venues and their economically equivalent OTC contracts. The position limits established, as amended from time to time, and our ability to rely on any exemption thereunder may affect the size and types of investments we may make. Moreover, in order to avoid exceeding position limits, it is possible that we and our affiliates may need to significantly alter our business processes related to such trading, including by modifying trading strategies and instructions.

***Changes in the method of determining LIBOR, or the replacement of LIBOR with an alternative reference rate, may adversely affect our credit arrangements and our collateralized loan obligation transactions.***

LIBOR and certain other "benchmarks" are the subject of recent national, international, and other regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than in the past or have other consequences which cannot be predicted.

On July 27, 2017, the FCA announced that it would phase out LIBOR as a benchmark by the end of 2021. As a result of this transition, interest rates on our floating rate obligations, loans, deposits, derivatives, and other financial instruments tied to LIBOR rates, as well as the revenue and expenses associated with those financial instruments, may be adversely affected. It is unclear whether new methods of calculating LIBOR will be established such that it continues to exist after 2021. To address the transition away from LIBOR, we have amended our credit agreement and related loan documentation to provide for an agreed upon methodology to calculate the new floating rate reference plus new applicable spreads. We are carefully evaluating our CLOs to determine where any discrepancy between the interest rate an issuer pays on its liabilities compared to the interest rate on the underlying assets could have material implications. For our latest generation of CLOs, we have been incorporating provisions to address the transition from LIBOR, however certain older CLOs have not yet come up for amendment or refinancing, and as such may not currently contain clear LIBOR transition procedures.

There is no guarantee that a transition from LIBOR to an alternative will not result in financial market disruptions, significant increases in benchmark rates, or borrowing costs to borrowers, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, result of operations, financial condition, and unit price.

***We are subject to substantial litigation risks and may face significant liabilities and damage to our professional reputation as a result of litigation allegations and negative publicity.***

In the ordinary course of business, we are subject to the risk of substantial litigation and face significant regulatory oversight. In recent years, the volume of claims and the amount of potential damages claimed in such proceedings against the financial services industry have generally been increasing. The investment decisions we make in our asset management business and the activities of our investment professionals on behalf of portfolio companies of our carry funds may subject them and us to the risk of third-party litigation arising from investor dissatisfaction with the performance of those investment funds, alleged conflicts of interest, the activities of our portfolio companies and a variety of other litigation claims and regulatory inquiries and actions. From time to time we and our portfolio companies have been and may be subject to regulatory actions and shareholder class action suits relating to transactions in which we have agreed to acquire public companies.

To the extent that investors in our investment funds suffer losses resulting from fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or other similar misconduct, investors may have remedies against us, our investment funds, our principals or our affiliates. Heightened standards of care or additional fiduciary duties may apply in certain of our managed accounts or other advisory contracts. To the extent we enter into agreements with clients containing such terms or applicable law mandates a heightened standard of care or duties, we could, for example, be liable to certain clients for acts of simple negligence or breach of such duties, which might include the allocation of a client's funds to our affiliated funds. Even in the absence of misconduct, we may be exposed to litigation or other adverse consequences where investments perform poorly and investors in or alongside our funds experience losses. The general partners and investment advisers to our investment funds, including their directors, officers, other employees and affiliates, are generally indemnified with respect to their conduct in connection with the management of the business and affairs of our investment funds. For example, we have agreed to indemnify directors and officers of Carlyle Capital Corporation Limited ("CCC") in connection with the matters involving that fund discussed under "Part I. Item 3. Legal Proceedings." However, such indemnity generally does not extend to actions determined to have involved fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or other similar misconduct.

Defending against litigation could be costly. For example, in 2016, we spent approximately \$39.3 million in legal fees and related expenses in defending against the allegations brought by CCC's liquidators during a six month trial in Guernsey. Although we prevailed at the CCC trial court in Guernsey, the matter is on appeal. It is unclear whether the appellate court will affirm or reverse the trial court decision. If we do not prevail on the appeal or suffer an adverse judgment, our costs and expenses on further appeals or a rehearing could increase materially and insurance proceeds would not be available to cover such future expenses. Carlyle has recovered significant amounts of insurance proceeds in recent years. As a general matter, we expect that the cost of insurance will increase significantly, and we do not believe we will recover the same amount of insurance proceeds as we have in prior years.

The laws and regulations governing the limited liability of such issuers and portfolio companies vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and in certain contexts the laws of certain jurisdictions may provide not only for carve-outs from limited liability protection for the issuer or portfolio company that has incurred the liabilities, but also for recourse to assets of other entities under common control with, or that are part of the same economic group as, such issuer. For example, if one of our portfolio companies is subject to bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction and is found to have liabilities under the local consumer protection, labor, tax or bankruptcy laws, the laws of that jurisdiction may permit authorities or creditors to file a lien on, or to otherwise have recourse to, assets held by other portfolio companies (including the Partnership) in that jurisdiction. There can be no assurance that the Partnership will not be adversely affected as a result of the foregoing risks.

If any lawsuits were brought against us and resulted in a finding of substantial legal liability, the lawsuit could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations or financial condition or cause significant reputational harm to us, which could materially impact our business. We depend to a large extent on our business relationships and our reputation for integrity and high-caliber professional services to attract and retain investors and to pursue investment opportunities for our funds. As a result, allegations of improper conduct by private litigants (including investors in or alongside our funds), regulators or employees, whether the ultimate outcome is favorable or unfavorable to us, as well as negative publicity and press speculation about us, our investment activities, the private equity industry in general or our workplace, whether or not valid, may harm our reputation, which may be more damaging to our business than to other types of businesses.

In addition, with a workforce composed of many highly paid professionals, we face the risk of litigation relating to claims for compensation, which may, individually or in the aggregate, be significant in amount. The cost of settling any such claims could negatively impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***Employee misconduct or fraud could harm us and subject us to significant legal liability and reputational harm, which could impair our ability to attract and retain investors in our funds. Fraud, other deceptive practices or other misconduct at our portfolio companies could similarly subject us to liability and reputational damage and also harm performance.***

There have been a number of highly publicized cases involving fraud or other misconduct by employees in the financial services industry in recent years, and there is a risk that our employees or advisors could engage in misconduct or fraud that adversely affects our business. Misconduct or fraud by employees, advisors or other third-party service providers could cause significant losses. Employee misconduct or fraud could include, among other things, binding the Partnership to transactions that exceed authorized limits or present unacceptable risks and other unauthorized activities or concealing unsuccessful investments (which, in either case, may result in unknown and unmanaged risks or losses), or otherwise charging (or seeking to charge) inappropriate expenses or engaging in inappropriate or unlawful behavior or actions directed towards other employees. It is not always possible to deter misconduct or fraud by employees or service providers, and the precautions we take to detect and prevent this activity may not be effective in all cases.

Our ability to attract and retain investors and to pursue investment opportunities for our funds depends heavily upon the reputation of our professionals, especially our senior Carlyle professionals. Because of our diverse business and the regulatory regimes under which we operate, we are subject to a number of obligations and standards (and related policies and procedures) arising from our asset management business and our authority over the assets managed by our asset management business. The violation of these obligations and standards (and related policies and procedures) by any of our employees would adversely affect us and our investment funds and fund investors. For example, we could lose our ability to raise new investment funds if any of our “covered persons” is the subject of a criminal, regulatory or court order or other “disqualifying event. See “—Extensive regulation in the United States and abroad affects our activities, increases the cost of doing business and creates the potential for significant liabilities and penalties.”

Our business often requires that we deal with confidential matters of great significance to companies in which our funds may invest. If our employees, advisors or other third-party service providers were to use or disclose confidential information improperly, we could suffer serious harm to our reputation, financial position and current and future business relationships, as well as face potentially significant litigation. It is not always possible to detect or deter employee misconduct or fraud, including financial fraud, the misappropriation of funds of our business or our investment funds or inappropriate or unlawful behavior or actions directed toward other employees, and the extensive precautions we take to detect and prevent this activity may not be effective in all cases. If any of our employees were to engage in misconduct or fraud or were to be accused of such misconduct or fraud, whether or not substantiated, our business and our reputation could be adversely affected and a loss of investor confidence could result, which would adversely impact our ability to raise future funds.

In recent years, the U.S. Department of Justice (the “DOJ”) and the SEC have devoted greater resources to enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the “FCPA”). In addition, the United Kingdom and other jurisdictions have significantly expanded the reach of their anti-bribery laws. While we have developed and implemented policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by us and our personnel with the FCPA and the UK anti-bribery laws, such policies and procedures may not be effective in all instances to prevent violations. Any determination that we have violated the FCPA, the UK anti-bribery laws or other applicable anticorruption laws could subject us to, among other things, civil and criminal penalties, material fines, profit disgorgement, injunctions on future conduct, securities litigation and a general loss of investor confidence, any one of which could adversely affect our business prospects, financial position or the market value of our common units.

In addition, we will also be adversely affected if there is fraud, other deceptive practices or other misconduct by personnel of the portfolio companies in which our funds invest. For example, improper or illegal conduct by personnel at our portfolio companies or failure by such personnel to comply with anti-bribery, trade sanctions, anti-harassment, legal and regulatory requirements could adversely affect our business and reputation. Such misconduct or fraud could also undermine any due diligence efforts with respect to such companies and could negatively affect the valuation of a fund’s investments.

***Certain policies and procedures implemented to mitigate potential conflicts of interest and address certain regulatory requirements may reduce the synergies across our various businesses and inhibit our ability to maintain our collaborative culture.***

We consider our “One Carlyle” philosophy and the ability of our professionals to communicate and collaborate across funds, industries and geographies one of our significant competitive strengths. As a result of the expansion of our platform into various lines of business in the asset management industry, our acquisition of new businesses, and the growth of our managed account business, we are subject to a number of actual and potential conflicts of interest and subject to greater regulatory oversight than that to which we would otherwise be subject if we had just one line of business. In addition, as we expand our platform, the allocation of investment opportunities among our investment funds is expected to become more complex. In addressing these conflicts and regulatory requirements across our various businesses, we have and may continue to implement certain policies and procedures (for example, information barriers). As a practical matter, the establishment and maintenance of such information barriers means that collaboration between our investment professionals across various platforms or with respect to certain investments may be limited, reducing potential synergies that we cultivate across these businesses through our “One Carlyle” approach. For example, although we maintain ultimate control over the Investment Solutions segment's constituent firms: AlpInvest and Metropolitan, we have erected an information barrier between the management teams at these firms and the rest of Carlyle. See “—Risks Related to Our Business Operations—Our Investment Solutions business is subject to additional risks.” In addition, we may come into possession of material, non-public information with respect to issuers in which we may be considering making an investment. As a consequence, we may be precluded from providing such information or other ideas to our other businesses that could benefit from such information.

### **Risks Related to Our Business Operations**

***Poor performance of our investment funds would cause a decline in our revenue, income and cash flow, may obligate us to repay carried interest previously paid to us, and could adversely affect our ability to raise capital for future investment funds.***

In the event that any of our investment funds were to perform poorly, our revenue, income and cash flow could decline. Investors could also demand lower fees or fee concessions for existing or future funds which would likewise decrease our revenue or require us to record an impairment of intangible assets and/or goodwill in the case of an acquired business. In some of our funds, such as our carry funds, a reduction in the value of the portfolio investments held in such funds could result in a reduction in the carried interest we earn or in our management fees. We also could experience losses on our investment of our own capital into our funds as a result of poor performance by our investment funds. If, as a result of poor performance of later investments in a carry fund's life, the fund does not achieve certain investment returns for the fund over its life, we will be obligated to repay the amount by which carried interest that was previously distributed to us exceeds the amount to which we are ultimately entitled. These repayment obligations may be related to amounts previously distributed to our senior Carlyle professionals prior to the completion of our initial public offering, with respect to which our unitholders did not receive any benefit. See “—We may need to pay “giveback” obligations if and when they are triggered under the governing agreements with our investors” and Note 11 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Poor performance of our investment funds may also make it more difficult for us to raise new capital. Investors in our funds might decline to invest in future investment funds we raise. Investors and potential investors in our funds continually assess our investment funds' performance, and our ability to raise capital for existing and future investment funds and avoid excessive redemption levels will depend on our investment funds' continued satisfactory performance. Accordingly, poor fund performance may deter future investment in our funds and thereby decrease the capital invested in our funds and ultimately, our management fee income.

***Our asset management business depends in large part on our ability to raise capital from third-party investors. If we are unable to raise capital from third-party investors, we would be unable to collect management fees or deploy their capital into investments and potentially collect carried interest, which would materially reduce our revenue and cash flow and adversely affect our financial condition.***

In 2016, we commenced a four-year fundraising cycle during which we are targeting to raise approximately \$100 billion in new capital commitments by the end of 2019. Through December 31, 2018, we have raised \$90 billion in gross new capital commitments. Our ability to raise this capital from third-party investors depends on a number of factors, including certain factors that are outside our control. Certain of these factors such as the performance of the stock market, the pace of distributions from our funds and from the funds of other asset managers or the asset allocation rules or regulations or investment policies to which such third-party investors are subject, could inhibit or restrict the ability of third-party investors to make investments in our investment funds. Third-party investors in private equity, real assets and venture capital funds typically

use distributions from prior investments to meet future capital calls. In cases where valuations of existing investments fall and the pace of distributions slows, investors may be unable or unwilling to make new commitments or fund existing commitments to third-party management investment funds such as those advised by us. Although many investors have increased the amount of commitments they are making to alternative investment funds and aggregate fundraising totals are near the highest they have been since 2008, there can be no assurance that this historical or current levels of commitments to our funds will continue. For example, there is a continuing shift away from defined benefit pension plans to defined contributions plans, which could reduce the amount of assets available for us to manage on behalf of certain of our clients. In addition, investors may downsize their investment allocations to alternative managers, including private funds and fund of funds vehicles, to rebalance a disproportionate weighting of their overall investment portfolio among asset classes. Investors may also seek to consolidate their investments with a smaller number of investment managers or prefer to pursue investments directly instead of investing through our funds, each of which could impact the amount of allocations they make to our funds. Moreover, as some existing investors cease or significantly curtail making commitments to alternative investment funds, we may need to identify and attract new investors in order to maintain or increase the size of our investment funds. The lack of clarity around regulations, including BEPS, may also limit our fund investors' ability to claim double tax treaty benefits on their investments, which may limit their investments in our funds. In addition, certain investors have implemented or may implement restrictions against investing in certain types of asset classes such as fossil fuels, which would affect our ability to raise new funds focused on those asset classes, such as funds focused on energy or natural resources. We are working to create avenues through which we expect to attract a new base of individual investors. There can be no assurances that we can find or secure commitments from those new investors. Our ability to raise new funds could similarly be hampered if the general appeal of private equity and alternative investments were to decline.

An investment in a private equity fund is more illiquid and the returns on such investment may be more volatile than an investment in securities for which there is a more active and transparent market. Private equity and alternative investments could fall into disfavor as a result of concerns about liquidity and short-term performance. Such concerns could be exhibited, in particular, by public pension funds, which have historically been among the largest investors in alternative assets. Concerns with liquidity could cause such public pension funds to reevaluate the appropriateness of alternative investments.

In addition, the evolving preferences of our fund investors may necessitate that alternatives to the traditional investment fund structure, such as managed accounts, smaller funds and co-investment vehicles, become a larger part of our business going forward. This could increase our cost of raising capital at the scale we have historically achieved. The failure to successfully raise capital commitments to new investment funds may also expose us to credit risk in respect of financing that we may provide such funds. When existing capital commitments to a new investment fund are insufficient to fund in full a new investment fund's participation in a transaction, we may lend money to or borrow money from financial institutions on behalf of such investment funds to bridge this difference and repay this financing with capital from subsequent investors to the fund. Our inability to identify and secure capital commitments from new investors to these funds may expose us to losses (in the case of money that we lend directly to such funds) or adversely impact our ability to repay such borrowings or otherwise have an adverse impact on our liquidity position. Finally, if we seek to expand into other business lines, we may also be unable to raise a sufficient amount of capital to adequately support such businesses. The failure of our investment funds to raise capital in sufficient amounts could result in a decrease in our AUM as well as management fee and transaction fee revenue, or could result in a decline in the rate of growth of our AUM and management fee and transaction fee revenue, any of which could have a material adverse impact on our revenues and financial condition. Our past experience with growth of AUM provides no assurance with respect to the future.

***Our investors may negotiate to pay us lower management fees and the economic terms of our future funds may be less favorable to us than those of our existing funds, which could adversely affect our revenues.***

In connection with raising new funds or securing additional investments in existing funds, we negotiate terms for such funds and investments with existing and potential investors. The outcome of such negotiations could result in our agreement to terms that are materially less favorable to us than the terms of prior funds we have advised or funds advised by our competitors. Such terms could restrict our ability to raise investment funds with investment objectives or strategies that compete with existing funds, reduce fee revenues we earn, reduce the percentage of profits on third-party capital that we share in or add expenses and obligations for us in managing the fund or increase our potential liabilities, all of which could ultimately reduce our profitability. For instance, our newest U.S. buyout and Asia buyout funds have increased the percentage of transaction fees that are shared with fund investors from 80% to 100% of the fees we generate. See “—A decline in the pace or size of investments by our carry funds could result in our receiving less revenue from transaction fees.” Additionally, a change in terms which increases the amount of fee revenue the fund investors are entitled to could result in a significant decline in revenue generated from transaction fees. Given this change in terms, and to the extent we change our fee practices for other successor funds, we could experience a meaningful decline in the amount of transaction fee revenue we earn. Moreover, certain institutional investors have publicly criticized certain fund fee and expense structures, including management fees. We have received and expect to continue to confront requests from a variety of investors and groups representing investors to decrease



fees and to modify our carried interest and incentive fee structures, which could result in a reduction in or delay in the timing of receipt of the fees and carried interest and incentive fees we earn. In addition to negotiating the overall fund rate of the management fees offered, certain fund investors have negotiated alternative management fee structures in several of our investment funds. For example, certain funds have offered a management fee rate discount for certain investors that came into the first closing of each fund. In certain cases, we have agreed to charge management fees based on invested capital or net asset value as opposed to charging management fees on committed capital. Any modification of our existing fee or carry arrangements or the fee or carry structures for new investment funds could adversely affect our results of operations. See “—The alternative asset management business is intensely competitive.”

***Valuation methodologies for certain assets in our funds can involve subjective judgments, and the fair value of assets established pursuant to such methodologies may be incorrect, which could result in the misstatement of fund performance and accrued performance allocations.***

There are often no readily ascertainable market prices for a substantial majority of illiquid investments of our investment funds. We determine the fair value of the investments of each of our investment funds at least quarterly based on the fair value guidelines set forth by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). The fair value measurement accounting guidance establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework that ranks the observability of market inputs used in measuring financial instruments at fair value. The observability of inputs is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, the characteristics specific to the financial instrument and the state of the marketplace, including the existence and transparency of transactions between market participants. Financial instruments with readily available quoted prices, or for which fair value can be measured from quoted prices in active markets, will generally have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment applied in determining fair value.

Investments for which market prices are not observable include, but are not limited to illiquid investments in operating companies, real estate, energy ventures and structured vehicles, and encompass all components of the capital structure, including equity, mezzanine, debt, preferred equity and derivative instruments such as options and warrants. Fair values of such investments are determined by reference to the market approach (i.e., multiplying a key performance metric of the investee company or asset, such as EBITDA, by a relevant valuation multiple observed in the range of comparable public entities or transactions, adjusted by management as appropriate for differences between the investment and the referenced comparables), the income approach (i.e., discounting projected future cash flows of the investee company or asset and/or capitalizing representative stabilized cash flows of the investee company or asset) and other methodologies such as prices provided by reputable dealers or pricing services, option pricing models and replacement costs.

The determination of fair value using these methodologies takes into consideration a range of factors including but not limited to the price at which the investment was acquired, the nature of the investment, local market conditions, the multiples of comparable securities, current and projected operating performance and financing transactions subsequent to the acquisition of the investment. These valuation methodologies involve a significant degree of management judgment. For example, as to investments that we share with another sponsor, we may apply a different valuation methodology than the other sponsor does and/or derive a different value than the other sponsor has derived on the same investment, which could cause some investors to question our valuations.

Because there is significant uncertainty in the valuation of, or in the stability of the value of, illiquid investments, the fair values of such investments as reflected in an investment fund's net asset value do not necessarily reflect the prices that would be obtained by us on behalf of the investment fund when such investments are realized. Realizations at values significantly lower than the values at which investments had been reflected in prior fund net asset values would result in reduced earnings or losses for the applicable fund, and potentially the loss of carried interest and incentive fees. Changes in values attributed to investments from quarter to quarter may result in volatility in the net asset values and results of operations that we report from period to period. Also, a situation where asset values turn out to be materially different than values reflected in prior fund net asset values could cause investors to lose confidence in us, which could in turn result in difficulty in raising additional funds.

***The historical returns attributable to our funds, including those presented in this report, should not be considered as indicative of the future results of our funds or of our future results or of any returns expected on an investment in our common units.***

We have presented in this Form 10-K information relating to the historical performance of our investment funds. The historical and potential future returns of the investment funds that we advise, however, are not directly linked to returns on our common units. Therefore, any continued positive performance of the investment funds that we advise will not necessarily result in positive returns on an investment in our common units. However, poor performance of the investment funds that we advise

would cause a decline in our revenue from such investment funds, and could therefore have a negative effect on our performance, our ability to raise future funds and in all likelihood the returns on an investment in our common units.

Moreover, with respect to the historical returns of our investment funds:

- we may create new funds in the future that reflect a different asset mix and different investment strategies, as well as a varied geographic and industry exposure as compared to our present funds, and any such new funds could have different returns than our existing or previous funds;
- the rates of returns of our carry funds reflect unrealized gains as of the applicable measurement date that may never be realized, which may adversely affect the ultimate value realized from those funds' investments;
- unitholders will not benefit from any value that was created in our funds prior to our becoming a public company to the extent such value was previously realized;
- in recent years, there has been increased competition for private equity investment opportunities resulting from the increased amount of capital invested in alternative investment funds, high liquidity in debt markets and strong equity markets, and the increased competition for investments may reduce our returns in the future;
- the rates of returns of some of our funds in certain years have been positively influenced by a number of investments that experienced rapid and substantial increases in value following the dates on which those investments were made, which may not occur with respect to future investments;
- our investment funds' returns in some years have benefited from investment opportunities and general market conditions that may not repeat themselves;
- our current or future investment funds might not be able to avail themselves of comparable investment opportunities or market conditions; and the circumstances under which our funds may make future investments may differ significantly from those conditions prevailing in the past (including, for example, particularly favorable borrowing conditions from 2013 through early 2015 for many of our investments that relied heavily on the use of leverage);
- newly-established funds may generate lower returns during the period that they take to deploy their capital.

Our recent performance has benefited from today's high multiples and asset prices. In the current market environment, earning such returns on new investments will be much more difficult than in the past and the future internal rate of return for any current or future fund may vary considerably from the historical internal rate of return generated by any particular fund or for our funds as a whole. Future returns will also be affected by the risks described elsewhere in this report, including risks of the industries and businesses in which a particular fund invests. See—"Part II. Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Segment Analysis—Fund Performance Metrics" for additional information.

***Dependence on significant leverage in investments by our funds could adversely affect our ability to achieve attractive rates of return on those investments.***

Many of our carry funds' investments rely heavily on the use of leverage, and our ability to achieve attractive rates of return on investments will depend on our ability to access sufficient sources of indebtedness at attractive rates. For example, in many private equity investments, indebtedness may constitute and historically has constituted up to 70% or more of a portfolio company's or real estate asset's total debt and equity capitalization, including debt that may be incurred in connection with the investment, whether incurred at or above the investment-level entity. The absence of available sources of sufficient debt financing for extended periods of time could therefore materially and adversely affect our CPE and Real Assets businesses. In addition, an increase in either the general levels of interest rates or in the risk spread demanded by sources of indebtedness would make it more expensive to finance those investments thereby reducing returns. Increases in interest rates could also make it more difficult to locate and consummate private equity investments because other potential buyers, including operating companies acting as strategic buyers, may be able to bid for an asset at a higher price due to a lower overall cost of capital or their ability to benefit from a higher amount of cost savings following the acquisition of the asset. In addition, a portion of the indebtedness used to finance private equity investments often includes high-yield debt securities issued in the capital markets. Availability of capital from the high-yield debt markets is subject to significant volatility, and there may be times when we might not be able to access those markets at attractive rates, or at all, when completing an investment. Certain investments may

also be financed through borrowings on fund-level debt facilities, which may or may not be available for a refinancing at the end of their respective terms. Additionally, to the extent there is a reduction in the availability of financing for extended periods of time, the purchasing power of a prospective buyer may be more limited, adversely impacting the fair value of our funds' investments and thereby reducing the acquisition price. Finally, the interest payments on the indebtedness used to finance our carry funds' investments have historically been deductible expenses for income tax purposes, subject to limitations under applicable tax law and policy. The availability of interest deductions for U.S. federal income tax purposes, however, may be limited under new rules imposed by the TCJA which apply complex limitations on the deductibility of business interest expense over 30% of a taxpayer's taxable income of such business (with adjustments for certain interest and taxes, and for taxable years before 2022, depreciation and amortization). These new rules, as well as any future changes in such tax law or policy to eliminate or substantially limit these income tax deductions, as have been discussed from time to time in various other jurisdictions, could reduce the after-tax rates of return on the affected investments, which may have an adverse impact on our business and financial results. On October 5, 2015, the OECD published additional papers under the BEPS initiative. In action 4, the OECD recommended that countries adopt a limitation on excessive deductions under a fixed ratio rule and supplemented by a worldwide group ratio and certain targeted rules as needed. Many countries have adopted legislation limiting the amount of interest expense which will be deductible, which may impact the cash flow and value of our investments and ultimate profitability. See "— Our funds make investments in companies that are based outside of the United States, which may expose us to additional risks not typically associated with investing in companies that are based in the United States."

Investments in highly leveraged entities are also inherently more sensitive to declines in revenue, increases in expenses and interest rates and adverse economic, market and industry developments. Furthermore, the incurrence of a significant amount of indebtedness by an entity could, among other things:

- subject the entity to a number of restrictive covenants, terms and conditions, any violation of which could be viewed by creditors as an event of default and could materially impact our ability to realize value from the investment;
- allow even moderate reductions in operating cash flow to render the entity unable to service its indebtedness, leading to a bankruptcy or other reorganization of the entity and a loss of part or all of the equity investment in it;
- give rise to an obligation to make mandatory prepayments of debt using excess cash flow, which might limit the entity's ability to respond to changing industry conditions to the extent additional cash is needed for the response, to make unplanned but necessary capital expenditures or to take advantage of growth opportunities;
- limit the entity's ability to adjust to changing market conditions, thereby placing it at a competitive disadvantage compared to its competitors that have relatively less debt;
- limit the entity's ability to engage in strategic acquisitions that might be necessary to generate attractive returns or further growth; and
- limit the entity's ability to obtain additional financing or increase the cost of obtaining such financing, including for capital expenditures, working capital or other general corporate purposes.

As a result, the risk of loss associated with a leveraged entity is generally greater than for companies with comparatively less debt. Similarly, the leveraged nature of the investments of our Real Assets funds increases the risk that a decline in the fair value of the underlying real estate or tangible assets will result in their abandonment or foreclosure.

When our private equity funds' portfolio investments reach the point when debt incurred to finance those investments matures in significant amounts and must be either repaid or refinanced, those investments may materially suffer if they have not generated sufficient cash flow to repay maturing debt and there is insufficient capacity and availability in the financing markets to permit them to refinance maturing debt on satisfactory terms, or at all. If a limited availability of financing for such purposes were to persist for an extended period of time, when significant amounts of the debt incurred to finance our CPE and Real Assets funds' portfolio investments came due, these funds could be materially and adversely affected.

Many of our Global Credit funds may choose to use leverage as part of their respective investment programs and regularly borrow a substantial amount of their capital. The use of leverage poses a significant degree of risk and enhances the possibility of a significant loss in the value of the investment portfolio. A fund may borrow money from time to time to purchase or carry securities or may enter into derivative transactions (such as total return swaps) with counterparties that have embedded leverage. The interest expense and other costs incurred in connection with such borrowing may not be recovered by

appreciation in the securities purchased or carried and will be lost, and the timing and magnitude of such losses may be accelerated or exacerbated, in the event of a decline in the market value of such securities. Gains realized with borrowed funds may cause the fund's net asset value to increase at a faster rate than would be the case without borrowings. However, if investment results fail to cover the cost of borrowings, the fund's net asset value could also decrease faster than if there had been no borrowings. Increases in interest rates could also decrease the value of fixed-rate debt investment that our investment funds make. In addition, to the extent that any changes in tax law make debt financing less attractive to certain categories of borrowers, this could adversely affect the investment opportunities for our credit-focused funds.

Any of the foregoing circumstances could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flow.

***A decline in the pace or size of investments by our carry funds could result in our receiving less revenue from transaction fees.***

The transaction fees that we earn are driven in part by the pace at which our funds make investments and the size of those investments. Any decline in that pace or the size of such investments could reduce our transaction fees and could make it more difficult for us to raise capital on our anticipated schedule. Many factors could cause such a decline in the pace of investment, including:

- the inability of our investment professionals to identify attractive investment opportunities;
- competition for such opportunities among other potential acquirers;
- decreased availability of capital on attractive terms; and
- our failure to consummate identified investment opportunities because of business, regulatory or legal complexities and adverse developments in the U.S. or global economy or financial markets.

In addition, we have confronted and expect to continue to confront requests from a variety of investors and groups representing investors to increase the percentage of transaction fees we share with our fund investors (or to decline to receive transaction fees from portfolio companies held by our funds). For example, in our newest Asia and U.S. Buyout funds, we have increased the percentage of transaction fees that are shared with fund investors from 80% to 100% of the fees we generate. Given this change, and to the extent we change our fee practices for other successor funds, we could experience a meaningful decline in the amount of transaction fee revenue we earn. See “—Our investors may negotiate to pay us lower management fees and the economic terms of our future funds may be less favorable to us than those of our existing funds, which could adversely affect our revenues.”

***The alternative asset management business is intensely competitive.***

The alternative asset management business is intensely competitive, with competition based on a variety of factors, including investment performance, business relationships, quality of service provided to investors, investor liquidity and willingness to invest, fund terms (including fees), brand recognition, types of products offered and business reputation. Our investment business, as well as our investment funds, competes with a number of private equity funds, specialized investment funds, hedge funds, corporate buyers, traditional asset managers, real estate development companies, commercial banks, investment banks and other financial institutions (as well as sovereign wealth funds and other institutional investors).

Additionally, developments in financial technology (or fintech), such as a distributed ledger technology (or blockchain), have the potential to disrupt the financial industry and change the way financial institutions, as well as asset managers, do business. A number of factors serve to increase our competitive risks:

- a number of our competitors in some of our businesses have greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources and more personnel than we do;
- some of our funds may not perform as well as competitors' funds or other available investment products;
- several of our competitors have significant amounts of capital, and many of them have similar investment objectives to ours, which may create additional competition for investment opportunities and may reduce the size and duration of pricing inefficiencies that otherwise could be exploited;

- some of these competitors (including strategic competitors) may also have a lower cost of capital and access to funding sources that are not available to us, which may create competitive disadvantages for our funds with respect to investment opportunities;
- some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances, different risk assessments or lower return thresholds than us, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of investments and to bid more aggressively than us for investments that we want to make;
- some of our competitors may be subject to less regulation and accordingly may have more flexibility to undertake and execute certain businesses or investments than we do and/or bear less compliance expense than us;
- some of our competitors may have more flexibility than us in raising certain types of investment funds under the investment management contracts they have negotiated with their investors;
- some of our competitors may have better expertise or be regarded by investors as having better expertise in a specific asset class or geographic region than we do;
- our competitors that are corporate buyers may be able to achieve synergistic cost savings in respect of an investment, which may provide them with a competitive advantage in bidding for an investment;
- our competitors have instituted or may institute low cost high speed financial applications and services based on artificial intelligence and new competitors may enter the asset management space using new investment platforms based on artificial intelligence;
- there are relatively few barriers to entry impeding the formation of new investment firms, and the successful efforts of new entrants into our various businesses, including former “star” portfolio managers at large diversified financial institutions as well as such institutions themselves, is expected to continue to result in increased competition;
- some investors may prefer to pursue investments directly instead of investing through one of our funds;
- some investors may prefer to invest with an asset manager that is not publicly traded or is smaller with only one or two investment products that it manages; and
- other industry participants may, from time to time, seek to recruit our investment professionals and other employees away from us.

We may lose investment opportunities in the future if we do not match investment prices, structures, products or terms offered by our competitors. Alternatively, we may experience decreased rates of return and increased risks of loss if we match investment prices, structures and terms offered by our competitors. Moreover, if we are forced to compete with other asset managers on the basis of price, we may not be able to maintain our current fund fee and carried interest terms. We have historically competed primarily on the performance of our funds, and not on the level of our fees or carried interest relative to those of our competitors. However, there is a risk that fees and carried interest in the asset management industry will decline, without regard to the historical performance of a manager. Fee or carried interest income reductions on existing or future funds, without corresponding decreases in our cost structure, would adversely affect our revenues and profitability. See “—Our investors may negotiate to pay us lower management fees and the economic terms of our future funds may be less favorable to us than those of our existing funds, which could adversely affect our revenues.”

The attractiveness of our investment funds relative to investments in other investment products could decrease depending on economic conditions. In addition, to the extent that any changes in tax law make debt financing less attractive to certain categories of borrowers, this could adversely affect the investment opportunities for our credit-focused funds. This competitive pressure could adversely affect our ability to make successful investments and limit our ability to raise future investment funds, either of which would adversely impact our business, revenue, results of operations and cash flow. See “—Our investors may negotiate to pay us lower management fees and the economic terms of our future funds may be less favorable to us than those of our existing funds, which could adversely affect our revenues.”

***The due diligence process that we undertake in connection with investments by our investment funds may not reveal all facts that may be relevant in connection with an investment.***

Before making private equity and other investments, we conduct due diligence that we deem reasonable and appropriate based on the known facts and circumstances applicable to each investment. The objective of the due diligence process is to identify attractive investment opportunities based on the known facts and circumstances and initial risk assessment surrounding an investment and, depending on our ownership or control of private equity investments, prepare a framework that may be used from the date of an acquisition to drive operational achievement and value creation. When conducting due diligence, we may be required to evaluate important and complex business, financial, regulatory, tax, accounting, environmental and legal issues. Outside consultants, legal advisors, accountants and investment banks may be involved in the due diligence process in varying degrees depending on the type of investment. Nevertheless, when conducting due diligence and making an assessment regarding an investment, we rely on the resources available to us, including information provided by the target of the investment and, in some circumstances, third-party investigations and analysis. The due diligence process may at times be subjective with respect to newly-organized companies for which only limited information is available. Accordingly, we cannot be certain that the due diligence investigation that we carry out with respect to any investment opportunity will reveal or highlight all relevant facts that may be necessary or helpful in evaluating such investment opportunity. The due diligence process in connection with carve-out transactions may underestimate the complexity and/or level of dependence a business has on its parent company and affiliated entities. Because a carve-out business often does not have financial statements that accurately reflect its true financial performance as a stand-alone business, due diligence assessments of such investments can be particularly difficult. Instances of fraud, accounting irregularities and other improper, illegal or deceptive practices can be difficult to detect, and fraud and other deceptive practices can be widespread in certain jurisdictions. Several of our funds invest in emerging market countries that may not have established laws and regulations that are as stringent as in more developed nations, or where existing laws and regulations may not be consistently enforced. For example, our funds invest throughout jurisdictions that have material perceptions of corruption according to international rating standards (such as “Transparency International’s Corruption Perceptions Index”) such as China, India, Indonesia, Latin America, MENA and Sub-Saharan Africa. Similarly, our funds invest in companies in the U.S. and other jurisdictions and regions with low perceived corruption but whose business may be conducted in other high-risk jurisdictions.

Due diligence on investment opportunities in these jurisdictions is frequently more complicated because consistent and uniform commercial practices in such locations may not be developed or our access to information may be very limited. Fraud, accounting irregularities and deceptive practices can be especially difficult to detect in such locations. In addition, investment opportunities may arise in companies that have historic and/or unresolved regulatory, tax, fraud or accounting related investigations, audits or inquiries and/or have been subjected to public accusations of improper behavior. However, even heightened and specific due diligence and investigations with respect to such matters may not reveal or highlight all relevant facts that may be necessary or helpful in evaluating such investment opportunity and/or will be able to accurately identify, assess and quantify settlements, enforcement actions and judgments that may arise and which could have a material adverse effect on the portfolio company’s business, financial condition and operations, as well as potential significant harm to the portfolio company’s reputation and prospects. We cannot be certain that our due diligence investigations will result in investments being successful or that the actual financial performance of an investment will not fall short of the financial projections we used when evaluating that investment. Failure to identify risks associated with our investments could have a material adverse effect on our business.

***Our funds invest in relatively high-risk, illiquid assets, and we may fail to realize any profits from these activities for a considerable period of time or lose some or all of our principal investments.***

Many of our investment funds invest in securities that are not publicly traded. In many cases, our investment funds may be prohibited by contract or by applicable securities laws from selling such securities for a period of time. Our investment funds will not be able to sell these securities publicly unless their sale is registered under applicable securities laws, or unless an exemption from such registration is available. The ability of many of our investment funds, particularly our private equity funds, to dispose of investments is heavily dependent on the public equity markets. For example, the ability to realize any value from an investment may depend upon the ability to complete an initial public offering of the portfolio company in which such investment is held. Even if the securities are publicly traded, large holdings of securities can often be disposed of only over a substantial length of time, exposing the investment returns to risks of downward movement in market prices during the intended disposition period. Moreover, because the investment strategy of many of our funds, particularly our private equity funds, often entails our having representation on our funds’ public portfolio company boards, our funds may be able to effect such sales only during limited trading windows. Additionally, certain provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws (e.g., Exchange Act Section 16) may constrain our investment funds’ ability to effect purchases or sales of publicly traded securities. Accordingly, under certain conditions, our investment funds may be forced to either sell securities at lower prices than they had expected to realize or defer, potentially for a considerable period of time, sales that they had planned to make.

We have made and expect to continue to make significant principal investments in our current and future investment funds. Contributing capital to these investment funds is subject to significant risks, and we may lose some or all of the principal amount of our investments.

***The investments of our private equity funds are subject to a number of inherent risks.***

Our results are highly dependent on our continued ability to generate attractive returns from our investments. Investments made by our private equity funds involve a number of significant risks inherent to private equity investing, including the following:

- we advise funds that invest in businesses that operate in a variety of industries that are subject to extensive domestic and foreign regulation, such as the telecommunications industry, the aerospace, defense and government services industry and the healthcare industry (including companies that supply equipment and services to governmental agencies), that may involve greater risk due to rapidly changing market and governmental conditions in those sectors;
- significant failures of our portfolio companies to comply with laws and regulations applicable to them may expose us to liabilities, fines or penalties, could affect the ability of our funds to invest in other companies in certain industries in the future and could harm our reputation;
- companies in which private equity investments are made may have limited financial resources and may be unable to meet their obligations, which may be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of their equity securities or any collateral or guarantees provided with respect to their debt;
- companies in which private equity investments are made are more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons and, as a result, the death, disability, resignation or termination of one or more of those persons could have a material adverse impact on their business and prospects and the investment made;
- companies in which private equity investments are made may be businesses or divisions acquired from larger operating entities which may require a rebuilding or replacement of financial reporting, information technology, back office and other operations;
- companies in which private equity investments are made may from time to time be parties to litigation, may be engaged in rapidly changing businesses with products subject to a substantial risk of obsolescence and may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, finance expansion or maintain their competitive position;
- companies in which private equity investments are made generally have less predictable operating results;
- instances of fraud, corruption and other deceptive practices committed by senior management of portfolio companies in which our funds invest may undermine our due diligence efforts with respect to such companies and, upon the discovery of such fraud, negatively affect the valuation of a fund's investments as well as contribute to overall market volatility that can negatively impact a fund's investment program;
- our funds may make investments that they do not advantageously dispose of prior to the date the applicable fund is dissolved, either by expiration of such fund's term or otherwise, resulting in a lower than expected return on the investments and, potentially, on the fund itself;
- our funds generally establish the capital structure of portfolio companies on the basis of the financial projections based primarily on management judgments and assumptions, and general economic conditions and other factors may cause actual performance to fall short of these financial projections, which could cause a substantial decrease in the value of our equity holdings in the portfolio company and cause our funds' performance to fall short of our expectations;
- under ERISA, a "trade or business" within a "controlled group" can be liable for the ERISA Title IV pension obligations (including withdrawal liability for union multiemployer plans) of any other member of the controlled group. This "controlled group" liability represents one of the few situations in which one entity's liability can be imposed upon another simply because the entities are united by common ownership, but in order for such joint and several liability to be imposed, two tests must be satisfied: (1) the entity on which

such liability is to be imposed must be a “trade or business” and (2) a “controlled group” relationship must exist among such entity and the pension plan sponsor or the contributing employer. While a number of cases have held that managing investments is not a “trade or business” for tax purposes, at least one federal Circuit Court case has concluded that an investment fund could be a “trade or business” for ERISA purposes (and, consequently, could be liable for underfunded pension liabilities of an insolvent portfolio company) based upon a number of factors present in that case, including the fund’s level of involvement in the management of its portfolio companies and the nature of its management fee arrangements. Ongoing litigation related to the Circuit Court’s decision suggests that additional factors may be relevant for purposes of determining whether an investment fund could face “controlled group” liability under ERISA, including the structure of the investment, and the nature of the fund’s relationship with other affiliated investors and co-investors in the portfolio company. Moreover, regardless of whether or not an investment fund is determined to be a trade or business for purposes of ERISA, a court might hold that one of the fund’s portfolio companies could become jointly and severally liable for another portfolio company’s unfunded pension liabilities pursuant to the ERISA “controlled group” rules, depending upon the relevant investment structures and ownership interests as noted above; and

- executive officers, directors and employees of an equity sponsor may be named as defendants in litigation involving a company in which a private equity investment is made or is being made.

***Our real estate funds are subject to the risks inherent in the ownership and operation of real estate and the construction and development of real estate.***

Investments in our real estate funds will be subject to the risks inherent in the ownership and operation of real estate and real estate-related businesses and assets. These risks include the following:

- those associated with the burdens of ownership of real property;
- general and local economic conditions;
- changes in supply of and demand for competing properties in an area (as a result, for instance, of overbuilding);
- fluctuations in the average occupancy and room rates for hotel and student housing properties;
- the financial resources of tenants;
- changes in building, environmental and other laws;
- failure to obtain necessary approvals and/or permits;
- energy and supply shortages;
- various uninsured or uninsurable risks;
- natural disasters;
- changes in government regulations (such as rent control);
- changes in real property tax rates and operating expenses;
- changes in interest rates;
- the reduced availability of mortgage funds which may render the sale or refinancing of properties difficult or impracticable;
- inability to meet debt obligations
- negative developments in the economy that depress travel and leasing activity;



- environmental liabilities;
- contingent liabilities on disposition of assets;
- unexpected cost overruns in connection with development projects;
- terrorist attacks, war and other factors that are beyond our control; and
- dependence on local operating partners.

In addition to real property assets, our real estate funds may also invest in real estate related operating companies such as logistics hubs and data centers. These investments are similar to the portfolio investments made by our Corporate Private Equity funds and are subject to similar risks and uncertainties as apply to those operating companies. See "—The investments of our private equity funds are subject to a number of inherent risks."

Real estate markets may experience sharp increases in capitalization rates and declines in value as a result of overall economic decline and the limited availability of financing and the value of certain investments in our real estate funds may decline significantly, as was the case in 2008 and 2009 in the United States, Europe and Japan. In addition, if our real estate funds acquire direct or indirect interests in undeveloped land or underdeveloped real property, which may often be non-income producing, they will be subject to the risks normally associated with such assets and development activities, including risks relating to the availability and timely receipt of zoning and other regulatory or environmental approvals, the cost and timely completion of construction (including risks beyond the control of our fund, such as weather or labor conditions or material shortages) and the availability of both construction and permanent financing on favorable terms. Additionally, our funds' properties are often managed by a third party, which makes us dependent upon such third parties and subjects us to risks associated with the actions of such third parties. Any of these factors may cause the value of the investments in our real estate funds to decline, which may have a material impact on our results of operations.

***We often pursue investment opportunities that involve business, regulatory, legal or other complexities.***

As an element of our investment style, we may pursue unusually complex investment opportunities. This can often take the form of substantial business, regulatory, tax, or legal complexity that would deter other asset managers. Our tolerance for complexity presents risks, as such transactions can be more difficult, expensive and time-consuming to finance and execute; it can be more difficult to manage or realize value from the assets acquired in such transactions; and such transactions sometimes entail a higher level of regulatory scrutiny or a greater risk of contingent liabilities. The complexity of these transactions could also make it more difficult to find a suitable buyer. Any of these risks could harm the performance of our funds.

***Our investment funds make investments in companies that we do not control.***

Investments by many of our investment funds will include debt instruments and equity securities of companies that we do not control. Such instruments and securities may be acquired by our investment funds through trading activities or through purchases of securities from the issuer. In addition, our funds may acquire minority equity interests in large transactions, which may be structured as "consortium transactions" due to the size of the investment and the amount of capital required to be invested. A consortium transaction involves an equity investment in which two or more private equity or other firms serve together or collectively as equity sponsors. We participated in a number of consortium transactions in prior years due to the increased size of many of the transactions in which we were involved. Consortium transactions generally entail a reduced level of control by our firm over the investment because governance rights must be shared with the other consortium sponsors. Accordingly, we may not be able to control decisions relating to a consortium investment, including decisions relating to the management and operation of the company and the timing and nature of any exit. Our funds may also dispose of a portion of their majority equity investments in portfolio companies over time in a manner that results in the funds retaining a minority investment. Those investments may be subject to the risk that the company in which the investment is made may make business, tax, legal, financial or management decisions with which we do not agree or that the majority stakeholders or the management of the company may take risks or otherwise act in a manner that does not serve our interests. If any of the foregoing were to occur, the value of investments by our funds could decrease and our financial condition, results of operations and cash flow could suffer as a result.

***Our investment funds may invest in assets denominated in currencies which differ from the currency in which the Fund is denominated.***

When our investment funds invest in assets denominated in currencies that differ from the functional currency of the relevant fund, fluctuations in currency rates could impact the performance of the investment funds. For example, Carlyle sponsors U.S. dollar-denominated funds that invest in assets denominated in foreign currencies such as our Corporate Private Equity funds in Asia, South America and Africa. In the event that the U.S. dollar appreciates, the market value of the investments in these funds will decline even if the underlying investments perform well in local currency. In addition, our Corporate Private Equity funds in Europe are Euro-denominated and may have investments denominated in U.S. Dollar, Great British Pound, or other currencies. In the event the Euro appreciates, the market value of investments in these funds would decline even if the underlying investments perform well in local currency.

We may employ hedging techniques to manage these risks, but we can offer no assurance that such strategies will be effective or tax-efficient. If we engage in hedging transactions, we may be exposed to additional risks associated with such transactions. See “—Risks Related to Our Business Operations—Risk management activities may adversely affect the return on our and our funds’ investments.” And “—Financial regulatory changes in the United States could adversely affect our business and the possibility of increased regulatory focus could result in additional burdens and expenses on our business.”

***Our funds make investments in companies that are based outside of the United States, which may expose us to additional risks not typically associated with investing in companies that are based in the United States.***

Many of our investment funds generally invest a significant portion of their assets in the equity, debt, loans or other securities of issuers that are headquartered outside of the United States, such as China, India, Indonesia, Latin America, MENA and Sub-Saharan Africa. A substantial amount of these foreign investments consist of investments made by our carry funds. For example, as of December 31, 2018, approximately 38% of the cumulative capital invested by our Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets and Global Credit carry funds was attributable to foreign investments. Investments in non-U.S. securities involve risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities, including:

- certain economic and political risks, including potential exchange control regulations and restrictions on our non-U.S. investments and repatriation of profits on investments or of capital invested, the risks of political, economic or social instability, the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation and adverse economic and political developments;
- the imposition of non-U.S. taxes on gains from the sale of investments or other distributions by our funds;
- the absence of uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements and less government supervision and regulation;
- changes in laws or clarifications to existing laws that could impact our tax treaty positions, which could adversely impact the returns on our investments;
- limitations on the deductibility of interest for income tax purposes in certain jurisdictions;
- differences in the legal and regulatory environment or enhanced legal and regulatory compliance;
- limitations on borrowings to be used to fund acquisitions or dividends;
- political hostility to investments by foreign or private equity investors, including increased risk of government expropriation;
- less liquid markets;
- reliance on a more limited number of commodity inputs, service providers and/or distribution mechanisms;
- adverse fluctuations in currency exchange rates and costs associated with conversion of investment principal and income from one currency into another;
- higher rates of inflation;

- higher transaction costs;
- less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers;
- less developed bankruptcy, limited liability company, corporate, partnership and other laws (which may have the effect of disregarding or otherwise circumventing the limited liability structures potentially causing the actions or liabilities of one fund or a portfolio company to adversely impact us or an unrelated fund or portfolio company);
- difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations;
- less stringent requirements relating to fiduciary duties;
- fewer investor protections and less publicly available information in respect of companies in non-U.S. markets; and
- greater price volatility.

We operate in numerous national and subnational jurisdictions throughout the world and are subject to complex taxation requirements that could result in the imposition of taxes in excess of any amounts that are reserved as a cash or financial statement matter for such purposes. In addition, the portfolio companies of our funds are typically subject to taxation in the jurisdictions in which they operate. It is possible that a taxing authority could take a contrary view of our tax position or there could be changes in law subsequent to the date of an investment in a particular portfolio company that will adversely affect returns from that investment, or adversely affect any prospective investments in a particular jurisdiction, for example as a result of new legislation in any such local jurisdiction affecting the deductibility of interest or other expenses related to acquisition financing.

In the event a portfolio company outside the United States experiences financial difficulties, we may consider local laws, corporate organizational structure, potential impacts on other portfolio companies in the region and other factors in developing our business response. Among other actions, we may seek to enhance the management team or make fund capital investments from our investment funds, our senior Carlyle professionals and/or us. To the extent we and/or certain of our senior Carlyle professionals fund additional capital into a company that is experiencing difficulties, we may be required to consolidate the entity into our financial statements under applicable U.S. GAAP. See “—Risks Related to Our Organizational Structure—The consolidation of investment funds, holding companies or operating businesses of our portfolio companies could make it more difficult to understand the operating performance of the Partnership and could create operational risks for the Partnership.”

Our funds’ investments that are denominated in a foreign currency will be subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies or that there will be changes in the cost of currency conversion and/or exchange control regulations. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, levels of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation and political developments. Additionally, the increase in the value of the dollar makes it more difficult for companies outside of the United States that depend on non-dollar revenues to repay or refinance their dollar liabilities and a stronger dollar also reduces the domestic value of the foreign sales and earnings of U.S.-based businesses.

Regulatory action to implement controls on foreign exchange and outbound remittances of currency could also impact the dollar value of investments proceeds, interest and dividends received by our investment funds, gains and losses realized on the sale of investments and the timing and amount of distributions, if any, made to us. For example certain Asian countries, including China have implemented stricter controls on foreign exchange and outbound remittances, and several governmental entities such as, The Peoples Bank of China (PBOC), the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE), the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) have instituted additional reporting, review and verification steps around control outbound payments on capital account items. Furthermore, in certain cases, our fund management fees are denominated in foreign currencies. With respect to those funds, we are subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies in which the fund has incurred expenses or has made investments.

***We may need to pay “giveback” obligations if and when they are triggered under the governing agreements with our investors.***

If, at the end of any of the life of our CPE, Real Assets and Global Credit carry funds (or earlier with respect to certain of our funds), the carry fund has not achieved investment returns that (in most cases) exceed the preferred return threshold or (in almost all cases) the general partner receives net profits over the life of the fund in excess of its allocable share under the applicable partnership agreement, we will be obligated to repay an amount equal to the extent to which carried interest that was previously distributed to us exceeds the amounts to which we are ultimately entitled. This repayment obligation is known as a “giveback” obligation. As of December 31, 2018, we had accrued a giveback obligation of \$63.2 million, representing the giveback obligation that would need to be paid by the firm if the carry funds were liquidated at their current fair values at that date. The majority of these repayment obligations are related to amounts previously distributed to our senior Carlyle professionals prior to the completion of our initial public offering, with respect to which our common unitholders did not receive any benefit. As of December 31, 2018, approximately \$27.2 million of the total accrued giveback obligation is attributable to Carlyle Holdings, all of which relates to the accrued giveback obligation from the Legacy Energy Funds.

When payment of a giveback obligation is anticipated (or “realized”), the portion of this liability that is expected to be borne by the unitholders (i.e., the amount not expected to be funded by Carlyle professionals) has the effect of reducing our Distributable Earnings, which therefore may result in a lower distribution to unitholders. Any remaining giveback obligation required to be funded on behalf of our funds (most of which is attributable to Energy IV) would generally be due upon the liquidation of the remaining assets from the funds.

If, as of December 31, 2018, all of the investments held by our carry funds were deemed worthless, the amount of realized and distributed carried interest subject to potential giveback would have been \$0.5 billion, on an after-tax basis where applicable. Since inception, we have paid \$154.9 million in aggregate giveback obligations, which was funded primarily through collection of employee receivables related to giveback obligations and from Carlyle professionals and other non-controlling interests for their portion of the obligation. This amount is net of \$44.7 million related to CAP II accruing carry again after payment of a full after-tax clawback in 2016.

Although a giveback obligation is several to each person who received a distribution, and not a joint obligation, the governing agreements of our funds generally provide that to the extent a recipient does not fund his or her respective share, then we may have to fund such additional amounts beyond the amount of carried interest we retained, although we generally will retain the right to pursue any remedies that we have under such governing agreements against those carried interest recipients who fail to fund their obligations. As of December 31, 2018, approximately \$36.0 million of our \$63.2 million accrued giveback obligation is attributable to various current and former senior Carlyle professionals. We have historically withheld a portion of the cash from carried interest distributions to individual senior Carlyle professionals and other employees as security for their potential giveback obligations. We may need to use or reserve cash to repay such giveback obligations instead of using the cash for other purposes. See “Part I. Item 1. Business—Structure and Operation of Our Investment Funds—Incentive Arrangements / Fee Structure” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Contractual Obligations—Contingent Obligations (Giveback)” and Notes 2 and 9 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

***Our investment funds often make common equity investments that rank junior to preferred equity and debt in a company’s capital structure.***

In most cases, the companies in which our investment funds invest have, or are permitted to have, outstanding indebtedness or equity securities that rank senior to our fund’s investment. By their terms, such instruments may provide that their holders are entitled to receive payments of dividends, interest or principal on or before the dates on which payments are to be made in respect of our investment. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of a company in which an investment is made, holders of securities ranking senior to our investment would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before distributions could be made in respect of our investment. After repaying senior security holders, the company may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying amounts owed in respect of our investment. To the extent that any assets remain, holders of claims that rank equally with our investment would be entitled to share on an equal and ratable basis in distributions that are made out of those assets. Also, during periods of financial distress or following an insolvency, the ability of our funds to influence a company’s affairs and to take actions to protect their investments may be substantially less than that of the senior creditors.

***Third-party investors in substantially all of our carry funds have the right to remove the general partner of the fund for cause, to accelerate the liquidation date of the investment fund without cause by a simple majority vote and to terminate the investment period under certain circumstances and investors in certain of the investment funds we advise may redeem their investments. These events would lead to a decrease in our revenues, which could be substantial.***

The governing agreements of almost all of our carry funds provide that, subject to certain conditions, third-party investors in those funds have the right to remove the general partner of the fund for cause or to accelerate the liquidation date of the investment fund without cause by a simple majority vote, resulting in a reduction in management fees we would earn from such investment funds and a significant reduction in the expected amounts of total carried interest and incentive fees from those funds. Carried interest and incentive fees could be significantly reduced as a result of our inability to maximize the value of investments by an investment fund during the liquidation process or in the event of the triggering of a “giveback” obligation. Finally, the applicable funds would cease to exist after completion of liquidation and winding-up. In addition, the governing agreements of certain of our investment funds provide that in the event certain “key persons” in our investment funds do not meet specified time commitments with regard to managing the fund (for example, certain of the investment professionals serving on the investment committee or advising the fund), then investors in certain funds have the right to vote to terminate the investment period by a simple majority vote in accordance with specified procedures, accelerate the withdrawal of their capital on an investor-by-investor basis, or the fund’s investment period will automatically terminate and the vote of a simple majority of investors is required to restart it. In addition to having a significant negative impact on our revenue, earnings and cash flow, the occurrence of such an event with respect to any of our investment funds would likely result in significant reputational damage to us and could negatively impact our future fundraising efforts.

The AlpInvest funds generally provide for suspension of the investment period if there is a key person event, the right of a supermajority of investors to remove the general partner with cause and, in some cases, without cause, but generally have not provided for liquidation without cause.

The latest generation of Metropolitan funds generally provide for suspension of the investment period if there is a key person event, the right of a supermajority of investors to remove the general partner with or without cause, and the right of a majority of investors to accelerate the liquidation date of the fund without cause by a simple majority vote.

Where AlpInvest and Metropolitan funds include “key person” provisions, they are focused on specific existing AlpInvest or Metropolitan personnel as applicable. While we believe that existing management have appropriate incentives to remain in their respective positions, based on equity ownership, profit participation and other contractual provisions, we are not able to guarantee the ongoing participation of the management team members in respect of the funds vehicles. In addition, certain AlpInvest and Metropolitan vehicles are structured as “fund-of-one” managed accounts which typically have a single investor or a few affiliated investors. The investor(s) in such vehicles may hold disproportionate authority over decisions reserved for third-party investors. Further, in many cases, such investors have bespoke rights allowing them to, among other things, terminate the investment period or cause a dissolution of the account or vehicle for a variety of reasons. To the extent these fund-of-one vehicles cease to invest or are dissolved, the fees generated by them may be reduced.

In addition, because our investment funds generally have an adviser that is registered under the Advisers Act, the management agreements of each of our investment funds would be terminated upon an “assignment” to a third-party of these agreements without appropriate investor consent, which assignment may be deemed to occur in the event these advisers were to experience a change of control. We cannot be certain that consents required to assignments of our investment management agreements will be obtained if a change of control occurs. “Assignment” of these agreements without investor consent could cause us to lose the fees we earn from such investment funds.

***Third-party investors in our investment funds with commitment-based structures may not satisfy their contractual obligation to fund capital calls when requested by us, which could adversely affect a fund’s operations and performance.***

Investors in our carry funds make capital commitments to those funds that we are entitled to call from those investors at any time during prescribed periods. We depend on investors fulfilling their commitments when we call capital from them in order for those funds to consummate investments and otherwise pay their obligations (for example, management fees) when due. Any investor that did not fund a capital call would generally be subject to several possible penalties, including having a significant amount of its existing investment forfeited in that fund. However, the impact of the penalty is directly correlated to the amount of capital previously invested by the investor in the fund and if an investor has invested little or no capital, for instance early in the life of the fund, then the forfeiture penalty may not be as meaningful. Investors may also negotiate for lesser or reduced penalties at the outset of the fund, thereby inhibiting our ability to enforce the funding of a capital call. Our use of subscription lines of credit to purchase an investment prior to calling capital from fund investors could increase the prevalence of defaulting limited partners. Should the value of an investment funded through a fund line-of-credit decline, especially early in a fund’s life-cycle where minimal capital has been contributed by the fund’s investors, a limited partner may

decide not to fund its commitment. In addition, third-party investors in private equity, real estate assets and venture capital funds typically use distributions from prior investments to meet future capital calls. In cases where valuations of investors' existing investments fall and the pace of distributions slows, investors may be unable to make new commitments to third-party managed investment funds such as those advised by us. If investors were to fail to satisfy a significant amount of capital calls for any particular fund or funds, the operation and performance of those funds could be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, our failure to comply with applicable pay-to-play laws, regulations and/or policies adopted by a number of states and municipal pension funds as well as the New York Attorney General's Public Pension Fund Reform Code of Conduct, may, in certain instances, excuse a public pension fund investor from its obligation to make further capital contributions relating to all or any part of an investment or allow it to withdraw from the fund. If a public pension fund investor were to seek to be excused from funding a significant amount of capital calls for any particular fund or funds, the operation and performance of those funds could be materially and adversely affected.

***Our failure to deal appropriately with conflicts of interest in our investment business could damage our reputation and adversely affect our businesses.***

As we have expanded and as we continue to expand the number and scope of our businesses, we increasingly confront potential conflicts of interest relating to our funds' investment activities. For example, a decision to acquire material, non-public information about a company while pursuing an investment opportunity for a particular fund may give rise to a potential conflict of interest that results in our having to restrict the ability of other funds to take any action. Certain of our funds, managed accounts or investment vehicles may have overlapping investment objectives, including co-investment funds and funds that have different fee structures, and potential conflicts may arise with respect to our decisions regarding how to allocate investment opportunities among those funds, managed accounts or investors. Different private equity funds may invest in a single portfolio company, for example where the fund that made an initial investment no longer has capital available to invest. We may also cause different funds that we manage to purchase different classes of securities in the same portfolio company. For example, one of our funds could acquire a debt security issued by the same company in which one of our buyout funds owns common equity securities. A direct conflict of interest could arise between the debt holders and the equity holders if such a portfolio company was to develop insolvency concerns, and that conflict would have to be carefully managed by us. It is also possible that in the event the portfolio company goes through a bankruptcy proceeding, the interests of the fund holding the debt securities may be subordinated, recharacterized or otherwise adversely affected by virtue of the involvement and actions of the fund holding the equity in the portfolio company. In such a case, the debt security could be converted into equity and the prospects of repayment greatly diminished. Conflicts of interest may also exist in the valuation of our investments and regarding decisions about the allocation of specific investment opportunities among us and our funds and the allocation of fees and costs among us, our funds and their portfolio companies and conflicts could also arise in respect of the ultimate disposition of such investments. Due to recent changes in the tax treatment of carried interest under the TCJA, conflicts of interest may arise with investors in certain of our funds in connection with the general partner's decisions with respect to the sequence and timing of disposals of investments in such funds. To the extent we fail to appropriately deal with any such conflicts, it could negatively impact our reputation and ability to raise additional funds and the willingness of counterparties to do business with us or result in regulatory liability or potential litigation against us.

***Our CLO business and investment into CLOs involves certain risks.***

CLOs may present risks similar to other types of debt obligations and, in fact, such risks may be of greater significance in the case of CLOs. For example, investments in structured vehicles, including equity and junior debt securities issued by CLOs, involve risks, including credit risk and market risk. Changes in interest rates and credit quality may cause short-term price fluctuations or longer term impairment.

In addition to the general risks associated with investing in debt securities, CLO securities carry additional risks, including, but not limited to the possibility that distributions from collateral assets will be inadequate to make interest or other payments and the quality of the collateral may decline in value, default or be downgraded. Additionally, changes in the collateral held by a CLO may cause payments on the instruments we hold to be reduced, either temporarily or permanently. Non-payment could result in a reduction of our income and revenues. CLOs are less liquid than other types of securities and may be more volatile than the assets underlying the CLOs we may target. In addition, CLOs and other structured finance securities may be subject to prepayment risk. Further, the performance of a CLO or other structured finance security is generally affected by a variety of factors, including the security's priority in the capital structure of the issuer thereof, the availability of any credit enhancement, the level and timing of payments and recoveries on and the characteristics of the underlying receivables, loans or other assets that are being securitized, remoteness of those assets from the originator or transferor, the adequacy of and ability to realize upon any related collateral and the capability of the servicer of the securitized assets. There are also the risks that the trustee of a CLO does not properly carry out its duties to the CLO, potentially resulting

in loss to the CLO. In addition, the complex structure of the security may produce unexpected investment results, especially during times of market stress or volatility. Investments in structured finance securities may also be subject to liquidity risk.

The revenues we generate from our CLO business could be negatively impacted if one or more CLOs fail certain tests related to overcollateralization set forth in their respective indentures. In the event that worsening credit conditions and/or a deterioration in loan performance generally leads to defaults or downgrades of the CLOs' underlying collateral obligations, one or more CLOs could fail one or more overcollateralization tests and/or interest diversion tests. Any such failure would result in funds otherwise available to pay the management fees we earn on such investment vehicle to instead be used to either (x) pay down the principal on the securities issued by such vehicle in an amount necessary to cause such tests to pass or (y) purchase sufficient collateral in an amount necessary to cause such CLO to pass such tests. If either of these scenarios occurred, there is the potential that the remaining funds would be insufficient to pay expected management fee on any such CLO, which would result in either a temporary deferral or permanent loss of such management fees.

***Underwriting, syndicating and securities placement activities expose us to risks.***

Both TCG Senior Funding, L.L.C. and TCG Capital Markets may act as an underwriter, syndicator or placement agent in securities offerings and/or loan syndications. If we are unable to sell securities or place loans at the anticipated price levels where we act as an underwriter, syndicator or placement agent, we may incur losses and suffer reputational harm.

As an underwriter, syndicator or placement agent, we also may be subject to potential liability for material misstatements or omissions in prospectuses and other offering documents relating to offerings we underwrite, syndicate or place.

***Risk management activities may adversely affect the return on our and our funds' investments.***

When managing our exposure to market risks, we may (on our own behalf or on behalf of our funds) from time to time use forward contracts, options, swaps, caps, collars and floors or pursue other strategies or use other forms of derivative instruments to limit our exposure to changes in the relative values of investments that may result from market developments, including changes in prevailing interest rates, currency exchange rates and commodity prices. The scope of risk management activities undertaken by us varies based on the level and volatility of interest rates, prevailing foreign currency exchange rates, the types of investments that are made and other changing market conditions. The use of hedging transactions and other derivative instruments to reduce the effects of a decline in the value of a position does not eliminate the possibility of fluctuations in the value of the position or prevent losses if the value of the position declines. Such transactions may also limit the opportunity for gain if the value of a position increases. Moreover, it may not be possible to limit the exposure to a market development that is so generally anticipated that a hedging or other derivative transaction cannot be entered into at an acceptable price. The success of any hedging or other derivative transaction generally will depend on our ability to correctly predict market changes, the degree of correlation between price movements of a derivative instrument and the position being hedged, the creditworthiness of the counterparty and other factors. As a result, while we may enter into such a transaction in order to reduce our exposure to market risks, the transaction may result in poorer overall firm or investment performance than if it had not been executed. Such transactions may also limit the opportunity for gain if the value of a hedged position increases.

While such hedging arrangements may reduce certain risks, such arrangements themselves may entail certain other risks. These arrangements may require the posting of cash collateral at a time when a fund has insufficient cash or illiquid assets such that the posting of the cash is either impossible or requires the sale of assets at prices that do not reflect their underlying value. Moreover, these hedging arrangements may generate significant transaction costs, including potential tax costs, which may reduce the returns generated by the firm or a fund. See "—Changing regulations regarding derivatives and commodity interest transactions could adversely impact various aspects of our business."

***Certain of our fund investments may be concentrated in particular asset types or geographic regions, which could exacerbate any negative performance of those funds to the extent those concentrated investments perform poorly.***

The governing agreements of our investment funds contain only limited investment restrictions and only limited requirements as to diversification of fund investments, either by geographic region or asset type. For example, we advise funds that invest predominantly in the United States, Europe, Asia, South America, Ireland, Peru, Japan, or Sub-Saharan Africa; and we advise funds that invest in a single industry sector, such as financial services, aviation and power. During periods of difficult market conditions or slowdowns in these sectors or geographic regions, decreased revenue, difficulty in obtaining access to financing and increased funding costs experienced by our funds may be exacerbated by this concentration of investments, which would result in lower investment returns for our funds. Such concentration may increase the risk that events affecting a specific geographic region or asset type will have an adverse or disparate impact on such investment funds, as compared to

funds that invest more broadly. Idiosyncratic factors impacting specific companies or securities can materially affect fund performance depending on the size of the position.

***Our energy business is involved in oil and gas exploration and development which involves a high degree of risk.***

Our energy teams focus on investments in businesses involved in oil and gas exploration and development, which can be a speculative business involving a high degree of risk, including:

- the use of new technologies;
- reliance on estimates of oil and gas reserves in the evaluation of available geological, geophysical, engineering and economic data for each reservoir;
- encountering unexpected formations or pressures, premature declines of reservoirs, blow-outs, equipment failures and other accidents in completing wells and otherwise, cratering, sour gas releases, uncontrollable flows of oil, natural gas or well fluids, adverse weather conditions, pollution, fires, spills and other environmental risks; and
- the volatility of oil and natural gas prices.

While oil prices generally increased throughout the first three quarters of 2018, global energy prices dropped markedly in the fourth quarter, with Brent crude falling by more than 40% from the beginning of October through the end of December. The drop was largely driven by a reduction in supply pressures due to exemptions to the sanctions re-imposed on Iran, short-term supply excesses, and appreciation of the U.S. dollar, which reduced demand outside of the U.S. Prices for oil and natural gas are subject to wide fluctuation in response to relatively minor changes in the supply of and demand for oil and natural gas as well as numerous additional factors such as market uncertainty, speculation, the level of consumer product demand, the refining capacity of oil purchasers, weather conditions, domestic and non-U.S. governmental regulations, appreciation or depreciation of the U.S. dollar, the price and availability of alternative fuels, political conditions in the Middle East and Africa, actions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the non-U.S. supply of oil and natural gas, the price of non-U.S. imports and overall economic conditions. In addition, changes in commodity prices can vary widely from one location to the next depending upon the characteristics of the production and the availability of gathering, transportation, processing and storage facilities used to transport the oil and gas to markets. In the event that oil prices sustain further declines, or fail to rebound meaningfully in the future, it is possible our portfolio could be adversely impacted.

Our funds may utilize special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) to make investments in the energy industry. SPACs are publicly-traded companies that raise funds from public investors through an initial public offering (IPO) of units in order to complete an initial business combination within 24 months from the date of the IPO. If a SPAC does not complete the business combination by December 2019, our investment funds will bear certain sunk costs and the SPAC will dissolve.

***Certain of our investment funds may invest in securities of companies that are experiencing significant financial or business difficulties, including companies involved in bankruptcy or other reorganization and liquidation proceedings. Such investments may be subject to a greater risk of poor performance or loss.***

Certain of our investment funds, especially our distressed and corporate opportunities funds, may invest in business enterprises involved in work-outs, liquidations, reorganizations, bankruptcies and similar transactions and may purchase high risk receivables. An investment in such business enterprises entails the risk that the transaction in which such business enterprise is involved either will be unsuccessful, will take considerable time or will result in a distribution of cash or a new security the value of which will be less than the purchase price to the fund of the security or other financial instrument in respect of which such distribution is received. In addition, if an anticipated transaction does not in fact occur, the fund may be required to sell its investment at a loss. Investments in troubled companies may also be adversely affected by U.S. federal and state laws relating to, among other things, fraudulent conveyances, voidable preferences, lender liability and a bankruptcy court's discretionary power to disallow, subordinate or disenfranchise particular claims. Investments in securities and private claims of troubled companies made in connection with an attempt to influence a restructuring proposal or plan of reorganization in a bankruptcy case may also involve substantial litigation, which has the potential to adversely impact us or unrelated funds or portfolio companies. Because there is substantial uncertainty concerning the outcome of transactions involving financially troubled companies, there is a potential risk of loss by a fund of its entire investment in such company.



***Our private equity funds' performance, and our performance, may be adversely affected by the financial performance of our portfolio companies and the industries in which our funds invest.***

Our performance and the performance of our private equity funds are significantly impacted by the value of the companies in which our funds have invested. Our funds invest in companies in many different industries, each of which is subject to volatility based upon economic and market factors. Since the global financial crisis, we have experienced and subsequent recovery has caused significant fluctuations in the value of securities held by our funds. The concomitant recession and recovery in the real economy subsequent to the global financial crisis also exerted a significant impact on overall performance activity and the demands for many of the goods and services provided by portfolio companies of the funds we advise. Although the U.S. economy has registered nine consecutive years of growth in real GDP, there remain many obstacles to continued growth in the economy such as geopolitical events, an ongoing slowdown in economic growth throughout Asia, a pullback in global trade volumes, weakening credit markets, high levels of public debt, and potential economic crises outside of the U.S. These factors and other general economic trends are likely to impact the performance of portfolio companies in many industries and in particular, industries that anticipated that global GDP would quickly return to its pre-crisis trend. In addition, the value of our investments in portfolio companies in the financial services industry is impacted by the overall health and stability of the credit markets. Continued strength of the U.S. Dollar could also increase default risk on U.S. dollar-denominated loans and bonds issued by businesses domiciled in emerging market economies (EMEs), particularly those where a disproportionate share of liabilities are denominated in U.S. Dollars. An increase in emerging markets corporate or sovereign defaults could further impair funding conditions or depress asset prices in these economies. The performance of our private equity funds, and our performance, may be adversely affected to the extent our fund portfolio companies experience adverse performance or additional pressure due to these downward trends. In addition, the performance of our funds and our portfolio companies may be adversely affected by increasing inflationary pressures and resulting increases in employee wages which may compress profit margins, particularly at our portfolio companies that are unable to increase prices to offset increases costs. With respect to real estate, various factors could have an adverse effect on investment performance, including, but not limited to, deflation in consumer prices, a low level of consumer confidence in the economy and/or the residential real estate market and rising mortgage interest rates. In response to financial difficulties that are currently being experienced or that may be experienced in the future by certain portfolio companies or real estate investments, we may consider legal, regulatory, tax or other factors in determining the steps we may take to support such companies or investments, which may include enhancing the management team or funding additional capital investments from our investment funds, our senior Carlyle professionals and/or us. The actions we may take to support companies or investments experiencing financial difficulties may not be successful in remedying the financial difficulties and our investment funds, our senior Carlyle professionals or we may not recoup some or all of any capital investments made in support of such companies or investments. To the extent we and/or certain of our senior Carlyle professionals fund additional capital into a portfolio company or real estate investment that is experiencing difficulties, we may be required to consolidate such entity into our financial statements under applicable U.S. GAAP. See “—Risks Related to Our Organizational Structure-The consolidation of investment funds, holding companies or operating businesses of our portfolio companies could make it more difficult to understand the operating performance of the Partnership and could create operational risks for the Partnership.”

***The financial projections of our portfolio companies could prove inaccurate.***

Our funds generally establish the capital structure of portfolio companies on the basis of financial projections prepared by the management of such portfolio companies. These projected operating results will normally be based primarily on judgments of the management of the portfolio companies. In all cases, projections are only estimates of future results that are based upon assumptions made at the time that the projections are developed. General economic conditions, which are not predictable, along with other factors may cause actual performance to fall short of the financial projections that were used to establish a given portfolio company's capital structure. Because of the leverage that we typically employ in our investments, this could cause a substantial decrease in the value of our equity holdings in the portfolio company. The inaccuracy of financial projections could thus cause our funds' performance to fall short of our expectations.

***Contingent liabilities could harm fund performance.***

We may cause our funds to acquire an investment that is subject to contingent liabilities. Such contingent liabilities could be unknown to us at the time of acquisition or, if they are known to us, we may not accurately assess or protect against the risks that they present. Acquired contingent liabilities could thus result in unforeseen losses for our funds. In addition, in connection with the disposition of an investment in a portfolio company, a fund may be required to make representations about the business and financial affairs of such portfolio company typical of those made in connection with the sale of a business. A fund may also be required to indemnify the purchasers of such investment to the extent that any such representations are inaccurate. These arrangements may result in the incurrence of contingent liabilities by a fund, even after the disposition of an investment. Accordingly, the inaccuracy of representations and warranties made by a fund could harm such fund's performance.

***We and our investment funds are subject to risks in using prime brokers, custodians, administrators and other agents and third-party service providers.***

We and many of our investment funds depend on the services of prime brokers, custodians, administrators and other agents and third-party service providers to carry out certain securities transactions and other business functions.

The counterparty to one or more of our or our funds' contractual arrangements could default on its obligations under the contract. If a counterparty defaults, we and our funds may be unable to take action to cover the exposure and we or one or more of our funds could incur material losses. Among other systems, our data security, data privacy, investor reporting and business continuity processes could be impacted by a third party's inability or unwillingness to perform pursuant to our arrangements with them. In addition, we could suffer legal and reputational damage from such failure to perform if we are then unable to satisfy our obligations under our contracts with third parties or otherwise and could suffer losses in the event we are unable to comply with certain other agreements.

The terms of our contracts with third parties surrounding securities transactions are often customized and complex, and many of these arrangements occur in markets or relate to products that are not subject to regulatory oversight. In particular, some of our funds utilize prime brokerage arrangements with a relatively limited number of counterparties, which has the effect of concentrating the transaction volume (and related counterparty default risk) of these funds with these counterparties.

The consolidation and elimination of counterparties resulting from the disruption in the financial markets has increased our concentration of counterparty risk and has decreased the number of potential counterparties. Our carry funds generally are not restricted from dealing with any particular counterparty or from concentrating any or all of their transactions with one counterparty. In the event of the insolvency of a party that is holding our assets or those of our funds as collateral, we and our funds may not be able to recover equivalent assets in full as we and our funds will rank among the counterparty's unsecured creditors. In addition, our and our funds' cash held with a prime broker, custodian or counterparty may not be segregated from the prime broker's, custodian's or counterparty's own cash, and we and our funds therefore may rank as unsecured creditors in relation thereto. The inability to recover our or our investment funds' assets could have a material impact on us or on the performance of our funds.

***Investments in the natural resources industry, including the infrastructure and power industries, involve various operational, construction and regulatory risks.***

Investment in infrastructure assets involves certain differentiated risks. Project revenues can be affected by a number of factors. Unanticipated changes in the availability or price of inputs necessary for the operation of infrastructure assets may adversely affect the overall profitability of the investment or related project. Events outside the control of a portfolio company, such as political action, governmental regulation, demographic changes, economic growth, increasing fuel prices, government macroeconomic policies, toll rates, social stability, competition from untolled or other forms of transportation, natural disasters, changes in weather, changes in demand for products or services, bankruptcy or financial difficulty of a major customer and acts of war or terrorism, could significantly reduce the revenues generated or significantly increase the expense of constructing, operating, maintaining or restoring infrastructure facilities. In turn, this may impair a portfolio company's ability to repay its debt, make distributions or even result in termination of an applicable concession or other agreement. Although portfolio companies may maintain insurance to protect against certain risks, where available on reasonable commercial terms (such as business interruption insurance that is intended to offset loss of revenues during an operational interruption), such insurance is subject to customary deductibles and coverage limits and may not be sufficient to recoup all of an investment's losses. Furthermore, once infrastructure assets of investments become operational, they may face competition from other infrastructure assets in the vicinity of the assets they operate, the presence of which depends in part on governmental plans and policies, over which we have no control.

Infrastructure investments are subject to substantial government regulation and governments have considerable discretion to implement regulations that could affect the business of infrastructure investing. In many instances, the operation or acquisition of infrastructure assets involves an ongoing commitment to or from a governmental agency, and the operation of infrastructure assets often relies on government permits, licenses, concessions, leases or contracts. The nature of these obligations and dependencies expose the owners of infrastructure assets to a higher level of regulatory control than typically imposed on other businesses, resulting in government entities having significant influence over such owners.

Where a portfolio company holds a concession or lease from the government, the concession or lease may restrict the portfolio company's ability to operate the business in a way that maximizes cash flows and profitability. The lease or concession may also contain clauses more favorable to the government counterparty than a typical commercial contract. For instance, the lease or concession may enable the government to terminate the lease or concession in certain circumstances without requiring payment of adequate compensation.

The development, operation and maintenance of power generation facilities involves various operational risks, which can include mechanical and structural failure, accidents, labor issues or the failure of technology to perform as anticipated. Events outside our control, such as economic developments, changes in fuel prices or the price of other feedstocks, governmental policies, demand for energy and similar events, could materially reduce the revenues generated or increase the expenses of constructing, operating, maintaining or restoring power generation businesses. Such developments could impair a portfolio company's ability to repay its debt or conduct its operations. We may also choose to or be required to decommission a power generation facility or other asset. The decommissioning process could be protracted and result in the incurrence of significant financial and/or regulatory obligations or other uncertainties.

Our natural resource portfolio companies may also face construction and operational risks typical for infrastructure and power generation infrastructure businesses, including, without limitation:

- labor disputes, work stoppages or shortages of skilled labor;
- shortages of fuels or materials;
- slower than projected construction progress and the unavailability or late delivery of necessary equipment;
- delays caused by or in obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals or permits;
- adverse weather conditions and unexpected construction conditions;
- accidents or the breakdown or failure of equipment or processes;
- difficulties in obtaining suitable or sufficient financing; and
- force majeure or catastrophic events such as explosions, fires and terrorist activities and other similar events beyond our control.

Such developments could result in substantial unanticipated delays or expenses and, under certain circumstances, and could prevent completion of construction activities once undertaken. Construction costs may exceed estimates for various reasons, including inaccurate engineering and planning, labor and building material costs in excess of expectations and unanticipated problems with project start-up. Such unexpected increases may result in increased debt service costs and funds being insufficient to complete construction. Portfolio investments under development or portfolio investments acquired to be developed may receive little or no cash flow from the date of acquisition through the date of completion of development and may experience operating deficits after the date of completion. In addition, market conditions may change during the course of development that make such development less attractive than at the time it was commenced. Any events of this nature could severely delay or prevent the completion of, or significantly increase the cost of, the construction. In addition, there are risks inherent in the construction work which may give rise to claims or demands against one of our portfolio companies from time to time. Delays in the completion of any power project may result in lost revenues or increased expenses, including higher operation and maintenance costs related to such portfolio company.

Investments in electric utility industries both in the United States and abroad continue to experience increasing competitive pressures, primarily in wholesale markets, as a result of consumer demands, technological advances, greater availability of natural gas and other factors. Changes in regulation may support not only consolidation among domestic utilities, but also the disaggregation of vertically integrated utilities into separate generation, transmission and distribution businesses. As a result, additional significant competitors could become active in the independent power industry.

We invest in companies that produce hydrocarbons. Due to concerns over the risks of climate change, a number of countries have adopted, or are considering the adoption of, regulatory frameworks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These include adoption of cap and trade regimes, carbon taxes, restrictive permitting, increased efficiency standards, and incentives or mandates for renewable energy. These requirements could be costly, lengthen project implementation times, and reduce demand for hydrocarbons, as well as shift hydrocarbon demand toward relatively lower-carbon sources such as natural gas. Current and pending greenhouse gas regulations or policies may also increase compliance costs for our portfolio companies, such as for monitoring or sequestering emissions.

The energy, infrastructure, power and natural resource sectors are subject to comprehensive United States and non-U.S. federal, state and local laws and regulations. These regulators include the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "FERC"), which has jurisdiction over the transmission and wholesale sale of electricity in interstate commerce and over the transportation, storage and certain sales of natural gas in interstate commerce, including the rates, charges and other terms and conditions for such services, respectively and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC"), the purpose of

which is to establish and enforce reliability standards applicable to all users, owners and operators of the bulk power system. These regulators derive their authority from, among other laws, the Federal Power Act, as amended (the “FPA”), The Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Natural Gas Act, as amended (the “NGA”) and state and local public utility laws. At the state level, some state laws require approval from the state commission before an electric utility operating in the state may divest or transfer electric generation facilities. Most state laws require approval from the state commission before an electric utility company operating in the state may divest or transfer distribution facilities. Failure to comply with applicable laws, rules regulations and standards could result in the prevention of operation of certain facilities or the prevention of the sale of such a facility to a third party, as well as the loss of certain rate authority, refund liability, penalties and other remedies, all of which could result in additional costs to a portfolio company and adversely affect the investment results. In addition, any legislative efforts by the current administration or Congress to overturn or modify policies or regulations enacted by the prior administration that placed limitations on coal and gas electric generation, mining and/or exploration could adversely affect our alternative energy investments. Conversely, any governmental policy changes encouraging resource extraction could have the effect of holding down energy prices, which could have a negative impact on certain of our energy investments.

Investments may not receive the initial regulatory approval or license needed to acquire or otherwise operate an investment, including after substantial costs have been incurred pursuing such investment. Additional or unanticipated regulatory approvals, including, without limitation, renewals, extensions, transfers, assignments, reissuances or similar actions, may be required to acquire or operate infrastructure assets, and additional approvals may become applicable in the future due to a change in laws and regulations, a change in the portfolio company’s customer(s) or for other reasons. Furthermore, permits or special rulings may be required on taxation, financial and regulatory related issues. There can be no assurance that a portfolio company will be able to (i) obtain all required regulatory approvals that it does not yet have or that it may require in the future, (ii) obtain any necessary modifications to existing regulatory approvals, or (iii) maintain required regulatory approvals. Any delay in obtaining or failure to obtain and maintain in full force and effect any regulatory approvals, or amendments thereto, or delay or failure to satisfy any regulatory conditions or other applicable requirements could prevent operation of a facility, sales to third parties or could result in additional costs and adversely impact the returns generated by the investment.

***Our Investment Solutions business is subject to additional risks.***

Our Investment Solutions business is subject to additional risks, including the following:

- The Investment Solutions business is subject to business and other risks and uncertainties generally consistent with our business as a whole, including without limitation legal, tax and regulatory risks, the avoidance or management of conflicts of interest and the ability to attract and retain investment professionals and other personnel, and risks associated with the acquisition of new investment platforms.
- Pursuant to our current arrangements with the various businesses, we currently restrict our participation in the investment activities undertaken by our Investment Solutions segment (including with respect to AlpInvest and Metropolitan), which may in turn limit our ability to address risks arising from their investment activities. For example, although we maintain ultimate control over AlpInvest and Metropolitan, their management teams (who are our employees) continue to exercise independent investment authority without involvement by other Carlyle personnel. For so long as these arrangements are in place, Carlyle representatives will serve on the management board of AlpInvest and Metropolitan, but we will observe substantial restrictions on our ability to access investment information or engage in day-to-day participation in the AlpInvest and Metropolitan investment businesses, including a restriction that AlpInvest and Metropolitan investment decisions are made and maintained without involvement by other Carlyle personnel and that no specific investment data, other than data on the investment performance of its investment funds and managed accounts, will be shared. Generally, we have a reduced ability to identify or respond to investment and other operational issues that may arise within the Investment Solutions business, relative to other Carlyle investment funds.
- Similar to other parts of our business, Investment Solutions is seeking to broaden its investor base by raising funds and advising separate accounts for investors on an account-by-account basis and the number and complexity of such investor mandates and fund structures has increased as a result of continuing fundraising efforts, and the activation of mandates with existing investors.
- Conflicts may arise between such Investment Solutions funds or separate managed accounts (e.g., competition for investment opportunities), and in some cases conflicts may arise between a managed account and a Carlyle fund. In addition, such managed accounts may have different or heightened standards of care, and if they invest in other investment funds sponsored by us could result in lower management fees and carried interest to us than Carlyle’s typical investment funds.

- Our Investment Solutions business is separated from the rest of the firm by an informational wall designed to prevent certain types of information from flowing from the Investment Solutions platform to the rest of the firm. This information barrier could limit the collaboration between our investment professionals with respect to specific investments.

***Tariffs imposed by the current Administration and potential for further regulatory reform may create regulatory uncertainty for our portfolio companies and our investment strategies and adversely affect the profitability of our portfolio companies.***

In March 2018, the U.S. imposed an additional 25% tariff under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended, on steel products, including stainless steel, imported into the U.S. These new tariffs, or other changes in U.S. trade policy, have resulted in, and may continue to trigger, retaliatory actions by affected countries. Certain foreign governments have instituted or are considering imposing trade sanctions on certain U.S. goods. Others are considering the imposition of sanctions that will deny U.S. companies access to critical raw materials. A "trade war" of this nature or other governmental action related to tariffs or international trade agreements or policies has the potential to further increase costs, decrease margins, reduce the competitiveness of products and services offered by current and future portfolio companies and adversely affect the revenues and profitability of companies whose businesses rely on goods imported from outside of the U.S. In addition, tariff increases may have a similar impact to our suppliers and certain other customers of our portfolio companies, which could increase the negative impact on our operating results or future cash flows.

### **Risks Related to Our Organizational Structure**

***Our common unitholders do not elect our general partner or, except in limited circumstances, vote on our general partner's directors and our common unitholders have limited ability to influence decisions regarding our business.***

Our general partner, Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., which is owned by our senior Carlyle professionals, manages all of our operations and activities. The limited liability company agreement of Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. establishes a Board of Directors that is responsible for the oversight of our business and operations. Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, our common unitholders have only limited voting rights and have no right to remove our general partner or, except in the limited circumstances described below, elect the directors of our general partner. Our common unitholders have no right to elect the directors of our general partner unless, as determined on January 31 of each year, the total voting power held by holders of the special voting units in The Carlyle Group L.P. (including voting units held by our general partner and its affiliates) in their capacity as such, or otherwise held by then-current or former Carlyle personnel (treating voting units deliverable to such persons pursuant to outstanding equity awards as being held by them), collectively, constitutes less than 10% of the voting power of the outstanding voting units of The Carlyle Group L.P. As of December 31, 2018, the percentage of the voting power of The Carlyle Group L.P. limited partners collectively held by those categories of holders and calculated in this manner was approximately 74%. Unless and until the foregoing voting power condition is satisfied, our general partner's Board of Directors will be elected in accordance with its limited liability company agreement, which provides that directors may be appointed and removed by members of our general partner holding a majority in interest of the voting power of the members, which voting power is allocated to each member ratably according to his or her aggregate relative ownership of our common units and partnership units. As a result, our common unitholders have limited ability to influence decisions regarding our business.

In addition, holders of the preferred units generally have no voting rights and have none of the voting rights given to holders of our common units, subject to certain exceptions. See "Risks Related to Our Preferred Units—Holders of the preferred units have limited voting rights."

***Our senior Carlyle professionals will be able to determine the outcome of those few matters that may be submitted for a vote of the limited partners.***

TCG Carlyle Global Partners L.L.C., an entity wholly owned by our senior Carlyle professionals, holds a special voting unit that provides it with a number of votes on any matter that may be submitted for a vote of our common unitholders (voting together as a single class on all such matters) that is equal to the aggregate number of vested and unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by the limited partners of Carlyle Holdings. As of December 31, 2018, the special voting unit held by TCG Carlyle Global Partners L.L.C. provided it with approximately 68% of the total voting power of The Carlyle Group L.P. limited partners. Accordingly, our senior Carlyle professionals generally will have sufficient voting power to determine the outcome of those few matters that may be submitted for a vote of the limited partners of The Carlyle Group L.P.

Our common unitholders' voting rights are further restricted by a provision in our partnership agreement that provides that all common units held by a person that beneficially owns 20% or more of any class of The Carlyle Group L.P. common

units then outstanding (other than our general partner and its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of our general partner or its affiliates) cannot be voted on any matter. In addition, our partnership agreement contains provisions limiting the ability of our common unitholders to call meetings or to acquire information about our operations, as well as other provisions limiting the ability of our common unitholders to influence the manner or direction of our management. Our partnership agreement also does not restrict our general partner's ability to take actions that may result in our being treated as an entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal (and applicable state) income tax purposes. Furthermore, the common unitholders are not entitled to dissenters' rights of appraisal under our partnership agreement or applicable Delaware law in the event of a merger or consolidation, a sale of substantially all of our assets or any other transaction or event.

As a result of these matters and the provisions referred to under "— Our common unitholders do not elect our general partner or, except in limited circumstances, vote on our general partner's directors and our common unitholders have limited ability to influence decisions regarding our business," our common unitholders may be deprived of an opportunity to receive a premium for their common units in the future through a sale of The Carlyle Group L.P., and the trading prices of our common units may be adversely affected by the absence or reduction of a takeover premium in the trading price.

In addition, holders of our preferred units generally have no voting rights and do not have any of the voting rights given to holders of our common units, subject to certain exceptions. See "Risks Related to Our Preferred Units— Holders of the preferred units have limited voting rights."

***We are permitted to repurchase all of the outstanding common units under certain circumstances, and this repurchase may occur at an undesirable time or price.***

We have the right to acquire all of our then-outstanding common units at the then-current trading price either if 10% or less of our common units is held by persons other than our general partner and its affiliates or if we are required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act. As a result of our general partner's right to purchase outstanding common units, a holder of common units may have his common units purchased at an undesirable time or price.

***We are a limited partnership and as a result qualify for and intend to continue to rely on exceptions from certain corporate governance and other requirements under the rules of the Nasdaq Global Select Market.***

We are a limited partnership and qualify for exceptions from certain corporate governance and other requirements of the rules of the Nasdaq Global Select Market. Pursuant to these exceptions, limited partnerships may elect not to comply with certain corporate governance requirements of the Nasdaq Global Select Market, including the requirements (1) that a majority of the Board of Directors of our general partner consist of independent directors, (2) that we have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors, (3) that the compensation committee be required to consider certain independence factors when engaging compensation consultants, legal counsel and other committee advisors, (4) that we have independent director oversight of director nominations, and (5) that we obtain unitholder approval for (a) certain private placements of units that equal or exceed 20% of the outstanding common units or voting power, (b) certain acquisitions of stock or assets of another company or (c) a change of control transaction. In addition, we are not required to hold annual meetings of our common unitholders. We intend to continue to avail ourselves of these exceptions. Accordingly, common unitholders generally do not have the same protections afforded to equityholders of entities that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

***Potential conflicts of interest may arise among our general partner, its affiliates and us. Our general partner and its affiliates have limited fiduciary duties to us and our common and preferred unitholders, which may permit them to favor their own interests to the detriment of us and our common and preferred unitholders.***

Conflicts of interest may arise among our general partner and its affiliates, on the one hand, and us and our common unitholders, on the other hand. As a result of these conflicts, our general partner may favor its own interests and the interests of its affiliates over the interests of our common and preferred unitholders. These conflicts include, among others, the following:

- our general partner determines the amount and timing of our investments and dispositions, indebtedness, issuances of additional partnership interests and amounts of reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is available for distribution to common and preferred unitholders;
- our general partner is allowed to take into account the interests of parties other than us and the common and preferred unitholders in resolving conflicts of interest, which has the effect of limiting its duties (including fiduciary duties) to our common and preferred unitholders. For example, our subsidiaries that serve as the general partners of our investment funds have certain duties and obligations to those funds and their investors

as a result of which we expect to regularly take actions in a manner consistent with such duties and obligations but that might adversely affect our near term results of operations or cash flow;

- because our senior Carlyle professionals hold their Carlyle Holdings partnership units directly or through entities that are not subject to corporate income taxation and The Carlyle Group L.P. holds Carlyle Holdings partnership units through wholly owned subsidiaries, some of which are subject to corporate income taxation, conflicts may arise between our senior Carlyle professionals and The Carlyle Group L.P. relating to the selection, structuring and disposition of investments and other matters. For example, the earlier disposition of assets following an exchange or acquisition transaction by a limited partner of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships generally will accelerate payments under the tax receivable agreement and increase the present value of such payments, and the disposition of assets before an exchange or acquisition transaction will increase the tax liability of a limited partner of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships without giving rise to any rights of a limited partner of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships to receive payments under the tax receivable agreement;
- our partnership agreement does not prohibit affiliates of the general partner, including its owners, from engaging in other businesses or activities, including those that might directly compete with us;
- our general partner has limited its liability and reduced or eliminated its duties (including fiduciary duties) under the partnership agreement, while also restricting the remedies available to our common and preferred unitholders for actions that, without these limitations, might constitute breaches of duty (including fiduciary duty). In addition, we have agreed to indemnify our general partner and its affiliates to the fullest extent permitted by law, except with respect to conduct involving bad faith, fraud or willful misconduct. By purchasing our common and preferred units, common and preferred unitholders have agreed and consented to the provisions set forth in our partnership agreement, including the provisions regarding conflicts of interest situations that, in the absence of such provisions, might constitute a breach of fiduciary or other duties under applicable state law;
- our partnership agreement will not restrict our general partner from causing us to pay it or its affiliates for any services rendered, or from entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf, so long as our general partner agrees to the terms of any such additional contractual arrangements in good faith as determined under the partnership agreement;
- our general partner determines how much we pay for acquisition targets and the structure of such consideration, including whether to incur debt to fund the transaction, whether to issue units as consideration and the number of units to be issued and the amount and timing of any earn-out payments;
- our general partner determines whether to waive certain restrictions relating to such units pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Agreement;
- our general partner determines how much debt we incur and whether to issue preferred securities and those decisions may adversely affect our credit ratings;
- our general partner determines which costs incurred by it and its affiliates are reimbursable by us;
- our general partner controls the enforcement of obligations owed to us by it and its affiliates; and
- our general partner decides whether to retain separate counsel, accountants or others to perform services for us.

See “Part III. Item 13. Certain Relationships, Related Transactions and Director Independence” and “Part III. Items 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance—Committees of the Board of Directors—Conflicts Committee.”

***Our partnership agreement contains provisions that reduce or eliminate duties (including fiduciary duties) of our general partner and limit remedies available to common and preferred unitholders for actions that might otherwise constitute a breach of duty. It will be difficult for a preferred or common unitholder to successfully challenge a resolution of a conflict of interest by our general partner or by its conflicts committee.***

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that waive or consent to conduct by our general partner and its affiliates that might otherwise raise issues about compliance with fiduciary duties or applicable law. For example, our partnership agreement provides that when our general partner is acting in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner, it may act without any fiduciary obligations to us or our common and preferred unitholders whatsoever. When our general partner, in its capacity as our general partner, is permitted to or required to make a decision in its “sole discretion” or “discretion” or pursuant to any provision of our partnership agreement not subject to an express standard of “good faith,” then our general partner is entitled to consider only such interests and factors as it desires, including its own interests, and has no duty or obligation (fiduciary or otherwise) to give any consideration to any interest of or factors affecting us or any limited partners and will not be subject to any different standards imposed by the partnership agreement, otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise.

The modifications of fiduciary duties contained in our partnership agreement are expressly permitted by Delaware law. Hence, we and our common and preferred unitholders only have recourse and are able to seek remedies against our general partner if our general partner breaches its obligations pursuant to our partnership agreement. Unless our general partner breaches its obligations pursuant to our partnership agreement, we and our common and preferred unitholders do not have any recourse against our general partner even if our general partner were to act in a manner that was inconsistent with traditional fiduciary duties. Furthermore, even if there has been a breach of the obligations set forth in our partnership agreement, our partnership agreement provides that our general partner and its officers and directors are not be liable to us or our common and preferred unitholders for errors of judgment or for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that the general partner or its officers and directors acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. These modifications are detrimental to the common and preferred unitholders because they restrict the remedies available to common and preferred unitholders for actions that without those limitations might constitute breaches of duty (including fiduciary duty).

Whenever a potential conflict of interest exists between us, any of our subsidiaries or any of our partners, and our general partner or its affiliates, our general partner may resolve such conflict of interest. Our general partner’s resolution of the conflict of interest will conclusively be deemed approved by the partnership and all of our partners, and not to constitute a breach of the partnership agreement or any duty, unless the general partner subjectively believes such determination or action is opposed to the best interests of the partnership. A preferred or common unitholder seeking to challenge this resolution of the conflict of interest would bear the burden of proving that the general partner subjectively believed that such resolution was opposed to the best interests of the partnership. This is different from the situation with Delaware corporations, where a conflict resolution by an interested party would be presumed to be unfair and the interested party would have the burden of demonstrating that the resolution was fair.

Also, if our general partner obtains the approval of the conflicts committee of our general partner, any determination or action by the general partner will be conclusively deemed to be made or taken in good faith and not a breach by our general partner of the partnership agreement or any duties it may owe to us or our common and preferred unitholders. This is different from the situation with Delaware corporations, where a conflict resolution by a committee consisting solely of independent directors may, in certain circumstances, merely shift the burden of demonstrating unfairness to the plaintiff. Common and preferred unitholders, in purchasing our common and preferred units, are deemed as having consented to the provisions set forth in our partnership agreement, including the provisions regarding conflicts of interest situations that, in the absence of such provisions, might constitute a breach of fiduciary or other duties under applicable state law. As a result, common and preferred unitholders will, as a practical matter, not be able to successfully challenge an informed decision by the conflicts committee. See “Part III. Item 13. Certain Relationships, Related Transactions and Director Independence” and “Part III. Items 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance—Committees of the Board of Directors—Conflicts Committee.”

***The control of our general partner may be transferred to a third party without common unitholder consent.***

Our general partner may transfer its general partner interest to a third party in a merger or consolidation without the consent of our common unitholders. Furthermore, at any time, the members of our general partner may sell or transfer all or part of their limited liability company interests in our general partner without the approval of the common unitholders, subject to certain restrictions as described elsewhere in this annual report. A new general partner may not be willing or able to form new investment funds and could form funds that have investment objectives and governing terms that differ materially from those of our current investment funds. A new owner could also have a different investment philosophy, employ investment professionals who are less experienced, be unsuccessful in identifying investment opportunities or have a track record that is



not as successful as Carlyle's track record. If any of the foregoing were to occur, we could experience difficulty in making new investments, and the value of our existing investments, our business, our results of operations and our financial condition could materially suffer.

***We intend to pay periodic distributions to our common and preferred unitholders, but our ability to do so may be limited by our cash flow from operations and available liquidity, holding partnership structure, applicable provisions of Delaware law and contractual restrictions and obligations.***

The Carlyle Group L.P. is a holding partnership and has no material assets other than the ownership of the partnership units in Carlyle Holdings held through wholly owned subsidiaries. The Carlyle Group L.P. has no independent means of generating revenue. Accordingly, we intend to cause Carlyle Holdings to make distributions to its partners, including The Carlyle Group L.P.'s wholly owned subsidiaries, to fund any distributions The Carlyle Group L.P. may declare on the common units. If Carlyle Holdings makes such distributions, the limited partners of Carlyle Holdings will be entitled to receive equivalent distributions pro rata based on their partnership interests in Carlyle Holdings. Because Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. must pay taxes and make payments under the tax receivable agreement, the amounts ultimately distributed by The Carlyle Group L.P. to common unitholders are generally expected to be less, on a per unit basis, than the amounts distributed by the Carlyle Holdings partnerships to the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships in respect of their Carlyle Holdings partnership units. In addition, each Carlyle Holdings partnership has issued a series of preferred units (the "GP Mirror Units") with economic terms designed to mirror those of the Series A Preferred Units. The GP Mirror Units pay the same 5.875% rate per annum to our wholly-owned subsidiaries, including Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., that we pay on our Series A Preferred Units. Although income allocated in respect of distributions on the GP Mirror Units made to Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. is subject to tax, cash distributions to the holders of Series A Preferred Units will not be reduced on account of any income owed by Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc.

The declaration and payment of any distributions is at the sole discretion of our general partner, which may change our distribution policy at any time. There can be no assurance that any distributions, whether quarterly or otherwise, will or can be paid. Our ability to make cash distributions to our common unitholders depends on a number of factors, including among other things, general economic and business conditions, our strategic plans and prospects, our business and investment opportunities, our financial condition and operating results, working capital requirements and anticipated cash needs, contractual restrictions and obligations, including fulfilling our current and future capital commitments, legal, tax and regulatory restrictions, restrictions and other implications on the payment of distributions by us to our common unitholders or by our subsidiaries to us, payments required pursuant to the tax receivable agreement and such other factors as our general partner may deem relevant. The declaration and payment of any distributions may cause us to forego otherwise attractive opportunities and investments which could adversely affect the market price of our common units. Conversely, to the extent that we determine to suspend or reduce the amount of distributions paid in order to retain cash for investment purposes, working capital reserves or other purposes, the market price of our common units may also be adversely impacted.

Our preferred units rank senior to our common units with respect to the payment of distributions. Subject to certain exceptions, unless distributions have been declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment on the preferred units for a quarterly distribution period, during the remainder of that distribution period we may not declare or pay or set apart payment for distributions on any units of the Partnership that are junior to the preferred units, including our common units, and we may not repurchase any such junior units. Distributions on the Series A Preferred Units will reduce after-tax Distributable Earnings.

Distributions on the preferred units are discretionary and non-cumulative. See "Risks Related to Our Preferred Units—Distributions on the preferred units are discretionary and non-cumulative."

Under the Delaware Limited Partnership Act, we may not make a distribution to a partner if after the distribution all our liabilities, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specific property of the partnership, would exceed the fair value of our assets. If we were to make such an impermissible distribution, any limited partner who received a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution was in violation of the Delaware Limited Partnership Act would be liable to us for the amount of the distribution for three years. In addition, the terms of our credit facility or other financing arrangements may from time to time include covenants or other restrictions that could constrain our ability to make distributions.

***We are required to pay the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships for most of the benefits relating to any additional tax depreciation or amortization deductions that we may claim as a result of the tax basis step-up we receive in connection with subsequent sales or exchanges of Carlyle Holdings partnership units and related transactions. In certain cases, payments made under the tax receivable agreement to the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships may be accelerated and/or significantly exceed the actual tax benefits we realize and our ability to make payments under the tax receivable agreement may be limited by our structure.***

Limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, may, subject to the terms of the exchange agreement and the Carlyle Holdings partnership agreements, exchange their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for The Carlyle Group L.P. common units on a one-for-one basis. A Carlyle Holdings limited partner must exchange one partnership unit in each of the three Carlyle Holdings partnerships to effect an exchange for a common unit. The exchanges are expected to result in increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of Carlyle Holdings. These increases in tax basis may increase (for tax purposes) depreciation and amortization deductions. Such tax deductions are expected to reduce the amount of tax that Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. and any other entity which may in the future pay taxes and become obligated to make payments under the tax receivable agreement as described below, which we refer to as the “corporate taxpayers,” would otherwise be required to pay in the future, although the IRS may challenge all or part of that tax basis increase, and a court could sustain such a challenge.

We have entered into a tax receivable agreement with the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships that provides for payment by the corporate taxpayers to such owners of 85% of the amount of cash savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state and local income tax or foreign or franchise tax that the corporate taxpayers realize (or are deemed to realize in the case of an early termination payment by the corporate taxpayers or a change of control, as discussed below) as a result of these increases in tax basis and of certain other tax benefits related to our entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement. This payment obligation is an obligation of the corporate taxpayers and not of Carlyle Holdings. While the actual increase in tax basis, as well as the amount and timing of any payments under this agreement, will vary depending upon a number of factors, we expect that as a result of the size of the increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of Carlyle Holdings, the payments that we may make pursuant to the tax receivable agreement will be substantial. The factors include:

- *the timing of exchanges* — for instance, the increase in any tax deductions will vary depending on the fair value, which may fluctuate over time, of the depreciable or amortizable assets of Carlyle Holdings at the time of each exchange;
- *the price of our common units at the time of the exchange* — the increase in any tax deductions, as well as the tax basis increase in other assets, of Carlyle Holdings, is directly proportional to the price of our common units at the time of the exchange;
- *the extent to which such exchanges are taxable* — if an exchange is not taxable for any reason, increased deductions will not be available;
- *the amount and timing of our income* — the corporate taxpayers will be required to pay 85% of the cash tax savings as and when realized, if any. If the corporate taxpayers do not have taxable income (without the tax receivable agreement related tax deductions), the corporate taxpayers are not required (absent a change of control or other circumstances requiring an early termination payment) to make payments under the tax receivable agreement for that taxable year because no cash tax savings will have been realized. However, any cash tax savings that do not result in realized benefits in a given tax year will likely generate tax attributes that may be utilized to generate benefits in previous or future tax years. The utilization of such tax attributes will result in payments under the tax receivables agreement; and
- *tax rate and tax legislation* - the impact of changes in tax rates or tax legislation may impact the tax paid, which would modify the amount paid under the agreement. For example the TCJA included permanent reduction in the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, which will likely reduce future amounts to be paid under the agreement with respect to tax years beginning in 2018. In addition, there are numerous other provisions which may also have an impact on the amount of tax to be paid.

The payments under the tax receivable agreement are not conditioned upon the tax receivable agreement counterparties’ continued ownership of us. In the event that The Carlyle Group L.P. or any of its wholly owned subsidiaries that are not treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes become taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, these entities will also be obligated to make payments under the tax receivable agreement on the same basis and to

the same extent as the corporate taxpayers, and could impact future amounts to be paid pursuant to the tax receivable agreement.

The tax receivable agreement provides that upon certain changes of control, or if, at any time, the corporate taxpayers elect an early termination of the tax receivable agreement, the corporate taxpayers' obligations under the tax receivable agreement (with respect to all Carlyle Holdings partnership units whether or not previously exchanged) would be calculated by reference to the value of all future payments that the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships would have been entitled to receive under the tax receivable agreement using certain valuation assumptions, including that the corporate taxpayers' will have sufficient taxable income to fully utilize the deductions arising from the increased tax deductions and tax basis and other benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement and, in the case of an early termination election, that any Carlyle Holdings partnership units that have not been exchanged are deemed exchanged for the market value of the common units at the time of termination. Assuming that the market value of a common unit was equal to \$15.75 per common unit, which was the closing price per common unit on December 31, 2018, and that LIBOR were to be 3.18%, we estimate that the aggregate amount of these termination payments would be approximately \$458 million if the corporate taxpayers were to exercise their termination right.

The foregoing number is merely an estimate and the actual payments could differ materially. In addition, the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships will not reimburse us for any payments previously made under the tax receivable agreement if such tax basis increase is successfully challenged by the IRS. The corporate taxpayers' ability to achieve benefits from any tax basis increase, and the payments to be made under this agreement, will depend upon a number of factors, including the timing and amount of our future income. As a result, even in the absence of a change of control or an election to terminate the tax receivable agreement, payments to the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships under the tax receivable agreement could be in excess of the corporate taxpayers' actual cash tax savings.

Accordingly, it is possible that the actual cash tax savings realized by the corporate taxpayers may be significantly less than the corresponding tax receivable agreement payments. There may be a material negative effect on our liquidity if the payments under the tax receivable agreement exceed the actual cash tax savings that the corporate taxpayers realize in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement and/or distributions to the corporate taxpayers by Carlyle Holdings are not sufficient to permit the corporate taxpayers to make payments under the tax receivable agreement after they have paid taxes and other expenses. We may need to incur debt to finance payments under the tax receivable agreement to the extent our cash resources are insufficient to meet our obligations under the tax receivable agreement as a result of timing discrepancies or otherwise.

See "Part III. Item 13. Certain Relationships, Related Transactions and Director Independence—Tax Receivable Agreement."

***If The Carlyle Group L.P. were deemed to be an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act, applicable restrictions could make it impractical for us to continue our business as contemplated and could have a material adverse effect on our business.***

An entity generally will be deemed to be an "investment company" for purposes of the Investment Company Act if:

- it is or holds itself out as being engaged primarily, or proposes to engage primarily, in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities; or
- absent an applicable exemption, it owns or proposes to acquire investment securities having a value exceeding 40% of the value of its total assets (exclusive of U.S. government securities and cash items) on an unconsolidated basis.

We believe that we are engaged primarily in the business of providing asset management services and not in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities. We hold ourselves out as an asset management firm and do not propose to engage primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities. Accordingly, we do not believe that The Carlyle Group L.P. is an "orthodox" investment company as defined in section 3(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act and described in the first bullet point above. Furthermore, The Carlyle Group L.P. does not have any material assets other than its interests in certain wholly owned subsidiaries, which in turn have no material assets other than general partner interests in the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. These wholly owned subsidiaries are the sole general partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships and are vested with all management and control over the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. We do not believe that the equity interests of The Carlyle Group L.P. in its wholly owned subsidiaries or the general partner interests of these wholly owned subsidiaries in the Carlyle Holdings partnerships are investment securities. Moreover, because we believe that the capital interests of the general partners of our funds in their respective funds are neither securities nor investment securities, we believe

that less than 40% of The Carlyle Group L.P.'s total assets (exclusive of U.S. government securities and cash items) on an unconsolidated basis are composed of assets that could be considered investment securities. Accordingly, we do not believe that The Carlyle Group L.P. is an inadvertent investment company by virtue of the 40% test in section 3(a)(1)(C) of the Investment Company Act as described in the second bullet point above. In addition, we believe that The Carlyle Group L.P. is not an investment company under section 3(b)(1) of the Investment Company Act because it is primarily engaged in a non-investment company business.

The Investment Company Act and the rules thereunder contain detailed parameters for the organization and operation of investment companies. Among other things, the Investment Company Act and the rules thereunder limit or prohibit transactions with affiliates, impose limitations on the issuance of debt and equity securities, generally prohibit the issuance of options and impose certain governance requirements. We intend to conduct our operations so that The Carlyle Group L.P. will not be deemed to be an investment company under the Investment Company Act. If anything were to happen which would cause The Carlyle Group L.P. to be deemed to be an investment company under the Investment Company Act, requirements imposed by the Investment Company Act, including limitations on our capital structure, ability to transact business with affiliates (including us) and ability to compensate key employees, could make it impractical for us to continue our business as currently conducted, impair the agreements and arrangements between and among The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings and our senior Carlyle professionals, or any combination thereof, and materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, we may be required to limit the amount of investments that we make as a principal or otherwise conduct our business in a manner that does not subject us to the registration and other requirements of the Investment Company Act.

***Changes in accounting standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) or other standard-setting bodies may adversely affect our financial statements.***

Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP as defined in the Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) of the FASB. From time to time, we are required to adopt new or revised accounting standards or guidance that are incorporated into the ASC. It is possible that future accounting standards we are required to adopt could change the current accounting treatment that we apply to our consolidated financial statements and that such changes could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

For instance, in the last three years, the FASB has issued several accounting standard updates that will change (or have already changed) how we account for and report significant areas of our business. On January 1, 2016, we changed the way we evaluate certain legal entities for consolidation. This accounting standard update reduced the number of funds we consolidate and reduced our total assets, total liabilities and total partners' capital. Further, in May 2014, the FASB issued a final accounting standard that changes the way entities recognize revenue in their financial statements. Upon adoption of the revenue recognition guidance on January 1, 2018, we changed the way we account for performance-based capital allocations to the Partnership. We applied this change on a full retrospective basis, which resulted in the reclassification of amounts related to performance fees on our consolidated financial statements, as discussed in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Additionally, in February 2016, the FASB issued a final accounting standard that will require us to recognize virtually all of our leases on our consolidated balance sheet. This accounting change is effective January 1, 2019 and we expect that our total assets and total liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet to increase upon adoption of this accounting guidance.

The changes to U.S. GAAP will also impose special demands on entities in the areas of governance, employee training, internal controls and disclosure.

***The consolidation of investment funds, holding companies or operating businesses of our portfolio companies could make it more difficult to understand the operating performance of the Partnership and could create operational risks for the Partnership.***

Under applicable U.S. GAAP standards, we may be required to consolidate certain of our investment funds, holding companies or operating businesses if we determine that these entities are VIEs and that the Partnership is the primary beneficiary of the VIE. The consolidation of such entities could make it difficult for an investor to differentiate the assets, liabilities, and results of operations of the Partnership apart from the assets, liabilities, and results of operations of the consolidated VIEs. The assets of the consolidated VIEs are not available to meet our liquidity requirements and similarly we generally have not guaranteed or assumed any obligation for repayment of the liabilities of the consolidated VIEs.

As of December 31, 2018 (and subsequent to the January 1, 2016, adoption of an accounting standard that changed the way we evaluate certain legal entities for consolidation as discussed in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included

in this Annual Report on Form 10-K), the total assets and liabilities of the consolidated VIEs reflected in the consolidated balance sheets were \$5.7 billion and \$5.5 billion, respectively.

As a public entity, we are subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, as amended, and requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”). The Exchange Act requires that we file annual, quarterly and current reports with respect to our business and financial condition, and provide an annual assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that we maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting. In order to maintain and improve the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting as required by the Exchange Act, significant resources and management oversight are required. We have implemented procedures and processes for the purpose of addressing the standards and requirements applicable to public companies. The VIEs that we consolidate as the primary beneficiary are, subject to certain transition guidelines, included in our annual assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. As a result, we will need to continue to implement and oversee procedures and processes to integrate such operations into our internal control structure. If we are not able to implement or maintain the necessary procedures and processes, we may be unable to report our financial information on a timely or accurate basis and could be subject adverse consequences, including sanctions by the SEC or violations of applicable Nasdaq listing rules, and could result in a breach of the covenants under the agreements governing our financing arrangements. There could also be a negative reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of investor confidence in us and the reliability of our financial statements.

### **Risks Related to Our Common Units**

#### ***The market price of our common units may decline due to the large number of common units eligible for exchange and future sale.***

The market price of our common units could decline as a result of sales of a large number of common units in the market in the future or the perception that such sales could occur. These sales, or the possibility that these sales may occur, also might make it more difficult for us to sell common units in the future at a time and at a price that we deem appropriate. Subject to the restrictions described below, we may issue and sell in the future additional common units. Since our initial public offering, we have issued 4,500,000 common units in primary offerings and have granted 64,675,451 deferred restricted common units as of December 31, 2018. The issuance of additional equity securities or securities convertible into equity securities would also result in dilution of our existing unitholders’ equity interest. The issuance of the additional common units, the sale of common units upon the exchange of Carlyle Holdings partnership units and the vesting and sale of the deferred restricted common units could cause the market price of our common units to decline.

As of December 31, 2018, limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships owned an aggregate of 230,977,836 Carlyle Holdings partnership units. Pursuant to the exchange agreement with the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, the limited partners may, subject to any applicable remaining vesting and minimum retained ownership requirements and other transfer restrictions applicable to such limited partners as set forth in the partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, on a quarterly basis (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement), exchange their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for our common units on a one-for-one basis, which exchanges began in the second quarter of 2017. Of the total units in the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, entities affiliated with Mubadala Development Company, an Abu Dhabi-based strategic development and investment company (“Mubadala”) owned 23,517,939 Carlyle Holdings partnership units as of December 31, 2018. Mubadala is generally entitled to exchange Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units at any time (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement). Common units received upon an exchange of Carlyle Holdings partnership units are eligible for immediate sale.

We have entered into registration rights agreements with the limited partners of Carlyle Holdings that generally require us to register these common units under the Securities Act. See “Part III. Item 13. Certain Relationships, Related Transactions and Director Independence—Registration Rights Agreements.” Provisions of the partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships and related agreements that contractually restrict the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships’ ability to transfer the Carlyle Holdings partnership units or The Carlyle Group L.P. common units they hold may lapse over time or be waived, modified or amended at any time.

Under our Equity Incentive Plan, we have granted 64,675,451 deferred restricted common units as of December 31, 2018. Additional common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units will be available for future grant under our Equity Incentive Plan, which plan provides for automatic annual increases in the number of units available for future issuance. We have filed several registration statements and intend to file additional registration statements on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register common units or securities convertible into or exchangeable for common units issued or available for future

grant under our Equity Incentive Plan (including pursuant to automatic annual increases). Any such Form S-8 registration statement will automatically become effective upon filing. Accordingly, common units registered under such registration statement will be available for sale in the open market. Morgan Stanley, our equity plan service provider, may, from time to time, act as a broker, dealer, or agent for, or otherwise facilitate sales in the open market through block transactions or otherwise of our common units on behalf of, plan participants, including in connection with sales of common units to fund tax obligations payable in connection with the vesting of awards under our Equity Incentive Plan.

In addition, our partnership agreement authorizes us to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to partnership securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions established by our general partner in its sole discretion without the approval of any limited partners. In accordance with the Delaware Limited Partnership Act and the provisions of our partnership agreement, we may also issue additional partnership interests that have certain designations, preferences, rights, powers and duties that are different from, and may be senior to, those applicable to common units. Similarly, the Carlyle Holdings partnership agreements authorize the wholly owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. which are the general partners of those partnerships to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships with certain designations, preferences, rights, powers and duties that are different from, and may be senior to, those applicable to the Carlyle Holdings partnerships units, and which may be exchangeable for our common units.

***If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about our business, or if they downgrade their recommendations regarding our common units, our stock price and trading volume could decline.***

The trading market for our common units is influenced by the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about us or our business. If any of the analysts who cover us downgrades our common units or publishes inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our common unit stock price may decline. If analysts cease coverage of us or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our common unit stock price or trading volume to decline and our common units to be less liquid.

***The market price of our common units may be volatile, which could cause the value of your investment to decline.***

Our common units may trade less frequently than those of certain more mature companies due to the limited number of common units outstanding. Due to such limited trading volume, the price of our common units may display abrupt or erratic movements at times. Additionally, it may be more difficult for investors to buy and sell significant amounts of our common units without an unfavorable impact on prevailing market prices.

Even if a trading market develops, the market price of our common units may be highly volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations. Securities markets worldwide experience significant price and volume fluctuations. This market volatility, as well as general economic, market or political conditions, could reduce the market price of common units in spite of our operating performance. In addition, our operating results could be below the expectations of public market analysts and investors due to a number of potential factors, including variations in our quarterly operating results or distributions to unitholders, additions or departures of key management personnel, failure to meet analysts' earnings estimates, publication of research reports about our industry, litigation and government investigations, changes or proposed changes in laws or regulations or differing interpretations or enforcement thereof affecting our business, adverse market reaction to any indebtedness we may incur or securities we may issue in the future, changes in market valuations of similar companies or speculation in the press or investment community, announcements by our competitors of significant contracts, acquisitions, dispositions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments, adverse publicity about the industries in which we participate or individual scandals, and in response the market price of our common units could decrease significantly. You may be unable to resell your common units at or above the price you paid for them.

In the past few years, stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. In the past, following periods of volatility in the overall market and the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against public companies. This type of litigation, if instituted against us, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources.

#### **Risks Related to our Preferred Units**

***The market price of the preferred units could be adversely affected by various factors.***

The market price for the preferred units may fluctuate based on a number of factors, including:

- the trading price of our common units;

- the incurrence of additional indebtedness or additional issuances of other series or classes of preferred units;
- whether we declare or fail to declare distributions on the preferred units from time to time and our ability to make distributions under the terms of our indebtedness;
- our creditworthiness, results of operations and financial condition;
- the credit ratings of the preferred units;
- the prevailing interest rates or rates of return being paid by other companies similar to us and the market for similar securities; and
- economic, financial, geopolitical, regulatory or judicial events that affect us or the financial markets generally.

Our performance, market conditions and prevailing interest rates have fluctuated in the past and can be expected to fluctuate in the future. Fluctuations in these factors could have an adverse effect on the price and liquidity of the preferred units. In general, as market interest rates rise, securities with fixed interest rates or fixed distribution rates, such as the preferred units, decline in value. Consequently, if you purchase the preferred units and market interest rates increase, the market price of the preferred units may decline. We cannot predict the future level of market interest rates.

Our ability to pay quarterly distributions on the preferred units will be subject to, among other things, general business conditions, our financial results, restrictions under the terms of our existing and future indebtedness or senior units, and our liquidity needs. Any reduction or discontinuation of quarterly distributions could cause the market price of the preferred units to decline significantly. Accordingly, the preferred units may trade at a discount to their purchase price.

***Distributions on the preferred units are discretionary and non-cumulative.***

Distributions on the preferred units are discretionary and non-cumulative. Holders of preferred units will only receive distributions when, as, and if declared by the board of directors of our general partner. Consequently, if the board of directors of our general partner does not declare a distribution for a distribution period, holders of the preferred units would not be entitled to receive any distribution for such distribution period, and such unpaid distribution will not be payable in such distribution period or in later distribution periods. We will have no obligation to pay distributions for a distribution period if the board of directors of our general partner does not declare such distribution before the scheduled record date for such period, whether or not distributions are declared or paid for any subsequent distribution period with respect to our Series A Preferred Units or any other preferred units we may issue. This may result in holders of the preferred units not receiving the full amount of distributions that they expect to receive, or any distributions, and may make it more difficult to resell preferred units or to do so at a price that the holder finds attractive.

The board of directors of our general partner may, in its sole discretion, determine to suspend distributions on the preferred units, which may have a material adverse effect on the market price of the preferred units. There can be no assurances that our operations will generate sufficient cash flows to enable us to pay distributions on the preferred units. Our financial and operating performance is subject to prevailing economic and industry conditions and to financial, business and other factors, some of which are beyond our control.

***The terms of the preferred units will not restrict our ability to distribute tax distribution amounts to the holders of our common units even in periods when distributions on the preferred units have been suspended.***

Although we generally cannot repurchase any common units or junior units and we generally may not declare or pay or set apart payment for distributions on any common units or junior units unless distributions have been declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment on the preferred units, there are exceptions, including for tax distributions. Accordingly, even if the board of directors of our general partner determines, in its sole discretion, to suspend distributions on the preferred units, we may still make distributions to the holders of our common units of amounts equal to the tax distribution amounts received from Carlyle Holdings, which the Carlyle Holdings partnerships distribute in accordance with the terms of their partnership agreements. The holders of the preferred units will have no right to prohibit or participate in, and will have no claim over, any such distributions, which may be material in amount.

### ***Holders of the preferred units have limited voting rights.***

Holders of the preferred units generally have no voting rights and have none of the voting rights given to holders of our common units, subject to certain exceptions. In particular, if distributions on the preferred units have not been declared and paid for the equivalent of six or more quarterly distribution periods, whether or not consecutive (a “Nonpayment Event”), holders of the preferred units, together as a class with holders of any other series of parity units then outstanding with like voting rights, will be entitled to vote for the election of two additional directors to the board of directors of our general partner, subject to the terms and to the limited extent provided in our partnership agreement. When quarterly distributions have been declared and paid on the preferred units for four consecutive quarters following a Nonpayment Event, the right of the holders of the preferred units and such parity units to elect these two additional directors will cease, the terms of office of these two additional directors will forthwith terminate, the number of directors constituting the board of directors of our general partner will be reduced accordingly and, for purposes of determining whether a subsequent Nonpayment Event has occurred, the number of quarterly distributions payable on the preferred units that have not been declared and paid shall reset to zero.

### ***There is no limitation on our issuance of debt securities or equity securities that rank equally with the preferred units and we may issue equity securities that rank senior to the preferred units.***

The terms of the preferred units do not limit our ability to incur indebtedness or other liabilities. As a result, we and our subsidiaries may incur indebtedness or other liabilities that will rank senior to the preferred units. In addition, while we do not currently have any outstanding equity securities that rank equally with or senior to the preferred units, we may issue additional equity securities that rank equally with the preferred units without limitation and, with the approval of the holders of two-thirds of the Series A Preferred Units and all other series of voting preferred units, acting as a single class, any equity securities that rank senior to the preferred units. The incurrence of indebtedness or other liabilities that will rank senior to the preferred units or the issuance of securities ranking equally with or senior to the preferred units may reduce the amount available for distributions and the amount recoverable by holders of the preferred units in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up.

### **Risks Related to U.S. Taxation**

***Our structure involves complex provisions of U.S. federal income tax law for which no clear precedent or authority may be available. Our structure also is subject to potential legislative, judicial or administrative change and differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis.***

The U.S. federal income tax treatment of common and preferred unitholders depends in some instances on determinations of fact and interpretations of complex provisions of U.S. federal income tax law for which no clear precedent or authority may be available. You should be aware that the U.S. federal income tax rules are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process, the IRS and the U.S. Treasury Department, frequently resulting in revised interpretations of established concepts, statutory changes, revisions to regulations and other modifications and interpretations. The IRS pays close attention to the proper application of tax laws to partnerships. The present U.S. federal income tax treatment of an investment in our common and preferred units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time, possibly on a retroactive basis, and any such action may affect investments and commitments previously made. Changes to the U.S. federal income tax laws and interpretations thereof could make it more difficult or impossible to meet the exception that allows us to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, referred to as the “Qualifying Income Exception,” affect or cause us to change our investments and commitments, affect the tax considerations of an investment in us, change the character or treatment of portions of our income (including, for instance, the treatment of carried interest as ordinary income rather than capital gain) and adversely affect an investment in our common or preferred units. For example, as discussed above under “— Risks Related to Our Company— In past years, the U.S. Congress has considered legislation that would have, in some cases after a ten-year transition period, precluded us from qualifying as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or required us to hold carried interest through taxable subsidiary corporations. If any similar legislation were to be enacted and apply to us, the after tax income and gain related to our business could be reduced.”

Our organizational documents and governing agreements will permit our general partner to modify our limited partnership agreement from time to time, without the consent of the common or preferred unitholders, to address certain changes in U.S. federal income tax regulations, legislation or interpretation. In some circumstances, such revisions could have a material adverse impact on some or all common and preferred unitholders. For instance, our general partner could elect at some point to treat us as an association taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal (and applicable state) income tax purposes. If our general partner were to do this, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning our common and preferred units would be materially different (including as a result of all of our future net income being subject to a level of corporate tax).



Moreover, we will apply certain assumptions and conventions in an attempt to comply with applicable rules of the Internal Revenue Code and to report allocations of income, gain, deduction, loss and credit to common unitholders and allocations of gross income and gains to preferred unitholders in a manner that reflects such unitholders' beneficial ownership of partnership items, taking into account variation in ownership interests during each taxable year because of trading activity. As a result, a common unitholder transferring units may be allocated income, gain, loss and deductions and a preferred unitholder may be allocated gross income and gains realized after the date of transfer. However, those assumptions and conventions may not be in compliance with all aspects of applicable tax requirements. It is possible that the IRS will assert successfully that the conventions and assumptions used by us do not satisfy the technical requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and/or Treasury regulations and could require that items of income, gain, deductions, loss or credit, including interest deductions, be adjusted, reallocated or disallowed in a manner that adversely affects common and preferred unitholders.

***If we were treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax or state tax purposes or otherwise became subject to additional entity level taxation (including as a result of changes to current law), then the amount of cash available for distribution to common and preferred unitholders could be substantially reduced and the value of our units could be adversely affected.***

We are currently treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which requires that 90% or more of our gross income for every taxable year consist of qualifying income, as defined in Section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code and that our partnership not be registered under the Investment Company Act. Qualifying income generally includes dividends, interest, capital gains from the sale or other disposition of stocks and securities and certain other forms of investment income. We may not meet these requirements or current law may change so as to cause, in either event, us to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal or state income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to U.S. corporate income tax. Moreover, the anticipated after-tax benefit of an investment in our common or preferred units depends largely on our being treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We have not requested, and do not plan to request, a ruling from the IRS on this or any other matter affecting us.

Other publicly-traded asset management firms have recently converted their publicly traded partnerships to corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We have considered from time to time potential changes to our organizational structure, including those that would entail the conversion of The Carlyle Group L.P. to a corporation. Although no decision has been taken to effect these or any other changes to our structure, such changes generally may be implemented without the consent or approval of our common unitholders.

If we were treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we would pay U.S. federal income tax on our net taxable income at the applicable tax rates. The TCJA included permanent reduction in the maximum U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective as of January 1, 2018. In addition, we would likely be liable for state and local income and/or franchise tax on all our income. Distributions to you would generally be taxed again as corporate distributions, and no income, gains, losses, deductions or credits would otherwise flow through to you. Because a tax would be imposed upon us as a corporation, the amount of cash available for distributions to holders of our common and preferred units could be substantially reduced which could cause a reduction in the value of our units. The same changes would result if our general partner caused us to be taxed as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Current law may change, causing us to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal or state income tax purposes or otherwise subjecting us to additional entity level taxation. See “—Risks Related to Our Company—” In past years, the U.S. Congress has considered legislation that would have, in some cases after a ten-year transition period, precluded us from qualifying as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or required us to hold carried interest through taxable subsidiary corporations. If any similar legislation were to be enacted and apply to us, the after tax income and gain related to our business could be reduced.” For example, several states are evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity level taxation through the imposition of state income, franchise or other forms of taxation, which could cause distributions to you to be reduced. For example, although it would not affect us materially, Connecticut recently enacted an income tax on pass through entities doing business in Connecticut, and states in which we do business may consider similar tax changes. These and other proposals have recently been under heightened consideration in light of the TCJA. If any state were to impose a tax upon us as an entity, our distributions to you would be reduced.

***Comprehensive U.S. federal income tax reform became effective in 2018, which could adversely affect us.***

On December 22, 2017, the President signed into law the TCJA, which has resulted in fundamental changes to the Code. Some of the key elements of the TCJA include (i) the reduction of the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, (ii) new limitations on the utilization, carryback and carryforward of net operating losses, (iii) partial limitations on the deductibility of business interest expense, (iv) a longer three-year holding period requirement for carried interest to be treated as long-term

capital gain, (v) certain modifications to Section 162(m) of the Code and (vi) general changes to the taxation of corporations and businesses, including modifications to cost recovery rules and changes relating to the scope and timing of U.S. taxation on earnings from international business operations. Although we are continuing to analyze the impact of TCJA on us, we do not expect tax reform to have a material impact to our current taxes. We continue to examine the impact this tax reform legislation may have on our business including our investment funds and portfolio companies. The impact of this tax reform on holders of our common or preferred units is uncertain and could be adverse.

While additional guidance has been issued with respect to the legislation, there are still a number of areas which need additional guidance or technical corrections. There can be no assurance that needed technical clarifications or other legislative changes to provide unintended or unforeseen adverse tax consequences will be enacted by Congress or provided by Treasury and the IRS. We continue to monitor the impacts, but there will likely be additional compliance costs, which may impact the results of our operations and cash flows. Many states and localities may not be in full conformity with the U.S. tax proposals, which may also result in additional costs and tax burden. In addition, these proposals could also have an impact to the unitholders' tax treatment. Each unitholder should consult with its tax advisor regarding the implications of U.S. tax reform on holding on of our units.

***Our common and preferred unitholders may be subject to U.S. federal income tax on their share of our taxable income, regardless of whether they receive any cash distributions from us.***

As long as 90% of our gross income for each taxable year constitutes qualifying income as defined in Section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code and we are not required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act on a continuing basis, and assuming there is no change in law or relevant change in our structure, we will be treated, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as a partnership and not as an association or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation. Accordingly, our common unitholders will be required to take into account their allocable share of our items of income, gain, loss and deduction, and our preferred unitholders will be required to take into account their allocable share of our gross income and gain. Distributions to our common and preferred unitholders generally will be taxable for U.S. federal income tax purposes only to the extent the amount distributed exceeds their tax basis in the units. That treatment contrasts with the treatment of a shareholder in a corporation. For example, a shareholder in a corporation who receives a distribution of earnings from the corporation generally will report the distribution as dividend income for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In contrast, a holder of our common and preferred units who receives a distribution of earnings from us will not report the distribution as dividend income (and will treat the distribution as taxable only to the extent the amount distributed exceeds the unitholder's tax basis in the units), but will instead report the holder's allocable share of items of our income for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, you may be subject to U.S. federal, state, local and possibly, in some cases, foreign income taxation on your allocable share of our items of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit (including our allocable share of those items of any entity in which we invest that is treated as a partnership or is otherwise subject to tax on a flow through basis) for each of our taxable years ending with or within your taxable years, regardless of whether or not you receive cash distributions from us. See “—Risks Related to Our Company—In past years, the U.S. Congress has considered legislation that would have, in some cases after a ten-year transition period, precluded us from qualifying as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or required us to hold carried interest through taxable subsidiary corporations. If any similar legislation were to be enacted and apply to us, the after tax income and gain related to our business could be reduced.”

Our common and preferred unitholders may not receive cash distributions equal to their allocable share of our net taxable income or even the tax liability that results from that income. In addition, certain of our holdings, including holdings, if any, in a controlled foreign corporation (“CFC”) and a passive foreign investment company (“PFIC”) may produce taxable income prior to the receipt of cash relating to such income, and common and preferred unitholders that are U.S. taxpayers will be required to take such income into account in determining their taxable income. In the event of an inadvertent termination of our partnership status for which the IRS has granted us limited relief, each holder of our common and preferred units may be obligated to make such adjustments as the IRS may require in order to maintain our status as a partnership. Such adjustments may require persons holding our common and preferred units to recognize additional amounts in income during the years in which they hold such units.

***Amounts distributed in respect of the Series A Preferred Units could be treated as “guaranteed payments” for U.S. federal income tax purposes.***

The treatment of interests in a partnership such as the Series A Preferred Units and the payments received in respect of such interests is uncertain. The IRS may contend that payments on the Series A Preferred Units represent “guaranteed payments,” which would generally be treated as ordinary income but may not have the same character when received by a holder as our gross income had when earned by us. If distributions on the Series A Preferred Units are treated as “guaranteed payments,” a holder would always be treated as receiving income equal to the amount distributed or accrued, regardless of the

amount of our gross income. Our partnership agreement provides that all holders agree to treat payments made in respect of the Series A Preferred Units as other than guaranteed payments.

***The Carlyle Group L.P.'s interest in certain of our businesses will be held through Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. and Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P., which will be treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes; such corporations may be liable for significant taxes and may create other adverse tax consequences, which could potentially adversely affect the value of your investment.***

In light of the publicly traded partnership rules under U.S. federal income tax law and other requirements, The Carlyle Group L.P. holds its interest in certain of our businesses through Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. and Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P., which are treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. and Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P. could be liable for significant U.S. federal income taxes and applicable state, local and other taxes that would not otherwise be incurred, which could adversely affect the value of your investment.

***Complying with certain tax-related requirements may cause us to invest through foreign or domestic corporations subject to corporate income tax or enter into acquisitions, borrowings, financings or arrangements we may not have otherwise entered into.***

In order for us to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes and not as an association or publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation, we must meet the Qualifying Income Exception discussed above on a continuing basis and we must not be required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act. In order to effect such treatment, we (or our subsidiaries) may be required to invest through foreign or domestic corporations subject to corporate income tax, forgo attractive investment opportunities or enter into acquisitions, borrowings, financings or other transactions we may not have otherwise entered into. This may adversely affect our ability to operate solely to maximize our cash flow.

Our structure also may impede our ability to engage in certain corporate acquisitive transactions because we generally intend to hold all of our assets through the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. In addition, we may be unable to participate in certain corporate reorganization transactions that would be tax-free to our common and preferred unit holders if we were a corporation.

***Tax gain or loss on disposition of our common or preferred units could be more or less than expected.***

If you sell your common or preferred units, you will recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and the adjusted tax basis in those units. Prior distributions to you in excess of the total net taxable income allocated to you, which decreased the tax basis in your units, will in effect become taxable income to you if the units are sold at a price greater than your tax basis in those units, even if the price is less than the original cost. A portion of the amount realized, whether or not representing gain, may be ordinary income to you.

***Because we do not intend to make, or cause to be made, an otherwise available election under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code to adjust our asset basis or the asset basis of certain of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, a holder of common units could be allocated more taxable income in respect of those common units prior to disposition than if we had made such an election.***

We have not made and currently do not intend to make, or cause to be made, an election to adjust asset basis under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to us or Carlyle Holdings II L.P. If no such election is made, there generally will be no adjustment to the basis of the assets of Carlyle Holdings II L.P. upon our acquisition of interests in Carlyle Holdings II L.P. in connection with our initial public offering, or subsequent offerings, or to our assets or to the assets of Carlyle Holdings II L.P. upon a subsequent transferee's acquisition of common units from a prior holder of such common units, even if the purchase price for those interests or units, as applicable, is greater than the share of the aggregate tax basis of our assets or the assets of Carlyle Holdings II L.P. attributable to those interests or units immediately prior to the acquisition. Consequently, upon a sale of an asset by us or Carlyle Holdings II L.P. gain allocable to a holder of common units could include built-in gain in the asset existing at the time we acquired those interests, or such holder acquired such units, which built-in gain would otherwise generally be eliminated if we had made a Section 754 election.

***Non-U.S. persons face unique U.S. tax issues from owning common and preferred units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.***

In light of our intended investment activities, we generally do not expect to be treated as engaged in a U.S. trade or business or to generate significant amounts of income treated as effectively connected income with respect to non-U.S. holders of our common and preferred units ("ECI"). However, there can be no assurance that we will not generate ECI currently or in the future and, subject to the qualifying income rules, we are under no obligation to minimize ECI. To the extent our income is treated as ECI, non-U.S. holders generally would be subject to withholding tax on their allocable shares of such income, would

be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return for such year reporting their allocable shares of income effectively connected with such trade or business and any other income treated as ECI, and would be subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular U.S. tax rates on any such income (state and local income taxes and filings may also apply in that event). In addition, certain income of non-U.S. holders from U.S. sources not connected to any such U.S. trade or business conducted by us could be treated as ECI. Non-U.S. holders that are corporations may also be subject to a 30% branch profits tax on their allocable share of such income. In addition, certain income from U.S. sources that is not ECI allocable to non-U.S. holders will be reduced by withholding taxes imposed at the highest effective applicable tax rate.

Any gain recognized by a non-U.S. holder on the sale or exchange of common or preferred units that is deemed to be effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business will also be treated as ECI. The TCJA includes a provision which treats gain or loss from the sale, exchange or disposition of a partnership interest by a non-U.S. holder as ECI to the extent that the non-U.S. holder would have recognized ECI had the partnership sold all its assets for their fair market value on the date of the sale or exchange. In addition, the TCJA requires the transferee of an interest in a partnership that is engaged in a U.S. trade or business to deduct and withhold 10 percent of the transferor's amount realized (gross purchase price) on the sale, exchange or other disposition of such partnership interest, unless an applicable non-foreign person affidavit is furnished by the transferor or another exception applies. Pursuant to Notice 2018-08, the Department of the Treasury and the IRS have temporarily suspended the application of the 10 percent withholding obligation in the case of the sale, exchange or other disposition of certain publicly traded partnership interests pending further guidance. While we generally do not expect to directly or indirectly own ECI producing assets in light of our intended investment activities, there can be no assurance that we will not hold ECI assets currently or in the future and subject to the qualifying income rules, we are under no obligation to minimize ECI. Many issues and the overall effect of this legislation on us are uncertain and still evolving, and we will continue to assess the impact of this legislation. Such withholding tax provisions, if effective for publicly traded partnerships, could impose material tax and administrative burdens on us and our unitholders.

Generally, under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980 ("FIRPTA") provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, certain non-U.S. persons are subject to U.S. federal income tax in the same manner as U.S. persons on any gain realized on the disposition of an interest, other than an interest solely as a creditor, in U.S. real property. In December 2015, the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 was signed into law providing some exemptions from FIRPTA tax for certain types of non-U.S. persons. An interest in U.S. real property includes stock in a U.S. corporation (except for certain stock of publicly traded U.S. corporations) if interests in U.S. real property constitute 50% or more by value of the sum of the corporation's assets used in a trade or business, its U.S. real property interests and its interests in real property located outside the United States (a "United States Real Property Holding Corporation" or "USRPHC"). The FIRPTA tax applies to certain non-U.S. holders holding an interest in a partnership that realizes gain in respect of an interest in U.S. real property or an interest in a USRPHC. We may, from time to time, make certain investments (other than direct investments in U.S. real property), for example, through one of our investment funds held by Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C. that could constitute investments in U.S. real property or USRPHCs. If we make such investments certain non-U.S. holders will be subject to U.S. federal income tax under FIRPTA on such holder's allocable share of any gain we realize on the disposition of a FIRPTA interest and will be subject to the tax return filing requirements regarding ECI discussed above. Certain foreign pension funds ("Qualified Foreign Pension Funds") are exempt from FIRPTA on their disposition of U.S. real property interests held directly or indirectly through one or more partnerships. A Qualified Foreign Pension Fund is a corporation, trust or other organization or arrangement which (1) is created or organized outside of the United States, (2) is established to provide retirement or pension benefits to current or former employees (or persons designated by such employees) as a result of, or in consideration for, services rendered, (3) does not have any single participant or beneficiary with a right to more than 5% of the fund's assets or income, (4) is subject to government regulation and provides annual information reporting about its beneficiaries to the relevant tax authorities in the country in which it is established or operates and (5) with respect to which, under the laws of the country in which it is established or operates, contributions to it are deductible or excluded from gross income or taxed at a reduced rate, or taxation of its investment income is deferred, or such income is excluded from gross income or taxed at a reduced rate.

***Tax-exempt entities face unique tax issues from owning common or preferred units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.***

In light of our intended investment activities, we generally do not expect to make investments directly in operating businesses that generate significant amounts of unrelated business taxable income for tax-exempt holders of our common units ("UBTI"). However, certain of our investments may be treated as debt-financed investments, which may give rise to debt-financed UBTI. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that we will not generate UBTI currently or in the future and, subject to the qualifying income rules, we are under no obligation to minimize UBTI. Consequently, a holder of common or preferred units that is a tax-exempt organization may be subject to "unrelated business income tax" to the extent that its allocable share of our income consists of UBTI. A tax-exempt partner of a partnership could be treated as earning UBTI if the partnership regularly engages in a trade or business that is unrelated to the exempt function of the tax-exempt partner, if the partnership derives income from debt-financed property or if the partnership interest itself is debt-financed. Under the TCJA, tax-exempt

entities may be restricted in their ability to offset provided that losses from one unrelated trade or business cannot be used to offset against the income from another trade or business for purposes of calculating their UBTI.

***We cannot match transferors and transferees of common or preferred units, and we will therefore adopt certain income tax accounting positions that may not conform to all aspects of applicable tax requirements. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of our units.***

Because we cannot match transferors and transferees of common or preferred units, we will adopt depreciation, amortization and other tax accounting positions that may not conform to all aspects of existing Treasury regulations. A successful IRS challenge to those positions could adversely affect the amount of tax benefits available to our common and preferred unitholders. It also could affect the timing of these tax benefits or the amount of gain on the sale of common or preferred units and could have a negative impact on the value of our common and preferred units or result in audits of and adjustments to our unitholders' tax returns.

In addition, our taxable income and losses will be determined and apportioned among investors using conventions we regard as consistent with applicable law. As a result, a common unitholder transferring units, may be allocated income, gain, loss and deductions, and a preferred unitholder may be allocated gross income and gains realized by us after the date of transfer. Similarly, a transferee of common units may be allocated income, gain, loss and deduction and a transferee of preferred units may be allocated gross income and gains realized by us prior to the date of the transferee's acquisition of our units. A transferee may also bear the cost of withholding tax imposed with respect to income allocated to a transferor through a reduction in the cash distributed to the transferee.

Pursuant to the TCJA, the sale or exchange of 50% or more of our capital and profit interests will no longer result in the termination of our partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We will instead be treated as continuing to exist for U.S. federal income tax purposes even if there is a sale or exchange of 50% or more of the total interests in our capital and profits within a twelve-month period.

***We may be liable for adjustments to our tax returns as a result of partnership audit legislation.***

Legislation was enacted in 2015 that significantly changed the rules for U.S. federal income tax audits of partnerships. Such audits will be conducted at the partnership level, but unless a partnership qualifies for and affirmatively elects an alternative procedure, any adjustments to the amount of tax due (including interest and penalties) will be payable by the partnership. Under an elective alternative procedure, a partnership would issue information returns to persons who were partners in the audited year, who would then be required to take the adjustments into account in calculating their own tax liability, and the partnership would not be liable for the adjustments. If a partnership elects the alternative procedure for a given adjustment, the amount of taxes for which its partners would be liable would be increased by any applicable penalties and a special interest charge. There can be no assurance that we will be eligible to make such an election or that we will, in fact, make such an election for any given adjustment. If we do not or are not able to make such an election, then (1) our then-current common and preferred unitholders, in the aggregate, could indirectly bear income tax liabilities in excess of the aggregate amount of taxes that would have been due had we elected the alternative procedure, and (2) a given common or preferred unitholder may indirectly bear taxes attributable to income allocable to other common and preferred unitholders or former common and preferred unitholders, including taxes (as well as interest and penalties) with respect to periods prior to such holder's ownership of common or preferred units. Amounts available for distribution to our common and preferred unitholders may be reduced as a result of our obligation to pay any taxes associated with an adjustment. We will continue to assess the impact of this legislation.

***Certain U.S. holders of common and preferred units are subject to additional tax on "net investment income."***

U.S. holders that are individuals, estates or trusts are currently subject to a Medicare tax of 3.8% on "net investment income" (or undistributed "net investment income," in the case of estates and trusts) for each taxable year, with such tax applying to the lesser of such income or the excess of such person's adjusted gross income (with certain adjustments) over a specified amount. Net investment income includes net income from interest, dividends, annuities, royalties and rents and net gain attributable to the disposition of investment property. Net income and gain attributable to an investment in the Partnership will be included in a U.S. holder's "net investment income" subject to this Medicare tax.

***Common and preferred unitholders may be subject to state and local taxes and return filing requirements as a result of investing in our units.***

In addition to U.S. federal income taxes, our common and preferred unitholders may be subject to other taxes, including state and local taxes, unincorporated business taxes and estate, inheritance or intangible taxes that are imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we do business or own property now or in the future, even if our common and preferred unitholders do not reside in any of those jurisdictions. Our common and preferred unitholders may also be required to file state and local income tax returns and pay state and local income taxes in some or all of these jurisdictions. Further, common and preferred unitholders may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. It is the responsibility of each common and preferred unitholder to file all U.S. federal, state and local tax returns that may be required of such unitholder. Our counsel has not rendered an opinion on the state or local tax consequences of an investment in our common or preferred units.

***We may not be able to furnish to each unitholder specific tax information within 90 days after the close of each calendar year, which means that holders of common and preferred units who are U.S. taxpayers should anticipate the need to file annually a request for an extension of the due date of their income tax return. In addition, it is possible that common and preferred unitholders may be required to file amended income tax returns.***

As a publicly traded partnership, our operating results, including distributions of income, dividends, gains, losses or deductions and adjustments to carrying basis, will be reported on Schedule K-1 and distributed to each unitholder annually. Although we currently intend to distribute Schedule K-1s on or around 90 days after the end of our fiscal year, it may require longer than 90 days after the end of our fiscal year to obtain the requisite information from all lower-tier entities so that K-1s may be prepared for us. For this reason, holders of common and preferred units who are U.S. taxpayers should anticipate that they may need to file annually with the IRS (and certain states) a request for an extension past April 15 or the otherwise applicable due date of their income tax return for the taxable year.

In addition, it is possible that holders of common and preferred units will be required to file amended income tax returns as a result of adjustments to items on the corresponding income tax returns of the partnership. Any obligation for holders of common and preferred units to file amended income tax returns for that or any other reason, including any costs incurred in the preparation or filing of such returns, is the responsibility of each unitholder.

***We may hold or acquire certain investments through an entity classified as a PFIC or CFC for U.S. federal income tax purposes.***

Certain of our investments may be in foreign corporations or may be acquired through a foreign subsidiary that would be classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and may be treated as a PFIC or a CFC. The TCJA imposes a deemed repatriation toll charge, as part of a move to a territorial system, on a U.S. person's pro-rata share of a CFC's previously untaxed foreign earnings. In addition, the TCJA expanded the definition of companies that could be CFCs which could have adverse implications to U.S. unitholders. U.S. holders of common and preferred units indirectly owning an interest in a PFIC or a CFC may experience adverse U.S. tax consequences, including the recognition of taxable income prior to the receipt of cash relating to such income. In addition, gain on the sale of a PFIC or CFC may be taxable at ordinary income tax rates.

***Changes in U.S. and foreign tax regulations could adversely affect our ability to raise funds from certain foreign investors.***

Under the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), U.S. withholding agents and all entities in a broadly defined class of foreign financial institutions, ("FFIs") are required to comply with a complicated and expansive reporting regime or be subject to certain U.S. withholding taxes. In connection with this regulation, various foreign governments have entered into intergovernmental agreements, ("IGAs") with the U.S. government. The reporting obligations imposed under FATCA require foreign financial institutions to enter into agreements with the IRS to obtain and disclose information about certain account holders and investors to the IRS (or in the case of certain foreign financial institutions that are resident in a jurisdiction that has entered into an IGA to implement this legislation, the foreign financial institutions may comply with revised diligence and reporting obligations of such IGA). Additionally, certain non-U.S. entities that are not foreign financial institutions are required to either certify they have no substantial U.S. beneficial ownership or report certain information with respect to their substantial U.S. beneficial ownership. Failure to comply with these requirements could expose us and/or our investors to a 30% withholding tax on certain U.S. payments and possibly limit our ability to open bank accounts and secure funding in the global capital markets. The administrative and economic costs of compliance with FATCA may discourage some foreign investors from investing in U.S. funds, which could adversely affect our ability to raise funds from these investors. Other countries, such as Luxembourg, United Kingdom and the Cayman Islands, have implemented and are participating in a multi-jurisdictional regime known as the Common Reporting Standard, ("CRS") which is similar to that of FATCA and in some cases, have imposed penalties for non-compliance.

Compliance under such regulations as described above could result in increased administrative and compliance costs for our investment entities and, in some cases, could subject our investment entities to increased withholding taxes.

#### **ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

#### **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

Our principal executive offices are located in leased office space at 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. We also lease the space for our other 30 offices, including our office in Arlington, Virginia, which currently houses our Finance (inclusive of accounting, tax and treasury) and GTS functions. At the end of 2019, we intend to close our office in Arlington, Virginia and relocate our employees to our Washington, D.C. headquarters. We do not own any real property. We consider these facilities to be suitable and adequate for the management and operation of our business.

#### **ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

In the ordinary course of business, the Partnership is a party to litigation, investigations, inquiries, employment-related matters, disputes and other potential claims. Certain of these matters are described below. The Partnership is not currently able to estimate the reasonably possible amount of loss or range of loss, in excess of amounts accrued, for the matters that have not been resolved. The Partnership does not believe it is probable that the outcome of any existing litigation, investigations, disputes or other potential claims will materially affect the Partnership or these financial statements in excess of amounts accrued. The Partnership believes that the matters described below are without merit.

Along with many other companies and individuals in the financial sector, the Partnership and Carlyle Mezzanine Partners, L.P. ("CMP") are named as defendants in *Foy v. Austin Capital*, a case filed in June 2009 in state court in New Mexico, which purports to be a *qui tam* suit on behalf of the State of New Mexico under the state Fraud Against Taxpayers Act ("FATA"). The suit alleges that investment decisions by New Mexico public investment funds were improperly influenced by campaign contributions and payments to politically connected placement agents. The plaintiffs seek, among other things, actual damages for lost income, rescission of the investment transactions described in the complaint and disgorgement of all fees received. In September 2017, the Court dismissed the lawsuit and the plaintiffs then filed an appeal seeking to reverse that decision. That appeal is pending. The Attorney General may also pursue its own recovery from the defendants in the action.

Carlyle Capital Corporation Limited ("CCC") was a fund sponsored by the Partnership that invested in AAA-rated residential mortgage backed securities on a highly leveraged basis. In March of 2008, amidst turmoil throughout the mortgage markets and money markets, CCC filed for insolvency protection in Guernsey. The Guernsey liquidators who took control of CCC in March 2008 filed a suit on July 7, 2010 against the Partnership, certain of its affiliates and the former directors of CCC in the Royal Court of Guernsey seeking more than \$1.0 billion in damages in a case styled *Carlyle Capital Corporation Limited v. Conway et al.* On September 4, 2017, the Royal Court of Guernsey ruled that the Partnership and Directors of CCC acted reasonably and appropriately in the management and governance of CCC and that none of the Partnership, its affiliates or former directors of CCC had any liability. In December 2017, the plaintiff filed a notice of appeal of the trial court decision. A hearing before the Guernsey appellate court took place from October 8 through October 18, 2018. It is unclear whether the appellate court will affirm or reverse the trial court decision. In December 2017, the Partnership received approximately \$29.8 million from the plaintiff as a deposit towards its obligations to reimburse the Partnership for legal fees and expenses incurred to defend against the claims, but such amount is subject to adjustment pending a final determination of the correct reimbursement amount and the ultimate outcome of the appeal process.

Cobalt International Energy, Inc. ("Cobalt") was a portfolio company owned by two of our Legacy Energy funds and funds advised by certain other private equity sponsors. Cobalt filed for bankruptcy protection on December 14, 2017. A federal securities class action against Cobalt (*In re Cobalt International Energy, Inc. Securities Litigation*) was filed in November 2014 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, seeking monetary damages and alleging that Cobalt and its directors made misrepresentations in certain of Cobalt's securities offering filings relating to: (i) the value of oil reserves in Angola for which Cobalt had acquired drilling concessions, and (ii) its compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act regarding its operations in Angola and a U.S. government investigation regarding the same. The securities class action also named as co-defendants certain securities underwriters and the five private equity sponsors of Cobalt, including Riverstone and the Partnership. The class action alleged that the Partnership has liability as a "control person" for the alleged misrepresentations in Cobalt's securities offerings as well as insider trading liability. The federal court dismissed the insider trading claim against the Partnership. On February 13, 2019, the district court approved a settlement between the lead plaintiffs

in the securities class action and various parties, including the Partnership, under which all claims against the Partnership were released without any requirement for the Partnership to make any financial contribution towards the settlement. In addition to the class action in federal court, a class action claim was also filed in Texas state court in Houston (*Ira Gaines v. Joseph Bryant, et al.*) on similar grounds, alleging derivative claims that Cobalt and the private equity sponsors breached their fiduciary duties by engaging in insider trading. On May 9, 2018, the Plan Administrator for Cobalt filed a Notice of Nonsuit with Prejudice, dismissing all claims in the case (including the claim against the Partnership) with prejudice. The court ordered the nonsuit of all claims in an order entered the same day.

A Luxembourg subsidiary of CEREP I, a real estate fund, has been involved since 2010 in a tax dispute with the French authorities relating to whether gain from the sale of an investment was taxable in France. In April 2015, the French tax court issued an opinion in this matter adverse to CEREP I, holding the Luxembourg subsidiary of CEREP I liable for approximately €105 million (including interest accrued since the beginning of the tax dispute). CEREP I paid approximately €30 million of the tax obligations and the Partnership paid the remaining approximately €75 million in its capacity as a guarantor. The Partnership appealed the decision of the French tax court. In December 2017, the French appellate court reversed the earlier tax court opinion and awarded the Partnership a refund of the full €105 million of tax and penalties (inclusive of amounts paid by CEREP I) and awarded interest on the refund of €12.5 million, before tax. On February 22, 2018 the French tax authorities appealed the appellate court decision and on October 2, 2018, CEREP I filed its appellate brief. The parties are awaiting a hearing on the appeal. The Partnership has not recognized income in respect of the refund as of December 31, 2018, pending a final determination on the current appeal. The full amount of the refund is held at CEREP I and its subsidiaries. As CEREP I is a consolidated fund, the refund of €117.5 million is recorded in our assets and liabilities of consolidated funds as of December 31, 2018.

The Partnership currently is and expects to continue to be, from time to time, subject to examinations, formal and informal inquiries and investigations by various U.S. and non-U.S. governmental and regulatory agencies, including but not limited to, the SEC, Department of Justice, state attorneys general, FINRA, National Futures Association and the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority. The Partnership routinely cooperates with such examinations, inquiries and investigations, and they may result in the commencement of civil, criminal, or administrative or other proceedings against the Partnership or its personnel. For example, among various other requests for information, the SEC has requested information about: (i) the Partnership's historical practices relating to the acceleration of monitoring fees received from certain of the Partnership's funds' portfolio companies, and (ii) the Partnership's relationship with a third-party investment adviser to a registered investment company that has invested in various investment funds sponsored by the Partnership. The Partnership is cooperating fully with the SEC's inquiries.

During 2017, the Partnership entered into settlement and purchase agreements with investors in a hedge fund and two structured finance vehicles managed by Vermillion related to investments of approximately \$400 million in petroleum commodities that the Partnership believes were misappropriated by third parties outside the U.S. In total, the Partnership paid \$265 million (\$165 million of which was paid in 2017 with the remaining \$100 million paid in 2016) to fully resolve all claims related to these matters, and issued promissory notes in the aggregate amount of \$54 million to repurchase the investors' interests in the two structured finance vehicles. In connection with these settlements, the Partnership acquired certain rights to recoveries from certain marine cargo insurance policies and is continuing to undertake efforts to obtain reimbursement for the misappropriation of petroleum. There is no assurance that the Partnership will be successful in any of its ongoing recovery efforts and the Partnership will not recognize any amounts in respect of such recoveries until such amounts are probable of payment. However, during the fourth quarter 2018, we reached an agreement with the primary underwriters in the marine cargo insurance policies for \$55 million, of which the Partnership recognized approximately \$32 million in insurance proceeds during the year ended December 31, 2018, with the remaining proceeds to be distributed to former investors. In total, the Partnership has recognized approximately \$209 million in insurance proceeds related to these settlements (\$177 million of which was recognized in 2017).

It is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of all pending investigations and legal proceedings and employment-related matters, and some of the matters discussed above involve claims for potentially large and/or indeterminate amounts of damages. Based on information known by management, management does not believe that as of the date of this filing the final resolutions of the matters above will have a material effect upon the Partnership's consolidated financial statements. However, given the potentially large and/or indeterminate amounts of damages sought in certain of these matters and the inherent unpredictability of investigations and litigations, it is possible that an adverse outcome in certain matters could, from time to time, have a material effect on the Partnership's financial results in any particular period.

The Partnership accrues an estimated loss contingency liability when it is probable that such a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. As of December 31, 2018, the Partnership had recorded



liabilities aggregating to approximately \$35 million for litigation-related contingencies, regulatory examinations and inquiries, and other matters. The Partnership evaluates its outstanding legal and regulatory proceedings and other matters each quarter to assess its loss contingency accruals, and makes adjustments in such accruals, upwards or downward, as appropriate, based on management's best judgment after consultation with counsel. There is no assurance that the Partnership's accruals for loss contingencies will not need to be adjusted in the future or that, in light of the uncertainties involved in such matters, the ultimate resolution of these matters will not significantly exceed the accruals that the Partnership has recorded.

#### **ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not Applicable.

### **PART II.**

#### **ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Our common units representing limited partner interests in The Carlyle Group L.P. are traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "CG." Our common units began trading on the Nasdaq Global Select Market Exchange on May 3, 2012.

The number of holders of record of our common units as of February 7, 2019 was 26. This does not include the number of unitholders that hold shares in "street name" through banks or broker-dealers.

##### **Cash Distribution Policy for Common Units**

It is Carlyle's intention to cause Carlyle Holdings to make quarterly distributions to its partners, including The Carlyle Group L.P.'s wholly owned subsidiaries, that will enable The Carlyle Group L.P. to pay a quarterly distribution of approximately 75% of Distributable Earnings Attributable to Common Unitholders for the quarter. "Distributable Earnings Attributable to Common Unitholders" refers to The Carlyle Group L.P.'s share of Distributable Earnings, after an implied provision for current corporate income taxes (other than corporate income taxes attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P.) and preferred unit distributions, net of corporate income taxes attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. and amounts payable under the tax receivable agreement. Carlyle's general partner may adjust the distribution for amounts determined to be necessary or appropriate to provide for the conduct of its business, to make appropriate investments in its business and its funds or to comply with applicable law or any of its financing agreements, or to provide for future cash requirements such as tax-related payments, giveback obligations and distributions to unitholders for any ensuing quarter. The amount to be distributed could also be adjusted upward in any one quarter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the declaration and payment of any distributions will be at the sole discretion of our general partner, which may change our distribution policy at any time.

Because The Carlyle Group L.P. is a holding partnership and has no material assets other than its ownership of partnership units in Carlyle Holdings held through wholly owned subsidiaries, we will fund distributions by The Carlyle Group L.P. to common unitholders, if any, in three steps:

- first, we will cause Carlyle Holdings to make distributions to its partners, including The Carlyle Group L.P.'s wholly owned subsidiaries. If Carlyle Holdings makes such distributions, the limited partners of Carlyle Holdings will be entitled to receive equivalent distributions pro rata based on their partnership interests in Carlyle Holdings;
- second, we will cause The Carlyle Group L.P.'s wholly owned subsidiaries to distribute to The Carlyle Group L.P. their share of such distributions, net of taxes and amounts payable under the tax receivable agreement by such wholly owned subsidiaries; and
- third, The Carlyle Group L.P. will distribute its net share of such distributions to our common unitholders on a pro rata basis.

Certain wholly-owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. through which it holds Carlyle Holdings Units are corporate taxpayers for U.S. Federal income tax purposes and also must make payments under the tax receivable agreement. These corporate subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. fund these obligations with a portion of the distributions they receive in respect of the Carlyle Holdings Units that they hold. As a result, the amounts ultimately distributed by The Carlyle Group L.P. in respect of the common units are expected to be less, on a per unit basis, than the amounts distributed by the Carlyle

Holdings partnerships in respect of the Carlyle Holdings Partnership units. Accordingly, limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships who hold Carlyle Holdings partnership units are expected to receive distributions that are higher, on a per unit basis, than common unitholders of The Carlyle Group L.P. in respect of their common units.

In addition, the partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships will provide for cash distributions, which we refer to as “tax distributions,” to the partners of such partnerships if the wholly owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. which are the general partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships determine that the taxable income of the relevant partnership will give rise to taxable income for its partners. Generally, these tax distributions will be computed based on our estimate of the net taxable income of the relevant partnership allocable to a partner multiplied by an assumed tax rate equal to the highest effective marginal combined U.S. federal, state and local income tax rate prescribed for an individual or corporate resident in New York, New York (taking into account the non-deductibility of certain expenses and the character of our income). The Carlyle Holdings partnerships will make tax distributions only to the extent distributions from such partnerships for the relevant year were otherwise insufficient to cover such tax liabilities. The Carlyle Group L.P. is not required to distribute to its common unitholders any of the cash that its wholly owned subsidiaries may receive as a result of tax distributions by the Carlyle Holdings partnerships.

### Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table sets forth repurchases of our common units during the three months ended December 31, 2018 for the periods indicated:

Period	Total number of units purchased	Average price paid per unit	Total number of units purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Maximum number (or approximate dollar value) of units that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
(Dollars in million, except unit and per unit data)				
October 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	—	\$—	—	\$59.2
November 1, 2018 to November 31, 2018 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	750,518	\$18.85	750,518	\$39.2
December 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	325,902	\$17.97	325,902	\$33.4
Total	<u>1,076,420</u>		<u>1,076,420</u>	

(1) In February 2016, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units. Under this unit repurchase program, units may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. We expect that the majority of repurchases under this program will be done via open market and brokered transactions. The timing and actual number of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price, and economic and market conditions. This unit repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date.

(2) For the periods from November 1, 2018 to November 31, 2018 and December 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 all of the units purchased were common units purchased in open market and brokered transactions. All units purchased during these periods were subsequently retired.

(3) In December 2018, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units, inclusive of amounts remaining under the February 2016 repurchase program. Under this new unit repurchase program, which is effective January 1, 2019, units may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. We expect that the majority of repurchases under this program will be done via open market and brokered transactions. The timing and actual number of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units repurchased will depend on a variety of factors,

including legal requirements, price, and economic and market conditions. This unit repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date.

**Sales of Unregistered Securities**

None.

**Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plans**

As permitted by our policies and procedures governing transactions in our securities by our directors, executive officers and other employees, from time to time some of these persons may establish plans or arrangements complying with Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, and similar plans and arrangements relating to our common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected consolidated financial data presents selected data on the financial condition and results of operations of The Carlyle Group L.P. This financial data should be read together with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the historical financial statements and related notes included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We derived the following selected consolidated financial data of The Carlyle Group L.P. as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016 from the audited consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The selected consolidated financial data as of December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of The Carlyle Group L.P. which are not included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of results for any future period.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	(Dollars in millions, except per unit data)				
<b>Statement of Operations Data</b>					
Revenues <sup>(1)(2)</sup>					
Fund management fees	\$ 1,272.0	\$ 1,026.9	\$ 1,076.1	\$ 1,085.2	\$ 1,166.3
Incentive fees	30.2	35.3	36.4	22.7	4.1
Investment income, including performance allocations	809.2	2,290.6	875.9	817.4	1,663.1
Interest and other income and revenues	315.8	323.4	285.9	1,080.9	1,046.8
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,427.2</b>	<b>3,676.2</b>	<b>2,274.3</b>	<b>3,006.2</b>	<b>3,880.3</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,071.5</b>	<b>2,632.3</b>	<b>2,242.1</b>	<b>3,468.4</b>	<b>3,775.4</b>
Other Income	4.5	88.4	13.1	864.4	887.0
Income before provision for income taxes	360.2	1,132.3	45.3	402.2	991.9
Provision for income taxes	31.3	124.9	30.0	2.1	76.8
Net income	328.9	1,007.4	15.3	400.1	915.1
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	33.9	72.5	41.0	537.9	485.5
Net income (loss) attributable to Carlyle Holdings	295.0	934.9	(25.7)	(137.8)	\$ 429.6
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	178.5	690.8	(32.1)	(119.4)	343.8
Net income (loss) attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P.	\$ 116.5	\$ 244.1	\$ 6.4	\$ (18.4)	85.8
Net income attributable to Series A Preferred Unitholders	23.6	6.0	—	—	—
Net income (loss) attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. Common Unitholders	\$ 92.9	\$ 238.1	\$ 6.4	\$ (18.4)	\$ 85.8
Net income (loss) attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. per common unit					
Basic	\$ 0.89	\$ 2.58	\$ 0.08	\$ (0.24)	\$ 1.35
Diluted	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.38	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.30)	\$ 1.23
Distributions declared per common unit	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.68	\$ 3.39	\$ 1.88

	As of December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	(Dollars in millions)				
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 629.6	\$ 1,000.1	\$ 670.9	\$ 991.5	\$ 1,242.0
Corporate treasury investments	\$ 51.7	\$ 376.3	\$ 190.2	\$ —	\$ —
Investments and accrued performance allocations	\$ 5,697.5	\$ 5,294.9	\$ 3,588.1	\$ 3,874.5	\$ 4,727.2
Investments of Consolidated Funds <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 5,286.6	\$ 4,534.3	\$ 3,893.7	\$ 23,998.8	\$ 26,028.8
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,914.2</b>	<b>\$ 12,280.6</b>	<b>\$ 9,973.0</b>	<b>\$ 32,181.6</b>	<b>\$ 35,994.3</b>
Debt obligations	\$ 1,550.4	\$ 1,573.6	\$ 1,265.2	\$ 1,135.7	\$ 1,146.9
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds	\$ 4,840.1	\$ 4,303.8	\$ 3,866.3	\$ 17,064.7	\$ 16,052.2
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 10,077.9</b>	<b>\$ 9,331.6</b>	<b>\$ 8,519.0</b>	<b>\$ 23,258.1</b>	<b>\$ 23,138.3</b>
Redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,845.9	\$ 3,761.5
Series A Preferred Units	\$ 387.5	\$ 387.5	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
<b>Total partners' capital</b>	<b>\$ 2,836.3</b>	<b>\$ 2,949.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,454.0</b>	<b>\$ 6,077.6</b>	<b>\$ 9,094.5</b>

- (1) On January 1, 2018, The Carlyle Group L.P. adopted ASU 2014-9, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, and related amendments, which provide comprehensive guidance for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers. Consistent with the adoption of ASU 2014-9 on a modified retrospective basis, revenue presented for periods prior to 2018 have not been adjusted to reflect the new revenue recognition guidance.
- (2) Upon adoption of ASU 2014-9, performance allocations that represent a performance-based capital allocation from fund limited partners to The Carlyle Group L.P. (commonly known as "carried interest") are accounted for as earnings from financial assets within the scope of ASC 323, *Investments - Equity Method and Joint Ventures*, and therefore are not in the scope of ASU 2014-9. The Carlyle Group L.P. applied this change in accounting principle on a full retrospective basis, which resulted in a reclassification of amounts previously reported as performance fees to performance allocations within investment income (loss) in the statement of operations. Amounts previously reported as performance fees that do not meet the definition of performance-based capital allocations are in the scope of ASU 2014-9 and are included in incentive fees in the statement of operations. Revenue for all periods presented reflect this reclassification.
- (3) The entities comprising our Consolidated Funds are not the same entities for all periods presented. On January 1, 2016, The Carlyle Group L.P. adopted ASU 2015-2, *Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis*, which provides a revised consolidation model to use in evaluating whether to consolidate certain types of legal entities. As a result, The Carlyle Group L.P. deconsolidated a majority of its consolidated funds on January 1, 2016. The consolidation or deconsolidation of funds generally has the effect of grossing up or down, respectively, reported assets, liabilities, and cash flows, and has no effect on net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. or partners' capital.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Carlyle Group L.P. (the "Partnership") is a Delaware limited partnership formed on July 18, 2011. The Partnership is a holding partnership and its sole material assets are equity interests through wholly owned subsidiary entities representing partnership units in Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P. (collectively, "Carlyle Holdings"). Through wholly owned subsidiary entities, the Partnership is the sole general partner of Carlyle Holdings and operates and controls all of the business and affairs of Carlyle Holdings and, through Carlyle Holdings and its subsidiaries, continues to conduct the business now conducted by these subsidiaries. Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. is the general partner of the Partnership.

As the sole general partner of Carlyle Holdings, the Partnership consolidates the financial position and results of operations of Carlyle Holdings into its financial statements, and the ownership interests of the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships are reflected as a non-controlling interest in the Partnership's financial statements.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### Overview

We conduct our operations through four reportable segments: Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets, Global Credit (formerly known as Global Market Strategies), and Investment Solutions.

- *Corporate Private Equity* — Our Corporate Private Equity segment advises our 23 buyout and 10 middle market and growth capital funds, which seek a wide variety of investments of different sizes and growth potentials. As of December 31, 2018, our Corporate Private Equity segment had approximately \$81 billion in AUM and approximately \$62 billion in Fee-earning AUM.
- *Real Assets* — Our Real Assets segment advises our 10 U.S. and internationally focused real estate funds, our two infrastructure funds, our two power funds, our international energy fund, as well as our three Legacy Energy funds (funds that we jointly advise with Riverstone). The segment also includes three NGP Predecessor Funds and four NGP Carry Funds advised by NGP. As of December 31, 2018, our Real Assets segment had approximately \$46 billion in AUM and approximately \$33 billion in Fee-earning AUM.
- *Global Credit* — Our Global Credit segment advises a group of 59 funds that pursue investment strategies including loans and structured credit, direct lending, opportunistic credit, energy credit, distressed credit, and aircraft financing and servicing. As of December 31, 2018, our Global Credit segment had approximately \$44 billion in AUM and approximately \$35 billion in Fee-earning AUM.
- *Investment Solutions* — Our Investment Solutions segment advises global private equity and real estate fund of funds programs and related co-investment and secondary activities across 225 fund vehicles. As of December 31, 2018, our Investment Solutions segment had approximately \$46 billion in AUM and approximately \$29 billion in Fee-earning AUM.

We earn management fees pursuant to contractual arrangements with the investment funds that we manage and fees for transaction advisory and oversight services provided to portfolio companies of these funds. We also typically receive a performance fee from an investment fund, which may be either an incentive fee or a special residual allocation of income, which we refer to as a carried interest, in the event that specified investment returns are achieved by the fund. Under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"), we are required to consolidate some of the investment funds that we advise. However, for segment reporting purposes, we present revenues and expenses on a basis that deconsolidates these investment funds. Accordingly, our segment revenues primarily consist of fund management and related advisory fees and other income, realized performance revenues (consisting of incentive fees and carried interest allocations), realized principal investment income, including realized gains on our investments in our funds and other trading securities, as well as interest income. Our segment expenses primarily consist of cash compensation and benefits expenses, including salaries, bonuses, and realized performance payment arrangements, and general and administrative expenses. While our segment expenses include depreciation and interest expense, our segment expenses exclude acquisition-related charges and amortization of intangibles and impairment. Refer to Note 17 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for more information on the differences between our financial results reported pursuant to U.S. GAAP and our financial results for segment reporting purposes.

## Trends Affecting our Business

Expectations for global economic growth have moderated significantly since the beginning of 2018. U.S. growth has slowed from the 3.3% pace seen in the first three quarters of 2018, but our proprietary portfolio company data is predicting growth of more than 2% entering 2019 primarily due to strong U.S. household consumption. Corporate fixed investment slowed in the fourth quarter of 2018 and industrial orders seem likely to weaken further due to the drop in energy development spending resulting from the collapse in energy prices since October 2018. Tax refunds are anticipated to exceed \$100 billion in the U.S. in the first four months of 2019, which we expect will further propel U.S. consumer spending. Thereafter, the Federal Reserve's U.S. fiscal stimulus is anticipated to decline, subtracting 0.4% of U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) from growth in 2020.

Throughout 2018, the recently enacted tariffs and ongoing trade disputes appeared to be having a larger impact on China than on the U.S., particularly in terms of consumer and business confidence. Our proprietary portfolio data gauges trends for GDP growth in China which remain near multi-year lows, with our estimate consistent with a roughly 5% annualized rate, though recent data suggest that the economy may have bottomed at the end of 2018. To date, the policy response in China to the slowdown has been muted. Chinese real estate activity, which is generally the sector where countercyclical stimulus becomes most evident, remains lackluster with property prices roughly flat over the past 15 months. China's slowdown has inevitably spilled over to other parts of Asia, with visible declines in manufacturing activity, especially across the countries that are most exposed to trade value chains.

Growth in Europe is twice as dependent on exports and Emerging Market (EM) demand than the U.S. The weakness in Asia and slowing global trade volumes have therefore had a larger quantitative impact on European corporate revenues than those of their U.S. counterparts. Industrial orders across Europe have been especially hard hit. Concerns about Brexit, Italian budget difficulties, and political volatility in France have also combined to depress business and consumer sentiment, resulting in slower domestic demand growth. The slowdown has been substantial enough to cause the European Central Bank to change its tone at the end of January, less than a month after concluding its asset-purchasing program in December, opening up the possibility for a resumption of easing in the near- to medium-term.

Global stock market volatility was significant in the fourth quarter of 2018 and erased any prior gains during the year, with the S&P 500, MSCI ACWI, EuroStoxx 600, and Shanghai Composite indices down 6%, 12%, 13%, and 26% for the year, respectively. In contrast, advanced economy government bonds rallied at the end of 2018 as investors sought out lower-risk assets. As of January 31, 2019, the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield was 2.6%, down nearly 60 basis points from its peak at the beginning of November 2018. In the U.S., the stock market correction in the fourth quarter of 2018 appears to be the outcome of taking U.S. long term dollar cash rates up to near 3%, making future expected stock returns less appealing on a risk-adjusted basis given concerns around pressures on corporate margins and slowing global growth. Indeed, as of end of January 2019, 3-month Treasury bills exceeded average U.S. dividend yields for the first time in a decade.

Our private portfolio continues to perform well, while our public investments have been negatively impacted by the market depreciation. Since the beginning of 2018, our overall carry portfolio has appreciated by 9%, while the MSCI ACWI was down 12% and the S&P was down 6%. Our overall carry fund portfolio depreciated by 2% in the fourth quarter of 2018, reflecting volatile global markets as well as particular weakness in public energy investments. In the fourth quarter, our Corporate Private Equity funds depreciated by 2% as our three large buyout fund families (U.S., Europe and Asia) generally were negatively impacted by volatile markets and softening macro-economic conditions. Our Real Asset funds depreciated by 7% during the fourth quarter primarily due to our investments in the energy and natural resources industry. Our real estate funds depreciated 1% primarily due to losses from a large public position held by several of the U.S. opportunistic real estate funds. Global Credit carry funds depreciated by 2% in the fourth quarter but appreciated 5% for the year. Investment Solutions appreciation was 2% in the fourth quarter and 19% for the year. While slowing global growth and volatile market conditions could impact valuations in the short-term, we believe our existing portfolio of assets is high-quality and well-diversified by fund, industry sector, asset class, and region.

We raised \$7.1 billion of new capital in the fourth quarter, reaching 90% of our four-year \$100 billion fundraising target, which we expect to exceed during 2019. Overall, this fundraising success fuels our investment activities, de-risks our management fee streams going forward, and drives our fee related earnings and margin expansion. While we expect additional funds to launch over the next several quarters, we also expect that our overall fundraising pace will decelerate given the mix of products in the market.

During the fourth quarter, our carry funds invested \$11.5 billion in new or follow-on transactions that we have been working on for several months and have invested approximately \$22.4 billion over the last twelve months. This high-level of

capital deployment is partially attributable to a few large buyout transactions. We generated \$4.9 billion in realized proceeds from our carry funds in the fourth quarter, and \$24.0 billion over the last twelve months. Overall, the investment environment remains challenging and competitive. High levels of dry powder in our industry combined with slowing global growth and volatile markets could affect both investment pace and realizations in 2019. At this time, we expect that net realized performance revenues in 2019 will generally be comparable to 2018 levels, with growth positioned thereafter, depending on market conditions.

## **Recent Transactions**

### ***Distributions***

In February 2019, the Board of Directors of our general partner declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.43 per common unit to common unitholders of record at the close of business on February 19, 2019, payable on February 26, 2019.

The Board of Directors of our general partner declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.367188 per Preferred Unit to holders of record at the close of business on March 1, 2019, payable on March 15, 2019. Distributions on the Preferred Units are discretionary and non-cumulative. See Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements for more information on these units.

### ***Acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners***

On December 19, 2018, we closed on our acquisition of Apollo Aviation Group, a global commercial aviation investment and servicing firm with \$5.8 billion in assets under management. Apollo Aviation Group was renamed Carlyle Aviation Partners, Ltd. ("Carlyle Aviation Partners") and is included within our Global Credit segment. See Note 3 of our consolidated financial statements for more information.

### ***Investment in Fortitude Re***

In November 2018 we closed on our 19.9% investment in Fortitude Re. See Note 5 of our consolidated financial statements for more information on this transaction.

## **Key Financial Measures**

Our key financial measures are discussed in the following pages. Additional information regarding these key financial measures and our other significant accounting policies can be found in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### ***Revenues***

On January 1, 2018, we adopted ASU 2014-9, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)* ("ASU 2014-9"). Upon adoption, certain performance revenues that represent a performance-based capital allocation from fund limited partners to us are now accounted for as earnings from financial assets and included as a component of investment income (loss). We also are entitled to receive performance-based incentive fees pursuant to management contracts from certain of our Global Credit funds when the return on assets under management exceeds certain benchmark returns or other performance targets. These fees are recorded as incentive fees in our unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations. See Note 2 to the financial statements for more information on our adoption of ASU 2014-9.

Revenues primarily consist of fund management fees, incentive fees, investment income (including performance allocations), realized and unrealized gains of our investments in our funds and other principal investments, as well as interest and other income.

*Fund Management Fees.* Fund management fees include management fees and transaction and portfolio advisory fees. We earn management fees for advisory services we provide to funds in which we hold a general partner interest or with which we have an investment advisory or investment management agreement. Additionally, management fees include catch-up management fees, which are episodic in nature and represent management fees charged to fund investors in subsequent closings of a fund which apply to the time period between the fee initiation date and the subsequent closing date.

Management fees attributable to Carlyle Partners VI, L.P. ("CP VI"), our sixth U.S. buyout fund with approximately \$10.0 billion of Fee-earning AUM as of December 31, 2018, were approximately 8%, 16%, and 15% of total management fees



recognized during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. Management fees attributable to Carlyle Partners VII, L.P. ("CP VII"), our seventh U.S. buyout fund with approximately \$17.5 billion of Fee-earning AUM as of December 31, 2018, was 13% of total management fees recognized during the year ended December 31, 2018. No other fund generated over 10% of total management fees in the periods presented.

Fund management fees exclude the reimbursement of any partnership expenses paid by the Partnership on behalf of the Carlyle funds pursuant to the limited partnership agreements, including amounts related to the pursuit of actual, proposed, or unconsummated investments, professional fees, expenses associated with the acquisition, holding and disposition of investments, and other fund administrative expenses.

*Transaction and Portfolio Advisory Fees.* Transaction and portfolio advisory fees are fees we receive for the transaction and portfolio advisory services we provide to our portfolio companies. When covered by separate contractual agreements, we recognize transaction and portfolio advisory fees for these services when the service has been provided and collection is reasonably assured. We are required to offset our fund management fees earned by a percentage of the transaction and advisory fees earned, which we refer to as the "rebate offsets." Historically, such rebate offset percentages generally approximated 80% of the fund's portion of the transaction and advisory fees earned. However, the percentage of transaction and portfolio advisory fees we share with our investors on our recent vintage funds has generally increased, and as such the rebate offset percentages generally range from 80% to 100% of the fund's portion of the transaction and portfolio advisory fees earned. The recognition of transaction fees and portfolio advisory fees can be volatile as they are primarily generated by investment activity within our funds, and therefore are impacted by our investment pace.

*Incentive Fees.* Incentive fees consist of performance-based incentive arrangements pursuant to management contracts, primarily from certain of our Global Credit funds, when the return on assets under management exceeds certain benchmark returns or other performance targets. In such arrangements, incentive fees are recognized when the performance benchmark has been achieved.

*Investment Income.* Investment income consists of our performance allocations as well as the realized and unrealized gains and losses resulting from our equity method investments and other principal investments.

Performance allocations consist principally of the performance-based capital allocation from fund limited partners to us, commonly referred to as carried interest, from certain of our investment funds, which we refer to as the "carry funds." Carried interest revenue is recognized by Carlyle upon appreciation of the valuation of our funds' investments above certain return hurdles as set forth in each respective partnership agreement and is based on the amount that would be due to us pursuant to the fund partnership agreement at each period end as if the funds were liquidated at such date. Accordingly, the amount of carried interest recognized as performance allocations reflects our share of the fair value gains and losses of the associated funds' underlying investments measured at their then-current fair values relative to the fair values as of the end of the prior period. As a result, the performance allocations earned in an applicable reporting period are not indicative of any future period, as fair values are based on conditions prevalent as of the reporting date. Refer to " — Trends Affecting our Business" for further discussion.

In addition to the performance allocations from our Corporate Private Equity and Real Assets funds and closed-end carry funds in the Global Credit segment, we are also entitled to receive performance allocations from our Investment Solutions and NGP Carry Funds. The timing of performance allocations realizations for these funds is typically later than in our other carry funds based on the terms of such arrangements.

Our performance allocations are generated by a diverse set of funds with different vintages, geographic concentration, investment strategies and industry specialties. For an explanation of the fund acronyms used throughout this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section, see "Item 1. Business — Our Family of Funds."

Performance allocations in excess of 10% of the total for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 were generated from the following funds:

		Year Ended December 31,						
		2018		2017		2016		
		(Dollars in millions)						
CP VI	\$	162.5	CP VI	\$	649.1	CP V	\$	124.8
CRP VII		131.8	CAP IV		312.7	CRP VII		89.4
CEP IV		77.9	CP V		311.4			
CIEP I		74.5						
CP V		68.4						
CAP IV		(245.7)						
CRP V		(67.7)						

No other fund generated over 10% of performance allocations in the periods presented above.

Under our arrangements with the historical owners and management team of AlpInvest, we generally do not retain any carried interest in respect of the historical investments and commitments to our fund vehicles that existed as of July 1, 2011 (including any options to increase any such commitments exercised after such date). We are entitled to 15% of the carried interest in respect of commitments from the historical owners of AlpInvest for the period between 2011 and 2020 and 40% of the carried interest in respect of all other commitments (including all future commitments from third parties). In certain instances, carried interest associated with the AlpInvest fund vehicles is subject to entity level income taxes in the Netherlands.

Realized carried interest may be clawed back or given back to the fund if the fund's investment values decline below certain return hurdles, which vary from fund to fund. When the fair value of a fund's investments remains constant or falls below certain return hurdles, previously recognized performance allocations are reversed. In all cases, each investment fund is considered separately in evaluating carried interest and potential giveback obligations. For any given period, performance allocations revenue on our statement of operations may include reversals of previously recognized performance allocations due to a decrease in the value of a particular fund that results in a decrease of cumulative performance allocations earned to date. Since fund return hurdles are cumulative, previously recognized performance allocations also may be reversed in a period of appreciation that is lower than the particular fund's hurdle rate. For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, the reversals of performance allocations were \$364.4 million, \$74.2 million and \$109.6 million, respectively. Additionally, unrealized performance allocations reverse when performance allocations are realized, and unrealized performance allocations can be negative if the amount of realized performance allocations exceed total performance allocations generated in the period.

As of December 31, 2018, accrued performance allocations and accrued giveback obligations were approximately \$3.5 billion and \$63.2 million, respectively. Each balance assumes a hypothetical liquidation of the funds' investments at December 31, 2018 at their then current fair values. These assets and liabilities will continue to fluctuate in accordance with the fair values of the fund investments until they are realized. As of December 31, 2018, approximately \$36.0 million of the accrued giveback obligation is the responsibility of various current and former senior Carlyle professionals and other limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, and the net accrued giveback obligation attributable to Carlyle Holdings is \$27.2 million. The Partnership uses "net accrued performance revenues" to refer to the aggregation of the accrued performance allocations and incentive fees net of (i) accrued giveback obligations, (ii) accrued performance allocations and incentive fee-related compensation, (iii) performance allocations and incentive fee-related tax obligations, and (iv) accrued performance allocations and incentive fees attributable to non-controlling interests and excludes any net accrued performance allocations and incentive fees that have been realized but will be collected in subsequent periods. The net accrued performance revenues as of December 31, 2018 are \$1.7 billion.

In addition, realized performance allocations may be reversed in future periods to the extent that such amounts become subject to a giveback obligation. If at December 31, 2018, all investments held by our carry funds were deemed worthless, the amount of realized and previously distributed performance allocations subject to potential giveback would be approximately \$0.5 billion, on an after-tax basis where applicable. See the related discussion of "Contingent Obligations (Giveback)" within "— Liquidity and Capital Resources." Since Carlyle's inception, we have realized a total of approximately \$172.6 million in aggregate giveback obligations. Approximately \$36.5 million of the \$172.6 million in aggregate realized giveback obligations was attributable to Carlyle Holdings. The funding for employee obligations and givebacks related to carry realized pre-IPO is primarily through a collection of employee receivables related to giveback obligations and from non-controlling interests for

their portion of the obligation. The realization of giveback obligations for the Partnership's portion of such obligations reduces Distributable Earnings in the period realized and negatively impacts earnings available for distributions to unitholders in the period realized. Further, each individual recipient of realized carried interest typically signs a guarantee agreement or partnership agreement that personally obligates such person to return his/her pro rata share of any amounts of realized carried interest previously distributed that are later clawed back. Accordingly, carried interest as performance allocation compensation is subject to return to the Partnership in the event a giveback obligation is funded. Generally, the actual giveback liability, if any, does not become due until the end of a fund's life.

Each investment fund is considered separately in evaluating carried interest and potential giveback obligations. As a result, performance allocations within funds will continue to fluctuate primarily due to certain investments within each fund constituting a material portion of the carry in that fund. Additionally, the fair value of investments in our funds may have substantial fluctuations from period to period.

In addition, in our discussion of our non-GAAP results, we use the term "realized net performance revenues" to refer to realized performance allocations and incentive fees from our funds, net of the portion allocated to our investment professionals, if any, and certain tax expenses associated with carried interest attributable to certain partners and employees, which are reflected as realized performance allocations and incentive fees related compensation expense. See "— Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for the amount of realized performance revenues recognized each period. See "— Segment Analysis" for the realized performance revenues by segment and related discussion for each period.

Investment income also represents the unrealized and realized gains and losses on our principal investments, including our investments in Carlyle funds that are not consolidated, as well as any interest and other income. Investment income (loss) also includes the related amortization of the basis difference between the carrying value of our investment and our share of the underlying net assets of the investee, as well as the compensation expense associated with compensatory arrangements provided by us to employees of our equity method investee, as it relates to our investments in NGP. Principal investment income also includes our share of earnings from our strategic investment in Fortitude Re. Realized principal investment income (loss) is recorded when we redeem all or a portion of our investment or when we receive or are due cash income, such as dividends or distributions. A realized principal investment loss is also recorded when an investment is deemed to be worthless. Unrealized principal investment income (loss) results from changes in the fair value of the underlying investment, as well as the reversal of previously recognized unrealized gains (losses) at the time an investment is realized.

*Fair Value Measurement.* U.S. GAAP establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework which ranks the observability of market price inputs used in measuring financial instruments at fair value. The observability of inputs is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, the characteristics specific to the financial instrument and the state of the marketplace, including the existence and transparency of transactions between market participants. Financial instruments with readily available quoted prices, or for which fair value can be measured from quoted prices in active markets, will generally have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment applied in determining fair value.

The table below summarizes the valuation of investments and other financial instruments included within our AUM, by segment and fair value hierarchy levels, as of December 31, 2018 (amounts in millions):

	As of December 31, 2018				
	Corporate Private Equity	Real Assets	Global Credit	Investment Solutions	Total
<b>Consolidated Results</b>					
Level I	\$ 2,244	\$ 2,888	\$ 253	\$ 929	\$ 6,314
Level II	111	66	983	141	1,301
Level III	44,542	25,754	35,224	28,797	134,317
Fair Value of Investments	46,897	28,708	36,460	29,867	141,932
Available Capital	33,862	16,932	7,957	15,787	74,538
<b>Total AUM</b>	<b>\$ 80,759</b>	<b>\$ 45,640</b>	<b>\$ 44,417</b>	<b>\$ 45,654</b>	<b>\$ 216,470</b>

*Interest and Other Income of Consolidated Funds.* Interest and other income of Consolidated Funds primarily represents the interest earned on CLO assets. The Consolidated Funds are not the same entities in all periods presented. The Consolidated Funds in future periods may change due to changes in fund terms, formation of new funds, and terminations of funds.

*Revenue of a Real Estate VIE.* Revenue of a real estate VIE consists of revenue generated by Urbplan, which primarily is revenue earned for land development services using the completed contract method and investment income earned on Urbplan's investments. Under the completed contract method of revenue recognition, revenue is not recognized until the period in which the land development services contract is completed, which can cause volatility from period to period based on which contracts are completed. Urbplan was deconsolidated from the Partnership's financial results during 2017 as a result of the Partnership disposing of its interests in Urbplan in a transaction in which a third party acquired operational control and all of the economic interests in Urbplan (see Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements).

*Net Investment Gains of Consolidated Funds.* Net investment gains of Consolidated Funds measures the change in the difference in fair value between the assets and the liabilities of the Consolidated Funds. A gain (loss) indicates that the fair value of the assets of the Consolidated Funds appreciated more (less), or depreciated less (more), than the fair value of the liabilities of the Consolidated Funds. A gain or loss is not necessarily indicative of the investment performance of the Consolidated Funds and does not impact the management or incentive fees received by Carlyle for its management of the Consolidated Funds. The portion of the net investment gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds attributable to the limited partner investors is allocated to non-controlling interests. Therefore a gain or loss is not expected to have a material impact on the revenues or profitability of the Partnership. Moreover, although the assets of the Consolidated Funds are consolidated onto our balance sheet pursuant to U.S. GAAP, ultimately we do not have recourse to such assets and such liabilities are generally non-recourse to us. Therefore, a gain or loss from the Consolidated Funds generally does not impact the assets available to our equity holders.

## **Expenses**

*Compensation and Benefits.* Compensation includes salaries, bonuses, equity-based compensation, and performance payment arrangements. Bonuses are accrued over the service period to which they relate.

We recognize as compensation expense the portion of performance allocations and incentive fees that are due to our employees, senior Carlyle professionals, and operating executives in a manner consistent with how we recognize the performance allocations and incentive fee revenue. These amounts are accounted for as compensation expense in conjunction with the related performance allocations and incentive fee revenue and, until paid, are recognized as a component of the accrued compensation and benefits liability. Compensation in respect of performance allocations and incentive fees is paid when the related performance allocations and incentive fees are realized, and not when such performance allocations and incentive fees are accrued. The funds do not have a uniform allocation of performance allocations and incentive fees to our employees, senior Carlyle professionals and operating executives. Therefore, for any given period, the ratio of performance allocations and incentive fee compensation to performance allocations and incentive fee revenue may vary based on the funds generating the performance allocations and incentive fee revenue for that period and their particular allocation percentages.

In addition, we have implemented various equity-based compensation arrangements that require senior Carlyle professionals and other employees to vest ownership of a portion of their equity interests over a service period of up to 60 months, which under U.S. GAAP will result in compensation charges over current and future periods. Further, in order to recruit and retain existing and future senior Carlyle professionals and other employees, we have implemented additional equity-based compensation programs that have resulted in increases to our equity-based compensation expenses in 2017 and 2018. However, we intend to grant fewer equity awards to employees than we have previously. For example, in February 2018 and 2019, we granted approximately 11.3 million and 5.3 million, respectively, deferred restricted common units across a significant number of our employees; these awards vest over a period of 12 to 60 months. Compensation charges associated with all equity-based compensation grants are excluded from Fee Related Earnings and Distributable Earnings.

We may hire additional individuals and overall compensation levels may correspondingly increase, which could result in an increase in compensation and benefits expense. As a result of acquisitions, we have charges associated with contingent consideration taking the form of earn-outs and profit participation, some of which are reflected as compensation expense.

*General, Administrative and Other Expenses.* General, administrative, and other expenses include occupancy and equipment expenses and other expenses, which consist principally of professional fees, including those related to our global regulatory compliance program, external costs of fundraising, travel and related expenses, communications and information services, depreciation and amortization (including intangible asset amortization and impairment) and foreign currency transactions. We expect that general, administrative and other expenses will vary due to infrequently occurring or unusual items, such as impairment of intangible assets and expenses or insurance recoveries associated with litigation and contingencies. Also, in periods of significant fundraising, to the extent that we use third parties to assist in our fundraising efforts, our general, administrative and other expenses may increase accordingly. Additionally, we anticipate that general, administrative and other expenses will fluctuate from period to period due to the impact of foreign exchange transactions.

We also could incur additional expenses in the future related to our acquisitions including amortization of acquired intangibles and earn-outs to equity holders. As discussed in Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements, we evaluate our intangible assets (including goodwill) for impairment and could record additional impairment losses in future periods.

*Interest and Other Expenses of Consolidated Funds.* The interest and other expenses of Consolidated Funds consist primarily of interest expenses related primarily to our CLO loans, professional fees and other third-party expenses.

*Interest and Other Expenses of a Real Estate VIE and Loss on Deconsolidation.* Interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation reflects the loss recognized in 2017 as a result of the Partnership disposing of its interests in Urbplan in a transaction in which a third party acquired operational control and all of the economic interests in Urbplan, which resulted in the deconsolidation of Urbplan from the Partnership's financial results (see Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements). This line item also includes expenses incurred by Urbplan prior to deconsolidation, consisting primarily of interest expense, general and administrative expenses, impairment charges, compensation and benefits, and costs associated with land development services. Also included in this caption is the change in our estimate of the fair value of Urbplan's loans payable.

*Income Taxes.* The Carlyle Holdings partnerships and their subsidiaries primarily operate as pass-through entities for U.S. income tax purposes and record a provision for state and local income taxes for certain entities based on applicable laws and a provision for foreign income taxes for certain foreign entities. In addition, Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. is subject to U.S. income taxes on only a portion of our income or loss. Depending on the sources of our taxable income or loss, our income tax provision or benefit can vary significantly from period to period.

Income taxes for foreign entities are accounted for using the asset and liability method of accounting. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis, using currently enacted tax rates. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period in which the change is enacted. For instance, in December 2017, new corporate federal income tax rates were enacted, which impacted the Partnership's deferred tax assets and liabilities. See Note 11 of the consolidated financial statements for more information on the newly enacted corporate federal income tax rates. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

In the normal course of business, we are subject to examination by federal and certain state, local and foreign tax regulators. As of December 31, 2018, our U.S. federal income tax returns for the years 2015 through 2017 are open under the normal three-year statute of limitations and therefore subject to examination. State and local tax returns are generally subject to audit from 2013 to 2017. Foreign tax returns are generally subject to audit from 2011 to 2017. Certain of our affiliates are currently under audit by federal, state and foreign tax authorities.

*Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Entities.* Non-controlling interests in consolidated entities represent the component of equity in consolidated entities not held by us. These interests are adjusted for general partner allocations.

We record significant non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings relating to the ownership interests of the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. The Partnership, through wholly owned subsidiaries, is the sole general partner of Carlyle Holdings. Accordingly, the Partnership consolidates the financial position and results of operations of Carlyle Holdings into its financial statements, and the other ownership interests in Carlyle Holdings are reflected as a non-controlling interest in the Partnership's financial statements.

### ***Non-GAAP Financial Measures***

In connection with a change to the Partnership's chief operating decision makers, management has reevaluated the manner in which it makes operational and resource deployment decisions and assesses the overall performance of the Partnership's business. Effective with the three months ended December 31, 2018, Distributable Earnings and Fee Related Earnings are the performance measures for the Partnership's profitability used by management in making operational and resource deployment decisions. Previously, Economic Income was also a key performance measure. The key distinction between Distributable Earnings and Economic Income is that Distributable Earnings reflects the earnings of the Partnership excluding unrealized performance revenues and related compensation expense, and unrealized principal investment income.

In connection with this modification, segment information as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 has been presented in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to conform to the Partnership's current presentation of segment results

for comparability purposes. Consequently, this information will be different from the historical segment financial results reporting by the Partnership in its reports filed with the SEC.

*Distributable Earnings.* Distributable Earnings, or "DE", is a key performance benchmark used in our industry and is evaluated regularly by management in making resource deployment and compensation decisions, and in assessing the performance of our four segments. We also use DE in our budgeting, forecasting, and the overall management of our segments. We believe that reporting DE is helpful to understanding our business and that investors should review the same supplemental financial measure that management uses to analyze our segment performance. DE is intended to show the amount of net realized earnings without the effects of consolidation of the Consolidated Funds. DE is derived from our segment reported results and is an additional measure to assess performance and determine amounts potentially available for distribution from Carlyle Holdings to its unitholders.

Distributable Earnings differs from income (loss) before provision for income taxes computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP in that it includes certain tax expenses associated with performance revenues (comprised of performance allocations and incentive fees), and does not include unrealized performance allocations and related compensation expense, unrealized principal investment income, equity-based compensation expense, net income (loss) attributable to non-Carlyle interest in consolidated entities, or charges (credits) related to Carlyle corporate actions and non-recurring items. Charges (credits) related to Carlyle corporate actions and non-recurring items include: charges associated with acquisitions or strategic investments, changes in the tax receivable agreement liability, amortization and any impairment charges associated with acquired intangible assets, transaction costs associated with acquisitions, charges associated with earnouts and contingent consideration including gains and losses associated with the estimated fair value of contingent consideration issued in conjunction with acquisitions or strategic investments, gains and losses from the retirement of debt, charges associated with contract terminations and employee severance. We believe the inclusion or exclusion of these items provides investors with a meaningful indication of our core operating performance. This measure supplements and should be considered in addition to and not in lieu of the results of operations discussed further under "Consolidated Results of Operations" prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

*Fee Related Earnings.* Fee Related Earnings, or "FRE", is a component of DE and is used to assess the ability of the business to cover direct base compensation and operating expenses from total fee revenues. FRE differs from income (loss) before provision for income taxes computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP in that it adjusts for the items included in the calculation of DE and also adjusts DE to exclude net realized performance revenues, realized principal investment income from investments in Carlyle funds, net interest (interest income less interest expense), and certain general, administrative and other expenses when the timing of any future payment is uncertain.

### **Operating Metrics**

We monitor certain operating metrics that are common to the asset management industry.

#### *Fee-earning Assets under Management*

Fee-earning assets under management or Fee-earning AUM refers to the assets we manage or advise from which we derive recurring fund management fees. Our Fee-earning AUM is generally based on one of the following, once fees have been activated:

- (a) the amount of limited partner capital commitments, generally for carry funds where the original investment period has not expired, for AlpInvest carry funds during the commitment fee period and for Metropolitan carry funds during the weighted-average investment period of the underlying funds (see "Fee-earning AUM based on capital commitments" in the table below for the amount of this component at each period);
- (b) the remaining amount of limited partner invested capital at cost, generally for carry funds and certain co-investment vehicles where the original investment period has expired, Metropolitan carry funds after the expiration of the weighted-average investment period of the underlying funds, and one of our business development companies (see "Fee-earning AUM based on invested capital" in the table below for the amount of this component at each period);
- (c) the amount of aggregate fee-earning collateral balance at par of our CLOs and other securitization vehicles, as defined in the fund indentures (typically exclusive of equities and defaulted positions) as of the quarterly cut-off date;
- (d) the external investor portion of the net asset value of our hedge fund and fund of hedge funds vehicles (pre redemptions and subscriptions), as well as certain carry funds (see "Fee-earning AUM based on net asset value" in the table below for the amount of this component at each period);

- (e) the gross assets (including assets acquired with leverage), excluding cash and cash equivalents, of one of our business development companies and certain carry funds (see “Fee-earning AUM based on lower of cost or fair value and other” in the table below for the amount of this component at each period); and
- (f) the lower of cost or fair value of invested capital, generally for AlpInvest carry funds where the commitment fee period has expired and certain carry funds where the investment period has expired, (see “Fee-earning AUM based on lower of cost or fair value and other” in the table below for the amount of this component at each period).

The table below details Fee-earning AUM by its respective components at each period.

	As of December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
<b>Consolidated Results</b>			
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>			
<b>Components of Fee-earning AUM</b>			
Fee-earning AUM based on capital commitments (1)	\$ 70,032	\$ 58,618	\$ 51,455
Fee-earning AUM based on invested capital (2)	43,369	24,263	25,976
Fee-earning AUM based on collateral balances, at par (3)	22,921	18,625	16,999
Fee-earning AUM based on net asset value (4)	3,288	1,776	977
Fee-earning AUM based on lower of cost or fair value and other (5)	19,942	21,313	19,587
<b>Balance, End of Period (6) (7)</b>	<b>\$ 159,552</b>	<b>\$ 124,595</b>	<b>\$ 114,994</b>

- (1) Reflects limited partner capital commitments where the original investment period, weighted-average investment period, or commitment fee period has not expired.
- (2) Reflects limited partner invested capital at cost and includes amounts committed to or reserved for investments for certain Real Assets and Investment Solutions funds.
- (3) Represents the amount of aggregate Fee-earning collateral balances and principal balances, at par, for our CLOs/structured products.
- (4) Reflects the net asset value (pre-redemptions and subscriptions) of our hedge funds, mutual fund and fund of hedge funds vehicles, as well as certain other carry funds.
- (5) Includes funds with fees based on gross asset value.
- (6) Energy III, Energy IV, and Renew II (collectively, the “Legacy Energy Funds”) are managed with Riverstone Holdings LLC and its affiliates. Affiliates of both Carlyle and Riverstone act as investment advisers to each of the Legacy Energy Funds. Carlyle has a minority representation on the management committees of Energy IV and Renew II. Carlyle and Riverstone each hold half of the seats on the management committees of Energy III, but the investment period for this fund has expired and the remaining investments in such fund are being disposed of in the ordinary course of business. As of December 31, 2018, the Legacy Energy Funds had, in the aggregate, approximately \$4.1 billion in AUM and \$3.4 billion in Fee-earning AUM. We are no longer raising capital for the Legacy Energy Funds and expect these balances to continue to decrease over time as the funds wind down.
- (7) Ending balance excludes \$6.5 billion of pending Fee-earning AUM for which fees have not yet been activated.

The table below provides the period to period rollforward of Fee-earning AUM.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
<b>Consolidated Results</b>			
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>			
<b>Fee-earning AUM Rollforward</b>			
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 124,595	\$ 114,994	\$ 130,994
Acquisitions/(Divestments) (1)	4,093	—	(4,356)
Inflows, including Commitments (2)	46,071	22,679	14,625
Outflows, including Distributions (3)	(13,486)	(17,949)	(20,678)
Subscriptions, net of Redemptions (4)	—	—	(4,930)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (5)	30	(90)	(73)
Foreign Exchange and other (6)	(1,751)	4,961	(588)
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 159,552</b>	<b>\$ 124,595</b>	<b>\$ 114,994</b>

- (1) Acquisition activity represents Carlyle Aviation Partners assets which were acquired in a transaction that closed in December 2018. Divestment activity in 2016 represents ESG assets which were transferred to the ESG founders in a transaction that closed in October 2016 and Claren Road assets which were transferred to the Claren Road founders in a transaction that closed in January 2017.
- (2) Inflows represents limited partner capital raised by our carry funds or separately managed accounts for which management fees based on commitments were activated during the period, the fee-earning commitments invested in vehicles for which management fees are based on invested capital, as well as the fee-earning collateral balance of new CLO issuance. Inflows exclude fundraising amounts during the period for which fees have not yet been activated, which are referenced as Pending Fee-earning AUM.
- (3) Outflows represents the impact of limited partner distributions from vehicles with management fees based on remaining invested capital at cost or fair value, changes in basis for funds where the investment period, weighted-average investment period or commitment fee period has expired during the period, reductions for funds that are no longer calling for fees, and runoff of CLO collateral balances. Distributions for funds earning management fees based on commitments during the period do not affect Fee-earning AUM.
- (4) Represents the net result of subscriptions to and redemptions from our hedge funds, mutual fund and fund of hedge funds vehicles.
- (5) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) represents realized and unrealized gains (losses) on portfolio investments in our carry funds based on the lower of cost or fair value and net asset value.
- (6) Includes activity of funds with fees based on gross asset value. Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of the period end.

Refer to “— Segment Analysis” for a detailed discussion by segment of the activity affecting Fee-earning AUM for each of the periods presented by segment.

#### Assets under Management

“Assets under management” or “AUM” refers to the assets we manage or advise. Our AUM equals the sum of the following:

- (a) the aggregate fair value of our carry funds and related co-investment vehicles, NGP Predecessor Funds and separately managed accounts, plus the capital that Carlyle is entitled to call from investors in those funds and vehicles (including Carlyle commitments to those funds and vehicles and those of senior Carlyle professionals and employees) pursuant to the terms of their capital commitments to those funds and vehicles;
- (b) the amount of aggregate collateral balance and principal cash at par or aggregate principal amount of the notes of our CLOs and other structured products (inclusive of all positions);
- (c) the net asset value (pre-redemptions and subscriptions) of our long/short credit, emerging markets, multi-product macroeconomic, fund of hedge funds vehicles, mutual fund and other hedge funds; and
- (d) the gross assets (including assets acquired with leverage) of our business development companies, plus the capital that Carlyle is entitled to call from investors in those vehicles pursuant to the terms of their capital commitments to those vehicles.



We include in our calculation of AUM and Fee-earning AUM certain energy and renewable resources funds that we jointly advise with Riverstone Holdings L.L.C. (“Riverstone”) and the NGP Energy Funds that are advised by NGP.

For most of our carry funds, total AUM includes the fair value of the capital invested, whereas Fee-earning AUM includes the amount of capital commitments or the remaining amount of invested capital, depending on whether the original investment period for the fund has expired. As such, Fee-earning AUM may be greater than total AUM when the aggregate fair value of the remaining investments is less than the cost of those investments.

Our calculations of AUM and Fee-earning AUM may differ from the calculations of other asset managers. As a result, these measures may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other asset managers. In addition, our calculation of AUM (but not Fee-earning AUM) includes uncalled commitments to, and the fair value of invested capital in, our investment funds from Carlyle and our personnel, regardless of whether such commitments or invested capital are subject to management fees or performance allocations. Our calculations of AUM or Fee-earning AUM are not based on any definition of AUM or Fee-earning AUM that is set forth in the agreements governing the investment funds that we manage or advise.

We generally use Fee-earning AUM as a metric to measure changes in the assets from which we earn recurring management fees. Total AUM tends to be a better measure of our investment and fundraising performance as it reflects investments at fair value plus available capital.

### Available Capital

“Available Capital” refers to the amount of capital commitments available to be called for investments, which may be reduced for equity invested that is funded via a fund credit facility and expected to be called from investors at a later date, plus any additional assets/liabilities at the fund level other than active investments. Amounts previously called may be added back to available capital following certain distributions. “Expired Available Capital” occurs when a fund has passed the investment and follow-on periods and can no longer invest capital into new or existing deals. Any remaining Available Capital, typically a result of either recycled distributions or specific reserves established for the follow-on period that are not drawn, can only be called for fees and expenses and is therefore removed from the Total AUM calculation.

The table below provides the period to period rollforward of Total AUM.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Consolidated Results</b>			
<b>Total AUM Rollforward</b>			
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 195,061	\$ 157,607	\$ 182,595
Acquisitions/(Divestments) (1)	5,791	—	(4,707)
New Commitments (2)	32,911	42,846	13,216
Outflows (3)	(23,396)	(27,409)	(37,692)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (4)	10,743	17,104	10,148
Foreign Exchange Gain/(Loss) (5)	(2,878)	6,493	(1,195)
Other (6)	(1,762)	(1,580)	(4,758)
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 216,470</b>	<b>\$ 195,061</b>	<b>\$ 157,607</b>

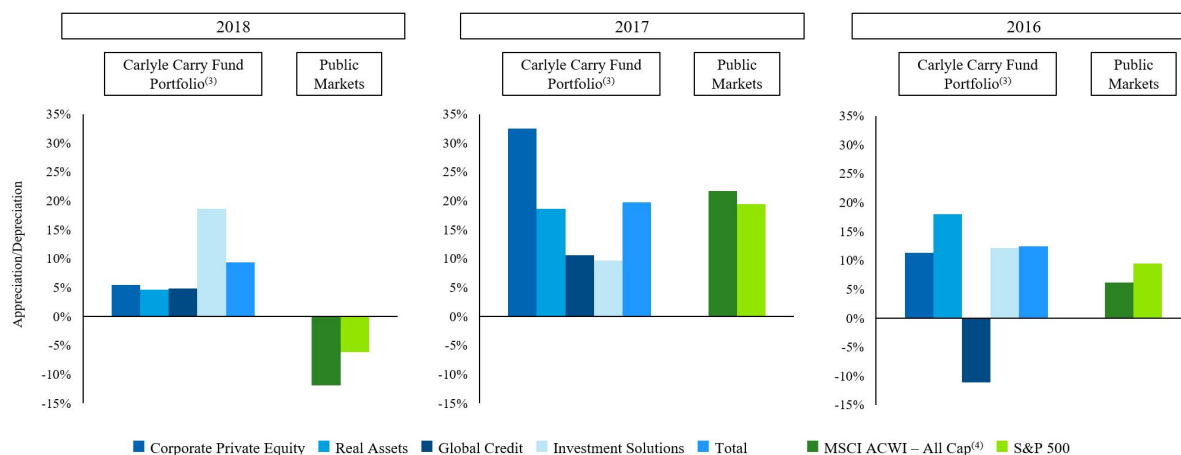
(1) Acquisition activity represents Carlyle Aviation Partners assets which were acquired in a transaction that closed in December 2018. Divestment activity represents ESG assets which were transferred to the ESG founders in a transaction that closed in October 2016 and Claren Road assets which were transferred to the Claren Road founders in a transaction that closed in January 2017.

(2) New Commitments reflects the impact of gross fundraising during the period. For funds or vehicles denominated in foreign currencies, this reflects translation at the average quarterly rate, while the separately reported Fundraising metric is translated at the spot rate for each individual closing.

- (3) Outflows include distributions in our carry funds and related co-investment vehicles, NGP Predecessor Funds and separately managed accounts, as well as runoff of CLO collateral balances and redemptions in our hedge funds and fund of hedge funds vehicles.
- (4) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) generally represents realized and unrealized gains (losses) on portfolio investments in our carry funds and related co-investment vehicles, NGP Predecessor Funds, separately managed accounts, hedge funds and fund of hedge funds vehicles. Appreciation for 2018 was driven by 9% appreciation (\$4.9 billion) in the private portfolio, offset by 19% depreciation (\$1.7 billion) in the public portfolio of our Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets, and Global Credit carry funds, in addition to \$6.8 billion of appreciation in our Investment Solutions carry funds.
- (5) Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of the period end.
- (6) Includes expiring available capital, the impact of capital calls for fees and expenses, change in gross asset value for our business development companies and other changes in AUM.

The table below presents the change in appreciation on portfolio investments of our carry funds. Please refer to “— Segment Analysis” for a detailed discussion by segment of the activity affecting Total AUM for each of the periods presented.

### Carlyle Portfolio Appreciation <sup>(1,2)</sup> vs. Major Equity Indices



- (1) Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets, and Global Credit carry funds only, excluding external co-investment.
- (2) For Carlyle returns, “Appreciation/Depreciation” represents realized and unrealized gain / loss for the period on a total return basis before fees and expenses. The percentage of return is calculated as the sum of ending remaining investment fair market value (“FMV”) and net investment outflow (sales proceeds less net purchases) less beginning remaining investment FMV divided by beginning remaining investment FMV.
- (3) In the Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets, and Global Credit carry funds, public investments made up 7% of remaining fair value at December 31, 2018 and 14% of remaining fair value at December 31, 2017. For Q4 2018, public investments depreciated 27% while private investments depreciated 1%, compared to 9% public appreciation and 6% private appreciation for Q4 2017. For YTD 2018, public investments depreciated 19% while private investments appreciated 9%, compared to 29% public appreciation and 26% private appreciation for the comparable prior YTD period. Public portfolio includes initial public offerings (“IPO”) that occurred in the quarter. Investments may be reported as private in quarters prior to the IPO quarter.
- (4) The MSCI ACWI - All Cap Index represents the performance of the MSCI All Country World Index across all market capitalization sizes of the global equity market. There are significant differences between the types of securities and assets typically acquired by our carry funds and the investments covered by the MSCI All Country World Index. Specifically, our carry funds may make investments in securities and other assets that have a greater degree of risk and volatility, and less liquidity, than those securities included in the MSCI All Country World Index. Moreover, investors in the securities included in the MSCI All Country World Index may not be subject to the management fees, carried interest or expenses to which investors in our carry funds are typically subject. Comparisons between the our carry fund appreciation and the MSCI All Country World Index are included for informational purposes only.

### **Consolidation of Certain Carlyle Funds**

The Partnership consolidates all entities that it controls either through a majority voting interest or as the primary beneficiary of variable interest entities. On January 1, 2016, the Partnership adopted ASU 2015-2, *Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis*, which provides a revised consolidation model for all reporting entities to use in evaluating whether to consolidate certain types of legal entities. As a result, the Partnership deconsolidated the majority of the Partnership's consolidated funds on January 1, 2016. The entities we consolidate are referred to collectively as the Consolidated Funds in our consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2018, our Consolidated Funds represent approximately 2% of our AUM; 2% of our fund management fees; and less than 1% of our investment income for the year ended December 31, 2018.

We are not required under the revised consolidation guidance to consolidate in our financial statements most of the investment funds we advise. However, we consolidate certain CLOs that we advise. As of December 31, 2018, our consolidated CLOs held approximately \$5.5 billion of total assets and comprised substantially all of the assets and loans payable of the Consolidated Funds. The assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Funds are generally held within separate legal entities and, as a result, the liabilities of the Consolidated Funds are non-recourse to us.

Generally, the consolidation of the Consolidated Funds has a gross-up effect on our assets, liabilities and cash flows but has no net effect on the net income attributable to the Partnership and partners' capital. The majority of the net economic ownership interests of the Consolidated Funds are reflected as non-controlling interests in consolidated entities in the consolidated financial statements. Because only a small portion of our funds are consolidated, the performance of the Consolidated Funds is not necessarily consistent with or representative of the combined performance trends of all of our funds.

For further information on our consolidation policy and the consolidation of certain funds, see Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **Consolidated Results of Operations**

The following table and discussion sets forth information regarding our consolidated results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016. Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared on substantially the same basis for all historical periods presented; however, the consolidated funds are not the same entities in all periods shown due to changes in U.S. GAAP, changes in fund terms and the creation and termination of funds. As further described above, the consolidation of these funds primarily had the impact of increasing interest and other income of Consolidated Funds, interest and other expenses of Consolidated Funds, and net investment gains of Consolidated Funds in the year that the fund is initially consolidated. The consolidation of these funds had no effect on net income attributable to the Partnership for the periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions, except unit and per unit data)		
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fund management fees	\$ 1,272.0	\$ 1,026.9	\$ 1,076.1
Incentive fees	30.2	35.3	36.4
Investment income (loss)			
Performance allocations	622.9	2,058.6	715.4
Principal investment income	186.3	232.0	160.5
Total investment income	809.2	2,290.6	875.9
Interest and other income	101.3	36.7	23.9
Interest and other income of Consolidated Funds	214.5	177.7	166.9
Revenue of a real estate VIE	—	109.0	95.1
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>2,427.2</b>	<b>3,676.2</b>	<b>2,274.3</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Compensation and benefits			
Cash-based compensation	746.7	652.7	647.1
Equity-based compensation	239.9	320.3	334.6
Performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation	376.3	988.3	353.1
Total compensation and benefits	1,362.9	1,961.3	1,334.8
General, administrative, and other expenses	460.7	276.8	521.1
Interest	82.2	65.5	61.3
Interest and other expenses of Consolidated Funds	164.6	197.6	128.5
Interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation	—	202.5	207.6
Other non-operating expenses (income)	1.1	(71.4)	(11.2)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,071.5</b>	<b>2,632.3</b>	<b>2,242.1</b>
<b>Other income</b>			
Net investment gains of Consolidated Funds	4.5	88.4	13.1
Income before provision for income taxes	360.2	1,132.3	45.3
Provision for income taxes	31.3	124.9	30.0
Net income	328.9	1,007.4	15.3
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	33.9	72.5	41.0
Net income (loss) attributable to Carlyle Holdings	295.0	934.9	(25.7)
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	178.5	690.8	(32.1)
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P.	116.5	244.1	6.4
Net income attributable to Series A Preferred Unitholders	23.6	6.0	—
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. common unitholders	\$ 92.9	\$ 238.1	\$ 6.4
Net income (loss) attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. per common unit			
Basic	\$ 0.89	\$ 2.58	\$ 0.08
Diluted	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.38	\$ (0.08)
<b>Weighted-average common units</b>			
Basic	104,198,089	92,136,959	82,714,178
Diluted	113,389,443	100,082,548	308,522,990

**Year Ended December 31, 2018 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2017 and Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2016.**

**Revenues**

Total revenues decreased \$1.2 billion, or 34%, for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and increased \$1.4 billion, or 62%, for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The following table provides the components of the changes in total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Total Revenues, prior year	\$ 3,676.2	\$ 2,274.3
Increases (decreases):		
Increase (decrease) in fund management fees	245.1	(49.2)
Decrease in incentive fees	(5.1)	(1.1)
(Decrease) increase in investment income, including performance allocations	(1,481.4)	1,414.7
Increase in interest and other income of Consolidated Funds	36.8	10.8
(Decrease) increase in revenue of a real estate VIE	(109.0)	13.9
Increase in interest and other income	64.6	12.8
Total (decrease) increase	(1,249.0)	1,401.9
Total Revenues, current year	\$ 2,427.2	\$ 3,676.2

*Fund Management Fees.* Fund management fees increased \$245.1 million, or 24%, for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and decreased \$49.2 million, or 5%, for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to the following:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Higher management fees from the commencement of the investment period for certain newly raised funds	\$ 344.3	\$ 99.0
Lower management fees resulting from the change in basis for earning management fees from commitments to invested capital for certain funds and from distributions from funds whose management fees are based on invested capital	(117.3)	(63.0)
Increase (decrease) in catch-up management fees from subsequent closes of funds that are in the fundraising period	13.9	(6.6)
Lower management fees from lower assets under management in our former hedge funds	—	(66.4)
Higher (lower) transaction and portfolio advisory fees	10.2	(4.2)
All other changes	(6.0)	(8.0)
Total increase (decrease) in fund management fees	\$ 245.1	\$ (49.2)

Fund management fees include transaction and portfolio advisory fees, net of rebate offsets, of \$50.5 million, \$43.6 million, and \$47.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The increase in transaction and portfolio advisory fees for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 was driven by certain significant transactions in our Corporate Private Equity funds which closed in the fourth quarter of 2018. The decrease for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 resulted primarily from a significant transaction related to one of our U.S. buyout funds in 2016.

*Investment Income.* Investment income decreased \$1.5 billion for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$1.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to the following:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
(Decrease) increase in performance allocations, excluding NGP	\$ (1,435.7)	\$ 1,343.2
(Decrease) increase in investment income from NGP, which includes performance allocations from the investments in NGP	(44.8)	103.1
Investment loss related to NGP contingent consideration	—	(37.6)
(Decrease) increase in investment income from our buyout and growth funds	(45.7)	10.8
Increase in gains on foreign currency hedges	9.4	4.6
Decrease in investment income from our real assets funds, excluding NGP	(5.3)	(14.9)
(Decrease) increase in investment income from our distressed debt funds, former hedge funds, and energy mezzanine funds	(11.0)	4.0
Decrease in investment income from our CLOs	(6.2)	(6.7)
Investment income from Fortitude Re	57.9	—
All other changes	—	8.2
<b>Total (decrease) increase in investment income</b>	<b>\$ (1,481.4)</b>	<b>\$ 1,414.7</b>

**Performance Allocations.** Performance allocations decreased \$1.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to 2017 and increased \$1.3 billion for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. Performance allocations by segment for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 comprised the following:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>		
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 291.4	\$ 1,629.6	\$ 289.6
Real Assets	148.4	265.2	321.1
Global Credit	9.1	21.3	1.0
Investment Solutions	174.0	142.5	103.7
<b>Total performance allocations</b>	<b>\$ 622.9</b>	<b>\$ 2,058.6</b>	<b>\$ 715.4</b>
Total carry fund appreciation	9%	20%	12%

Approximately \$201.7 million of our performance allocations for the year ended December 31, 2018 were related to CP VI, CRP VII, CEP IV, CIEP I, CP V, CAP IV and CRP V while approximately \$1,273.2 million of our performance allocations for the year ended December 31, 2017 were related to CP VI, CAP IV and CP V, and approximately \$214.2 million of our performance allocations for the year ended December 31, 2016 were related to CP V and CRP VII.

Expectations for global economic growth have moderated significantly since the beginning of 2018. U.S. growth has slowed from the 3.3% pace seen in the first three quarters of 2018, but our proprietary portfolio company data is pointing to growth of more than 2% entering 2019. Our private portfolio continues to perform well, while our public investments have been negatively impacted by market depreciation. Since the beginning of 2018, our overall carry fund portfolio has appreciated by 9% but depreciated by 2% in the fourth quarter of 2018, reflecting volatile global markets as well as particular weakness in public energy investments. Overall, the investment environment remains challenging and competitive. High levels of dry powder in our industry combined with slowing global growth and volatile markets could affect both investment pace and realizations in 2019.

In addition, incentive fees from Consolidated Funds increased \$1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$2.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. These fees eliminate upon consolidation.

*Interest and Other Income.* Interest and other income increased \$64.6 million and \$12.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Increases for both periods reflect an increase in interest income related to our CLOs and certain money market accounts. In addition, contributing to the 2018 increase was the Partnership's adoption of the revenue recognition standard, ASU 2014-09, on January 1, 2018. As part of the adoption, the reimbursement of certain costs incurred on behalf of Carlyle funds, primarily travel and entertainment costs, that were previously presented net in our audited consolidated statements of operations are presented gross beginning on January 1, 2018. For the year ended December 31, 2018, these costs were approximately \$29.3 million and are presented in interest and other income and general, administrative and other expenses in our audited consolidated statements of operations. See Note 2 to our audited consolidated financial statements for more information on the adoption of the revenue recognition standard.

*Interest and Other Income of Consolidated Funds.* Our CLOs generate interest income primarily from investments in bonds and loans inclusive of amortization of discounts and generate other income from consent and amendment fees. Substantially all interest and other income of the CLOs and other consolidated funds together with interest expense of our CLOs and net investment gains of Consolidated Funds is attributable to the related funds' limited partners or CLO investors. Accordingly, such amounts have no material impact on net income attributable to the Partnership.

Interest and other income of consolidated funds increased \$36.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$10.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. Substantially all of the increase in interest and other income of Consolidated Funds for both periods relates to increased interest income from CLOs.

*Revenue of a Real Estate VIE.* Revenue of a real estate VIE was \$109.0 million in 2017 and \$95.1 million in 2016. The increase in revenue of the real estate VIE for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 is primarily due to an increase in the number of land development projects completed in 2017, prior to deconsolidation. See Note 16 for more information on the deconsolidation of the real estate VIE.

## Expenses

Total expenses decreased \$560.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$390.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The following table provides the components of the changes in total expenses for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Total Expenses, prior year	\$ 2,632.3	\$ 2,242.1
Increases (Decreases):		
(Decrease) increase in total compensation and benefits	(598.4)	626.5
Increase (decrease) in general, administrative and other expenses	183.9	(244.3)
(Decrease) increase in interest and other expenses of Consolidated Funds	(33.0)	69.1
Decrease in interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation	(202.5)	(5.1)
Decrease (increase) in other non-operating income	72.5	(60.2)
All other changes	16.7	4.2
Total (decrease) increase	(560.8)	390.2
Total Expenses, current year	\$ 2,071.5	\$ 2,632.3

*Total Compensation and Benefits.* Total compensation and benefits decreased \$598.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$626.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, due to the following:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Increase in cash-based compensation and benefits	\$ 94.0	\$ 5.6
Decrease in equity-based compensation	(80.4)	(14.3)
(Decrease) increase in performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation	(612.0)	635.2
Total (decrease) increase in total compensation and benefits	\$ (598.4)	\$ 626.5

*Cash-based compensation and benefits.* Cash-based compensation and benefits increased \$94.0 million, or 14%, for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$5.6 million, or 1%, for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to the following:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Decrease in hedge fund headcount and bonuses	\$ —	\$ (24.9)
Increase (decrease) in all other headcount and bonuses	112.5	(14.7)
(Decrease) increase in compensation costs associated with fundraising activities	(18.5)	30.4
Absence in 2017 of prior year net write-down of acquisition-related compensatory arrangements	—	14.8
Total increase in base compensation and benefits	\$ 94.0	\$ 5.6



**Equity-based compensation.** Equity-based compensation decreased \$80.4 million, or 25%, for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017. The decrease in equity-based compensation from 2018 to 2017 was due primarily to the timing of the last vesting of awards in May 2018 related to our initial public offering in 2012. This decrease was partially offset by the ongoing grants of deferred restricted common units to new and existing employees during 2017 and 2018.

Equity-based compensation decreased \$14.3 million, or 4%, for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The decrease in equity-based compensation from 2016 to 2017 was due primarily to the forfeiture of equity-based awards due to employee terminations occurring in 2016 and the accounting policy change on January 1, 2017 to account for forfeitures as they occur instead of estimating an expense at the grant date. These decreases were partially offset by the settlement of the DGAM earnout agreement due to the commencement of the wind down of DGAM in 2016 in which a reduction of expense was incurred in 2016 and by the ongoing grants of deferred restricted common units to new and existing employees during 2016 and 2017.

**Performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation expense.** Performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation expense decreased \$612.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and increased \$635.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. Performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation expense as a percentage of performance allocations and incentive fee was 58%, 48%, and 47% in the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. For our largest segment, Corporate Private Equity, our performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation expense as a percentage of performance allocations is generally around 45%. Performance allocations from our Investment Solutions segment pay a higher ratio of performance allocations as compensation. Conversely, performance allocations from the Legacy Energy funds in our Real Assets segment are primarily allocated to Carlyle because the investment teams for the Legacy Energy funds are employed by Riverstone and not Carlyle.

**General, Administrative and Other Expenses.** General, administrative and other expenses increased \$183.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and decreased \$244.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Certain costs incurred on behalf of Carlyle funds, primarily travel and entertainment costs, that are now presented on a gross basis as a result of the adoption of the new revenue recognition standard (See Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements)	\$ 29.3	\$ —
Lease assignment and termination costs	66.9	—
Lower expenses for litigation and contingencies*	(119.2)	(56.2)
Decrease (increase) in net insurance proceeds recognized for certain legal matters	180.8	(187.6)
Lower intangible asset amortization	(0.2)	(32.3)
Higher (lower) professional fees	7.0	(7.5)
Higher external fundraising costs	22.6	6.0
Foreign exchange adjustments and other changes	(3.3)	33.3
<b>Total increase (decrease) in general, administrative and other expenses</b>	<b>\$ 183.9</b>	<b>\$ (244.3)</b>

\* For the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to the year ended December 31, 2017, this reflects the \$144 million of commodities charges in 2017 as well as the \$25 million reversal of the CCC litigation. For the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to the year ended December 31, 2016, this reflects the \$175 million 2016 commodities charges as compared to the \$25 million reversal of the CCC litigation reserve and \$144 million of commodities charges in 2017. See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements for more information on our legal matters.

**Interest and Other Expenses of Consolidated Funds.** Interest and other expenses of Consolidated Funds decreased \$33.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and increased \$69.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The decrease for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 was primarily due to lower interest expense on the consolidated CLOs. The increase for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 due to higher interest expense on the consolidated CLOs.

The CLOs incur interest expense on their loans payable and incur other expenses consisting of trustee fees, rating agency fees and professional fees. Substantially all interest and other income of our CLOs together with interest expense of our CLOs and net investment gains of Consolidated Funds is attributable to the related funds' limited partners or CLO investors. Accordingly, such amounts have no material impact on net income attributable to the Partnership.

*Interest and Other Expenses of a Real Estate VIE and Loss on Deconsolidation.* Interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation decreased \$202.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, due to the deconsolidation of the VIE in the third quarter of 2017 when the Partnership disposed of its interest in Urbplan. See Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements for more information on the disposal transaction. Interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation decreased \$5.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to:

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>
Higher expenses associated with land development services	\$ 33.1
Higher expenses related to fair market value adjustment for Urbplan loans	11.0
Lower interest expense	(32.9)
Lower compensation and benefits	(5.7)
Lower general, administrative and other expenses, primarily due to asset impairments and litigation reserves	(75.1)
Loss on deconsolidation *	64.5
<b>Total decrease in interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation</b>	<b>\$ (5.1)</b>

\* During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Partnership recognized a loss of approximately \$65 million as a result of the Partnership disposing of its interests in Urbplan in a transaction in which a third party acquired operational control and all of the economic interests in Urbplan. With this transaction, Urbplan was deconsolidated from the Partnership's financial results (see Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements).

*Other Non-operating Expenses (Income).* For the year ended December 31, 2017, this caption includes the impact of the enacted tax reform legislation on our tax receivable agreement liability, which was reduced by \$71.5 million. See Note 11 to the consolidated financial statements for more information on the enacted tax reform legislation. In addition, for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, this caption primarily represents the change in the fair value of contingent consideration associated with the Partnership's acquisitions.

The increase in other non-operating income for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 was primarily due to the \$71.5 million reduction in the tax receivable agreement liability as mentioned above, the result of the separation from ESG and Claren Road and the associated termination of their respective earnout arrangements, and the change in fair value of contingent consideration associated with the Partnership's other acquisitions. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the overall estimated fair value of the contingent consideration associated with the Partnership's acquisitions decreased based on management's assumptions in the probability-weighted discounted cash flow models used to estimate the fair value of these contingent consideration arrangements at December 31, 2016.

### Net Investment Gains of Consolidated Funds.

For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 net investment gains of Consolidated Funds was \$4.5 million, \$88.4 million, and \$13.1 million, respectively, comprised of the activity of the consolidated CLOs and certain other funds. For the consolidated CLOs, the amount reflects the net gain or loss on the fair value adjustment of both the assets and liabilities. The components of net investment gains of consolidated funds for the respective periods are:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Realized losses	\$ (4.9)	\$ (54.0)	\$ (33.4)
Net change in unrealized (losses) gains	(103.9)	81.0	85.1
Total (losses) gains	(108.8)	27.0	51.7
Gains (losses) on liabilities of CLOs	113.3	61.4	(40.5)
Gains on other assets of CLOs	—	—	1.9
Total net investment gains of Consolidated Funds	\$ 4.5	\$ 88.4	\$ 13.1

The gains/losses on the liabilities of the CLOs reflect the fair value adjustment on the debt of the CLOs. For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the unrealized investment gains/losses primarily include the appreciation/depreciation of consolidated CLO investments in loans and bonds.

The net investment gains for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 were due to the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Gains (losses) attributable to other consolidated funds	\$ 0.1	\$ 19.9	\$ (0.1)
Net appreciation of CLOs	4.4	68.5	13.2
Total net investment gains	\$ 4.5	\$ 88.4	\$ 13.1

### Net Income Attributable to Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Entities

Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities was \$33.9 million, \$72.5 million, and \$41.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These amounts are primarily attributable to the net earnings of the Consolidated Funds for each period, which are substantially all allocated to the related funds' limited partners or CLO investors. The net income (loss) of our Consolidated Funds, after eliminations, was \$(5.3) million, \$12.0 million, and \$17.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities also includes net income attributable to non-controlling interests in carried interest, giveback obligations, and cash held for carried interest distributions, as well as the allocation of Urbplan's net losses that are attributable to non-controlling interests (for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 only).

### Net Income (Loss) Attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. Common Unitholders

The net income attributable to the The Carlyle Group L.P. common unitholders was \$92.9 million, \$238.1 million, and \$6.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Partnership is allocated a portion of the monthly net income (loss) attributable to Carlyle Holdings based on the Partnership's ownership in Carlyle Holdings (which was approximately 32%, 30%, and 26% as of December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively). Net income or loss attributable to the Partnership also includes 100% of the net income or loss attributable to the Partnership's wholly owned taxable subsidiary, Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., which was \$15.8 million, \$(30.3) million, and \$17.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. As a result, the total net income or loss attributable to the Partnership will vary as a percentage of the net income or loss attributable to Carlyle Holdings.

Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. common unitholders per basic common unit was \$0.89, \$2.58, and \$0.08 for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Net income (loss) attributable to The Carlyle

Group L.P. common unitholders per diluted common unit was \$0.82, \$2.38, and \$(0.08) for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. For purposes of the diluted earnings per common unit calculation, for the year ended December 31, 2016, Carlyle Holdings partnership units are assumed to have converted to common units of the Partnership and therefore, substantially all of the net income (loss) attributable to Carlyle Holdings is attributable to the Partnership resulting in a diluted loss per common unit.

### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The following tables set forth information in the format used by management when making resource deployment decisions and in assessing performance of our segments. These non-GAAP financial measures are presented for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016. Our Non-GAAP financial measures exclude the effects of unrealized performance allocations net of related compensation expense, unrealized principal investment income, consolidated funds, acquisition-related items including amortization and any impairment charges of acquired intangible assets and contingent consideration taking the form of earn-outs, charges associated with equity-based compensation, changes in the tax receivable agreement liability, corporate actions and infrequently occurring or unusual events.

The following table shows our total segment Distributable Earnings, or "DE", and Fee Related Earnings, or "FRE", for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Total Segment Revenues	\$ 2,185.9	\$ 2,216.2	\$ 2,417.3
Total Segment Expenses	1,512.0	1,546.2	1,765.6
<b>(=) Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 673.9</b>	<b>\$ 670.0</b>	<b>\$ 651.7</b>
(-) Realized Net Performance Revenues	319.7	552.6	625.3
(-) Realized Principal Investment Income (Loss)	48.1	(25.8)	44.9
(+) Net Interest	44.3	48.8	51.1
<b>(=) Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 350.4</b>	<b>\$ 192.0</b>	<b>\$ 32.6</b>

The following table sets forth our total segment revenues for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Segment Revenues			
Fund level fee revenues			
Fund management fees	\$ 1,361.8	\$ 1,081.0	\$ 1,085.8
Portfolio advisory fees, net and other	31.1	32.1	29.4
Transaction fees, net	32.1	26.9	31.2
Total fund level fee revenues	1,425.0	1,140.0	1,146.4
Realized performance revenues	682.4	1,085.3	1,215.8
Realized principal investment income	48.1	(25.8)	44.9
Interest income	30.4	16.7	10.2
Total Segment Revenues	\$ 2,185.9	\$ 2,216.2	\$ 2,417.3

The following table sets forth our total segment expenses for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
<b>Segment Expenses</b>			
Compensation and benefits			
Cash-based compensation and benefits	\$ 740.7	\$ 658.0	\$ 601.3
Realized performance revenues related compensation	362.7	532.7	590.5
<b>Total compensation and benefits</b>	<b>1,103.4</b>	<b>1,190.7</b>	<b>1,191.8</b>
General, administrative, and other indirect expenses	298.8	258.9	483.5
Depreciation and amortization expense	35.1	31.1	29.0
Interest expense	74.7	65.5	61.3
<b>Total Segment Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,512.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,546.2</b>	<b>\$ 1,765.6</b>

Income before provision for income taxes is the GAAP financial measure most comparable to distributable earnings and fee related earnings. The following table is a reconciliation of income before provision for income taxes to distributable earnings and to fee related earnings.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
<b>Income before provision for income taxes</b>	\$ 360.2	\$ 1,132.3	\$ 45.3
Adjustments:			
Net unrealized performance revenues <sup>(2)</sup>	50.2	(625.2)	231.6
Unrealized principal investment income <sup>(2)</sup>	(48.8)	(73.0)	(5.4)
Adjusted unrealized principal investment income from investment in Fortitude Re	(11.7)	—	—
Equity-based compensation	252.2	365.1	343.0
Acquisition related charges and amortization of intangibles and impairment	22.3	35.7	94.2
Other non-operating (income) expense <sup>(1)</sup>	1.1	(71.4)	(11.2)
Tax expense associated with performance revenues	(1.5)	(9.2)	(15.1)
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in Consolidated entities	(33.9)	(72.5)	(41.0)
Reserve for litigation and contingencies	—	(25.0)	—
Lease assignment and termination costs	66.9	—	—
Debt extinguishment costs	7.8	—	—
Severance and other adjustments	9.1	13.2	10.3
<b>Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>673.9</b>	<b>670.0</b>	<b>651.7</b>
Realized net performance revenues, net of related compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	319.7	552.6	625.3
Realized principal investment income (loss) <sup>(2)</sup>	48.1	(25.8)	44.9
Net interest	44.3	48.8	51.1
<b>Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 350.4</b>	<b>\$ 192.0</b>	<b>\$ 32.6</b>

(1) Included in other non-operating (income) expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 is a \$71.5 million adjustment for the revaluation of the tax receivable agreement liability as result of the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

(2) See reconciliation to most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure below:

<b>Year Ended December 31, 2018</b>				
	<b>Carlyle Consolidated</b>	<b>Adjustments<sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>Total Reportable Segments</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>			
Performance revenues	622.9	59.5		682.4
Performance revenues related compensation expense	376.3	(13.6)		362.7
Net performance revenues	\$ 246.6	\$ 73.1	\$	\$ 319.7
Principal investment income (loss)	\$ 186.3	\$ (138.2)	\$	\$ 48.1

<b>Year Ended December 31, 2017</b>				
	<b>Carlyle Consolidated</b>	<b>Adjustments<sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>Total Reportable Segments</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>			
Performance revenues	2,058.6	(973.3)		1,085.3
Performance revenues related compensation expense	988.3	(455.6)		532.7
Net performance revenues	\$ 1,070.3	\$ (517.7)	\$	\$ 552.6
Principal investment income (loss)	\$ 232.0	\$ (257.8)	\$	\$ (25.8)

<b>Year Ended December 31, 2016</b>				
	<b>Carlyle Consolidated</b>	<b>Adjustments<sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>Total Reportable Segments</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>			
Performance revenues	715.4	500.4		1,215.8
Performance revenues related compensation expense	353.1	237.4		590.5
Net performance revenues	\$ 362.3	\$ 263.0	\$	\$ 625.3
Principal investment income (loss)	\$ 160.5	\$ (115.6)	\$	\$ 44.9

(3) Adjustments to performance revenues and principal investment income (loss) relate to (i) unrealized performance allocations net of related compensation expense and unrealized principal investment income, which are excluded from our Non-GAAP results, (ii) amounts earned from the Consolidated Funds, which were eliminated in the U.S. GAAP consolidation but were included in the Non-GAAP results, (iii) amounts attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities, which were excluded from the Non-GAAP results, (iv) the reclassification of NGP performance revenues, which are included in investment income in the U.S. GAAP financial statements, (v) the reclassification of certain incentive fees from business development companies, which are included in fund management fees in the segment results, and (vi) the reclassification of certain tax expenses associated with performance revenues. Adjustments to principal investment income (loss) also include the reclassification of earnings for the investment in NGP Management and its affiliates to the appropriate operating captions for the Non-GAAP results, the exclusion of charges associated with the investment in NGP Management and its affiliates that are excluded from the Non-GAAP results (see Note 5 to our consolidated financial statements), adjustments to reflect the Partnership's share of Urbplan net losses, until Urbplan was deconsolidated during 2017, as investment losses for the Non-GAAP results. Adjustments are also included in these financial statement captions to reflect the Partnership's economic interests in Claren Road (through January 2017) and ESG (through June 2016).

Distributable Earnings for our reportable segments is as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	(Dollars in millions)		
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 350.4	\$ 487.9	\$ 739.4
Real Assets	207.1	24.8	49.3
Global Credit	77.5	126.9	(157.4)
Investment Solutions	38.9	30.4	20.4
Distributable Earnings	<u>\$ 673.9</u>	<u>\$ 670.0</u>	<u>\$ 651.7</u>

### Segment Analysis

Discussed below is our DE and FRE for our segments for the periods presented. Our segment information is reflected in the manner used by our senior management to make operating and compensation decisions, assess performance and allocate resources.

For segment reporting purposes, revenues and expenses are presented on a basis that deconsolidates our Consolidated Funds. As a result, segment revenues from management fees, realized performance revenues and realized principal investment income (loss) are different than those presented on a consolidated U.S. GAAP basis because these revenues recognized in certain segments are received from Consolidated Funds and are eliminated in consolidation when presented on a consolidated U.S. GAAP basis. Furthermore, segment expenses are different than related amounts presented on a consolidated U.S. GAAP basis due to the exclusion of fund expenses that are paid by the Consolidated Funds. Segment revenues and expenses are also different than those presented on a consolidated U.S. GAAP basis because we present our segment revenues and expenses related to Claren Road and ESG based on our economic interest in those entities. Effective January 1, 2016 and through January 31, 2017 (the date we transferred our ownership interests to its principals), our segment revenues and expenses related to Claren Road are based on our approximate 63% economic interest in that entity as a result of a reallocation of interest from a departing founder. Further, our economic interest in ESG was 55% through June 30, 2016.

## Corporate Private Equity

The following table presents our results of operations for our Corporate Private Equity segment:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
<b>Segment Revenues</b>			
Fund level fee revenues			
Fund management fees	\$ 634.1	\$ 471.0	\$ 498.9
Portfolio advisory fees, net and other	21.1	21.2	20.5
Transaction fees, net	26.7	22.4	31.2
Total fund level fee revenues	681.9	514.6	550.6
Realized performance revenues	415.9	831.5	1,060.5
Realized principal investment income	26.6	25.4	60.3
Interest income	9.3	5.5	3.4
Total revenues	1,133.7	1,377.0	1,674.8
<b>Segment Expenses</b>			
Compensation and benefits			
Cash-based compensation and benefits	373.2	340.7	289.6
Realized performance revenues related compensation	195.3	372.9	472.1
Total compensation and benefits	568.5	713.6	761.7
General, administrative, and other indirect expenses	167.6	132.3	131.9
Depreciation and amortization expense	17.3	15.3	13.6
Interest expense	29.9	27.9	28.2
Total expenses	783.3	889.1	935.4
<b>(=) Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 350.4</b>	<b>\$ 487.9</b>	<b>\$ 739.4</b>
(-) Realized Net Performance Revenues	220.6	458.6	588.4
(-) Realized Principal Investment Income	26.6	25.4	60.3
(+) Net Interest	20.6	22.4	24.8
<b>(=) Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 123.8</b>	<b>\$ 26.3</b>	<b>\$ 115.5</b>



**Year Ended December 31, 2018 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2017 and Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2016**

**Distributable Earnings**

Distributable earnings decreased \$137.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and decreased \$251.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016. The following table provides the components of the changes in distributable earnings for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>		
Distributable earnings, prior year	\$ 487.9	\$ 739.4
Increases (decreases):		
Increase (decrease) in fee related earnings	97.5	(89.2)
Decrease in realized net performance revenues	(238.0)	(129.8)
Increase (decrease) in realized principal investment income	1.2	(34.9)
Decrease in net interest	1.8	2.4
<b>Total decrease</b>	<b>(137.5)</b>	<b>(251.5)</b>
Distributable earnings, current year	\$ 350.4	\$ 487.9

**Realized Net Performance Revenues.** Realized net performance revenues decreased \$238.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and decreased \$129.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. Our prior generations of carry funds have exited substantial parts of their portfolios, and our newer funds, while accruing carry, are not yet producing cash carry. Realized net performance revenues declined in 2018 as realized proceeds from our funds declined to \$8.8 billion from \$11.2 billion in 2017. Specifically, the decrease in realized net performance revenues for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 was due to lower performance revenue realizations from our U.S. buyout funds in carry in 2018 compared to 2017, partially offset by higher realizations from our Europe and Asia buyout funds in 2018 compared to 2017. We expect net realized performance revenues in 2019 will generally be comparable to 2018 levels, with growth positioned to resume thereafter, though market conditions could drive a variance.

The decrease in realized net performance revenues for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 was primarily due to lower performance revenue realizations from our Europe buyout funds, and to a lesser extent our U.S. buyout funds, partially offset by larger realizations from our Asia buyout funds in 2017 as compared to 2016. Realized net performance revenues were primarily generated by the following funds for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively:

<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
CP V	CP V	CP V
CEP III	CGFSP I	CEP III
CAP III	CAP III	CP IV
CETP III	CEP III	CEP II
	CETP II	CGFSP I
		CETP II
		CAP III

**Realized Principal Investment Income.** Realized principal investment income increased \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and decreased \$34.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The decrease in realized principal investment income for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 was primarily due to lower realized gains in our investments in U.S. and Europe buyout funds, partially offset by realized gains on U.S. growth funds in 2017 as compared to realized losses on these funds in 2016.

## Fee Related Earnings

Fee related earnings increased \$97.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and decreased \$89.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The following table provides the components of the change in fee related earnings for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Fee related earnings, prior year	\$ 26.3	\$ 115.5
Increases (decreases):		
Increase (decrease) in fee revenues	167.3	(36.0)
Increase in cash-based compensation	(32.5)	(51.1)
Increase in general, administrative and other indirect expenses	(35.3)	(0.4)
All other changes	(2.0)	(1.7)
Total increase (decrease)	97.5	(89.2)
Fee related earnings, current year	\$ 123.8	\$ 26.3

*Fee Revenues.* Total fee revenues increased \$167.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and decreased \$36 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, due to the following:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Higher (lower) fund management fees	\$ 163.1	\$ (27.9)
Higher (lower) transaction fees	4.3	(8.8)
(Lower) higher portfolio advisory fees, net and other	(0.1)	0.7
Total increase (decrease) in fee revenues	\$ 167.3	\$ (36.0)

The increase in fund management fees for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 was primarily due to the activation of management fees during the fourth quarter of 2018 on our fifth Europe buyout fund ("CEP V") as well as activation of management fees during the second quarter of 2018 on our seventh U.S. buyout fund ("CP VII") and our fifth Asia buyout fund ("CAP V"). These increases were partially offset by lower fee rate and lower assets under management from sale of investments for CP V, and CP VI and CAP IV stepping down effective fee rates as they exit the investment period.

The decrease in fund management fees for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 was primarily due to lower assets under management from sales of investments during 2017 for CP V, our first financial services fund ("CGFSP I"), our third Europe buyout fund ("CEP III"), and our second Asia buyout fund ("CAP II").

The weighted average management fee rate decreased from 1.31% at December 31, 2017 to 1.22% at December 31, 2018. The decrease in the weighted average management fee rate was driven by the step-down of effective fee rates for our funds outside the investment period. This was partially offset by the activation of newly raised Fee-earning AUM primarily in our buyout funds which earn higher rates. Fee-earning AUM was \$62.4 billion and \$35.6 billion as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, reflecting an increase of \$26.8 billion.

The weighted average management fee rate increased from 1.28% at December 31, 2016 to 1.31% at December 31, 2017. The increase in the weighted average management fee rate was driven by significant exit activity in funds outside the investment period, which typically earn lower effective fee rates, while Fee-earning AUM for funds inside the investment period ticked up slightly. Fee-earning AUM was \$35.6 billion and \$36.3 billion as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, reflecting a decrease of \$0.7 billion.

The increase in transaction fees for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and the decrease in transaction fees for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 was primarily from significant investments by our U.S. buyout funds in 2018 and 2016.

*Cash-based compensation and benefits expense.* Cash-based compensation and benefits expense increased \$32.5 million, or 10%, for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, primarily due to increased headcount and higher cash bonuses in 2018, partially offset by lower compensation costs related to fundraising activities.

Cash-based compensation and benefits expense increased \$51.1 million, or 18%, for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to higher compensation costs related to fundraising activities for CP VII and CAP V of approximately \$30.1 million, increased headcount and an increase in 2017 cash bonuses.

*General, administrative and other indirect expenses.* General, administrative and other indirect expenses increased \$35.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 primarily due to higher professional fees and a higher external costs associated with fundraising activities, partially offset by positive foreign currency adjustments in the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017.

General, administrative and other indirect expenses increased \$0.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 primarily due to higher negative foreign currency adjustments and real estate costs, partially offset by lower professional fees and a \$1.7 million decrease in external costs associated with fundraising activities in the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016.

#### **Fee-earning AUM as of and for each of the Three Years in the Period Ended December 31, 2018**

Fee-earning AUM is presented below for each period together with the components of change during each respective period.

The table below breaks out Fee-earning AUM by its respective components at each period.

	<b>As of December 31,</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>		
<b>Corporate Private Equity</b>			
<b>Components of Fee-earning AUM (1)</b>			
Fee-earning AUM based on capital commitments	\$ 36,222	\$ 25,809	\$ 25,390
Fee-earning AUM based on invested capital	23,737	7,675	9,377
Fee-earning AUM based on lower of cost or fair value and other	2,399	2,100	1,560
<b>Total Fee-earning AUM</b>	<b>\$ 62,358</b>	<b>\$ 35,584</b>	<b>\$ 36,327</b>
<b>Weighted Average Management Fee Rates (2)</b>			
All Funds	1.22%	1.31%	1.28%
Funds in Investment Period	1.46%	1.44%	1.41%

(1) For additional information concerning the components of Fee-earning AUM, see “—Fee-earning Assets under Management.”

(2) Represents the aggregate effective management fee rate of each fund in the segment, weighted by each fund’s Fee-earning AUM, as of the end of each period presented.

The table below provides the period to period rollforward of Fee-earning AUM.

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Corporate Private Equity</b>			
<b>Fee-earning AUM Rollforward</b>			
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 35,584	\$ 36,327	\$ 40,926
Inflows, including Fee-paying Commitments (1)	31,485	2,086	1,171
Outflows, including Distributions (2)	(4,405)	(3,692)	(5,460)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (3)	11	31	(220)
Foreign Exchange and other (4)	(317)	832	(90)
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 62,358</b>	<b>\$ 35,584</b>	<b>\$ 36,327</b>

- (1) Inflows represent limited partner capital raised and capital invested by carry funds outside the original investment period.
- (2) Outflows represent distributions from funds outside the investment period and changes in fee basis for our carry funds where the original investment period has expired.
- (3) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) represents realized and unrealized gains (losses) on portfolio investments in our carry funds based on the lower of cost or fair value.
- (4) Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of period end.

Fee-earning AUM was \$62.4 billion at December 31, 2018, an increase of \$26.8 billion, or 75%, compared to \$35.6 billion at December 31, 2017. This was driven by inflows of \$31.5 billion primarily related to the activation of management fees in CP VII and new fee-paying commitments raised in CEP V and CAP V. Partially offsetting the increase were outflows of \$4.4 billion which were principally a result of basis step-downs in CP VI and CEP IV, as well as distributions in other funds outside of their investment period. Investment and distribution activity by funds still in the investment period does not impact Fee-earning AUM as these funds are based on commitments.

Fee-earning AUM was \$35.6 billion at December 31, 2017, a decrease of \$0.7 billion, or 2%, compared to \$36.3 billion at December 31, 2016. This was driven by outflows of \$3.7 billion which were principally a result of distributions from CP V and other buyout funds outside of their investment period. This decrease was partially offset by inflows of \$2.1 billion primarily related to equity invested by CGP which charges management fees based on invested capital, as well as new fee-paying commitments raised in CGFSP III. Also offsetting the decrease were \$0.8 billion of foreign exchange gains from the translation of our Euro-denominated Europe buyout and growth funds to USD for reporting purposes.

Fee-earning AUM was \$36.3 billion at December 31, 2016, a decrease of \$4.6 billion, or 11%, compared to \$40.9 billion at December 31, 2015. This was driven by outflows of \$5.5 billion which were principally a result of distributions from CP V, CEP III, and other buyout funds outside of their investment period. This decrease was partially offset by inflows of \$1.2 billion primarily related to equity invested by CGP which charges management fees based on invested capital.

**Total AUM as of and for each of the Three Years in the Period Ended December 31, 2018**

The table below provides the period to period rollforward of Total AUM.

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Corporate Private Equity</b>			
<b>Total AUM Rollforward</b>			
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 72,558	\$ 50,864	\$ 63,144
New Commitments (1)	16,878	20,544	818
Outflows (2)	(8,709)	(9,377)	(12,910)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (3)	2,050	9,668	3,226
Foreign Exchange Gain/(Loss) (4)	(682)	1,145	(25)
Other (5)	(1,336)	(286)	(3,389)
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 80,759</b>	<b>\$ 72,558</b>	<b>\$ 50,864</b>

- (1) New Commitments reflects the impact of gross fundraising during the period. For funds or vehicles denominated in foreign currencies, this reflects translation at the average quarterly rate, while the separately reported Fundraising metric is translated at the spot rate for each individual closing.
- (2) Outflows include distributions in our carry funds, related co-investment vehicles and separately managed accounts.
- (3) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) generally represents realized and unrealized gains (losses) on portfolio investments in our carry funds, related co-investment vehicles and separately managed accounts.
- (4) Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of the period end.
- (5) Includes expiring available capital, the impact of capital calls for fees and expenses and other changes in AUM.

Total AUM was \$80.8 billion at December 31, 2018, an increase of \$8.2 billion, or 11%, compared to \$72.6 billion at December 31, 2017. This increase was driven by \$16.9 billion of new commitments primarily due to fundraising in CP VII, CEP V, and CAP V. Also contributing to this increase was market appreciation of \$2.1 billion. The carry funds driving appreciation for the period included \$1.0 billion attributable to CP VI, \$0.5 billion attributable to CEP IV, and \$0.4 billion attributable to CP V. Partially offsetting the increase were \$8.7 billion of outflows driven primarily by distributions in our U.S., Asia, and Europe buyout funds.

Total AUM was \$72.6 billion at December 31, 2017, an increase of \$21.7 billion, or 43%, compared to \$50.9 billion at December 31, 2016. This increase was driven by \$20.5 billion of new commitments primarily due to fundraising in CP VII, CAP V, and CGFSP III. Also contributing to this increase was market appreciation of \$9.7 billion. The carry funds driving appreciation for the period included \$2.8 billion attributable to CP VI, \$1.7 billion attributable to CP V, and \$1.5 billion attributable to CAP IV. Partially offsetting this increase were \$9.4 billion of outflows driven primarily by distributions in CP V, CEP III, and various other buyout funds.

Total AUM was \$50.9 billion at December 31, 2016, a decrease of \$12.2 billion, or 19%, compared to \$63.1 billion at December 31, 2015. This decrease was driven by \$12.9 billion of outflows primarily in our large prior vintage buyout funds and \$3.4 billion of other activity, primarily related to the expiration of available capital in CP V, CJP II, and CEP III. Partially offsetting this decrease was market appreciation of \$3.2 billion. The carry funds driving appreciation for the period included \$1.4 billion attributable to CP VI, \$0.7 billion attributable to CP V, and \$0.5 billion attributable to CAP IV.

**Fund Performance Metrics**

Fund performance information for our investment funds that generally have at least \$1.0 billion in capital commitments, cumulative equity invested or total value as of December 31, 2018, which we refer to as our “significant funds,” is included throughout this discussion and analysis to facilitate an understanding of our results of operations for the periods presented. The fund return information reflected in this discussion and analysis is not indicative of the performance of The Carlyle Group L.P. and is also not necessarily indicative of the future performance of any particular fund. An investment in The Carlyle Group L.P. is not an investment in any of our funds. There can be no assurance that any of our funds or our other existing and future funds will achieve similar returns. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors — Risks Related to Our Business

Operations — The historical returns attributable to our funds, including those presented in this report, should not be considered as indicative of the future results of our funds or of our future results or of any returns expected on an investment in our common units.”

The following tables reflect the performance of our significant funds in our Corporate Private Equity business. See “Item 1. Business — Our Family of Funds” for a legend of the fund acronyms listed below.

Fund Vintage (1)	Committed Capital	TOTAL INVESTMENTS							REALIZED/PARTIALLY REALIZED INVESTMENTS(5)			
		As of December 31, 2018							As of December 31, 2018			
		Cumulative Invested Capital (2)	Total Fair Value (3)	MOIC(4)	Gross IRR (7) (12)	Net IRR (8)(12)	Cumulative Invested Capital(2)	Total Fair Value(3)	MOIC(4)	Gross IRR(7)		
<b>Corporate Private Equity</b>												
<b>Fully Invested/Committed Funds (6)</b>												
CP II	1995	\$ 1,331.1	\$ 1,362.4	\$ 4,072.2	3.0x	34%	25%	\$ 1,362.4	\$ 4,072.2	3.0x	34%	
CP III	2000	\$ 3,912.7	\$ 4,031.6	\$ 10,146.9	2.5x	27%	21%	\$ 4,031.6	\$ 10,146.9	2.5x	27%	
CP IV	2005	\$ 7,850.0	\$ 7,612.6	\$ 17,954.5	2.4x	16%	13%	\$ 7,612.6	\$ 17,954.5	2.4x	16%	
CP V	2007	\$ 13,719.7	\$ 13,190.9	\$ 27,724.5	2.1x	18%	14%	\$ 9,836.1	\$ 25,330.5	2.6x	25%	
CP VI	2014	\$ 13,000.0	\$ 12,703.0	\$ 18,180.3	1.4x	17%	11%	\$ 1,972.9	\$ 4,885.9	2.5x	36%	
CEP I	1998	€ 1,003.6	€ 981.6	€ 2,126.5	2.2x	18%	11%	€ 981.6	€ 2,126.5	2.2x	18%	
CEP II	2003	€ 1,805.4	€ 2,048.4	€ 4,126.6	2.0x	36%	20%	€ 1,883.8	€ 4,106.8	2.2x	43%	
CEP III	2007	€ 5,294.9	€ 5,138.0	€ 11,662.2	2.3x	19%	14%	€ 4,389.9	€ 11,253.3	2.6x	21%	
CEP IV	2014	€ 3,669.5	€ 3,693.1	€ 4,798.0	1.3x	18%	9%	€ 243.7	€ 637.5	2.6x	65%	
CAP I	1998	\$ 750.0	\$ 627.7	\$ 2,521.8	4.0x	25%	18%	\$ 627.7	\$ 2,521.8	4.0x	25%	
CAP II	2006	\$ 1,810.0	\$ 1,628.2	\$ 3,081.4	1.9x	11%	8%	\$ 1,628.2	\$ 3,081.4	1.9x	11%	
CAP III	2008	\$ 2,551.6	\$ 2,543.2	\$ 4,667.4	1.8x	17%	11%	\$ 2,071.8	\$ 4,301.4	2.1x	20%	
CAP IV	2014	\$ 3,880.4	\$ 3,855.0	\$ 5,080.2	1.3x	13%	8%	\$ 469.1	\$ 899.0	1.9x	23%	
CJP I	2001	¥ 50,000.0	¥ 47,291.4	¥ 138,902.1	2.9x	61%	37%	¥ 47,291.4	¥ 138,902.1	2.9x	61%	
CJP II	2006	¥ 165,600.0	¥ 141,866.7	¥ 211,061.1	1.5x	7%	4%	¥ 134,666.7	¥ 203,831.2	1.5x	7%	
CGFSP I	2008	\$ 1,100.2	\$ 1,080.7	\$ 2,476.0	2.3x	20%	14%	\$ 1,080.7	\$ 2,476.0	2.3x	20%	
CGFSP II	2013	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 942.7	\$ 1,459.9	1.5x	22%	14%	\$ 283.1	\$ 580.6	2.1x	33%	
CEOF I	2011	\$ 1,119.1	\$ 1,168.2	\$ 1,718.8	1.5x	13%	9%	\$ 346.9	\$ 846.3	2.4x	38%	
CETP II	2008	€ 521.6	€ 437.4	€ 1,265.3	2.9x	27%	19%	€ 359.7	€ 1,180.7	3.3x	30%	
CAGP IV	2008	\$ 1,041.4	\$ 954.1	\$ 1,333.9	1.4x	9%	4%	\$ 532.1	\$ 983.2	1.8x	15%	
All Other Funds (9)	Various		\$ 5,027.7	\$ 7,900.9	1.6x	16%	7%	\$ 4,009.5	\$ 6,394.4	1.6x	17%	
Coinvestments and SMA's (10)	Various		\$ 10,791.5	\$ 24,355.4	2.3x	36%	33%	\$ 7,142.3	\$ 20,987.4	2.9x	36%	
<b>Total Fully Invested/Committed Funds</b>			<b>\$ 83,324.1</b>	<b>\$ 163,316.6</b>	<b>2.0x</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>\$ 53,663.0</b>	<b>\$ 130,687.7</b>	<b>2.4x</b>	<b>27%</b>	
<b>Funds in the Investment Period(6)</b>												
CP VII	2018	\$ 18,510.0	\$ 3,828.4	\$ 3,649.8	1.0x	NM	NM					
CEP V	2018	€ 5,905.2	€ 875.1	€ 858.8	1.0x	NM	NM					
CAP V	2018	\$ 6,554.2	\$ 674.5	\$ 661.4	1.0x	NM	NM					
CGP	2015	\$ 3,588.0	\$ 2,651.5	\$ 3,046.2	1.1x	8%	6%					
CJP III	2013	¥ 119,505.1	¥ 60,094.5	¥ 144,691.9	2.4x	30%	20%					
CEOF II	2015	\$ 2,400.0	\$ 1,467.3	\$ 1,670.1	1.1x	NM	NM					
CETP III	2014	€ 656.6	€ 511.9	€ 932.3	1.8x	40%	25%					
All Other Funds (11)	Various		\$ 1,028.9	\$ 1,114.0	1.1x	NM	NM					
Coinvestments and SMA's (10)	Various		\$ 2,523.5	\$ 2,734.5	1.1x	NM	NM					
<b>Total Funds in the Investment Period</b>			<b>\$ 14,310.0</b>	<b>\$ 16,245.9</b>	<b>1.1x</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$ 478.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,399.5</b>	<b>2.9x</b>	<b>42%</b>	
<b>TOTAL CORPORATE PRIVATE EQUITY (13)</b>			<b>\$ 97,634.1</b>	<b>\$ 179,562.5</b>	<b>1.8x</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>\$ 54,141.1</b>	<b>\$ 132,087.3</b>	<b>2.4x</b>	<b>27%</b>	

(1) The data presented herein that provides “inception to date” performance results of our segments relates to the period following the formation of the first fund within each segment. For our Corporate Private Equity segment our first fund was formed in 1990.

(2) Represents the original cost of investments since inception of the fund.

- (3) Represents all realized proceeds combined with remaining fair value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest.
- (4) Multiple of invested capital (“MOIC”) represents total fair value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by cumulative invested capital.
- (5) An investment is considered realized when the investment fund has completely exited, and ceases to own an interest in, the investment. An investment is considered partially realized when the total amount of proceeds received in respect of such investment, including dividends, interest or other distributions and/or return of capital, represents at least 85% of invested capital and such investment is not yet fully realized. Because part of our value creation strategy involves pursuing best exit alternatives, we believe information regarding Realized/Partially Realized MOIC and Gross IRR, when considered together with the other investment performance metrics presented, provides investors with meaningful information regarding our investment performance by removing the impact of investments where significant realization activity has not yet occurred. Realized/Partially Realized MOIC and Gross IRR have limitations as measures of investment performance, and should not be considered in isolation. Such limitations include the fact that these measures do not include the performance of earlier stage and other investments that do not satisfy the criteria provided above. The exclusion of such investments will have a positive impact on Realized/Partially Realized MOIC and Gross IRR in instances when the MOIC and Gross IRR in respect of such investments are less than the aggregate MOIC and Gross IRR. Our measurements of Realized/Partially Realized MOIC and Gross IRR may not be comparable to those of other companies that use similarly titled measures. We do not present Realized/Partially Realized performance information separately for funds that are still in the investment period because of the relatively insignificant level of realizations for funds of this type. However, to the extent such funds have had realizations, they are included in the Realized/Partially Realized performance information presented for Total Corporate Private Equity.
- (6) Fully Invested funds are past the expiration date of the investment period as defined in the respective limited partnership agreement. In instances where a successor fund has had its first capital call, the predecessor fund is categorized as fully invested.
- (7) Gross Internal Rate of Return (“Gross IRR”) represents the annualized IRR for the period indicated on Limited Partner invested capital based on contributions, distributions and unrealized value before management fees, expenses and carried interest.
- (8) Net Internal Rate of Return (“Net IRR”) represents the annualized IRR for the period indicated on Limited Partner invested capital based on contributions, distributions and unrealized value after management fees, expenses and carried interest. Fund level IRRs are based on aggregate Limited Partner cash flows, and this blended return may differ from that of individual Limited Partners. As a result, certain funds may generate accrued performance revenues with a blended Net IRR that is below the preferred return hurdle for that fund.
- (9) Aggregate includes the following funds: CP I, CMG, CVP I, CVP II, CUSGF III, CEVP, CETP I, CAVP I, CAVP II, CAGP III, CSABF, CPF I, Mexico, CBPF, CCI and MENA.
- (10) Includes coinvestments, separately managed accounts (SMA's) and certain other stand-alone investments arranged by us.
- (11) Aggregate, which is considered not meaningful, includes the following funds and their respective commencement dates: CSSAF (April 2012) , CAGP V (May 2016), CGFSP III (June 2017), and CBPF II (November 2017).
- (12) For funds marked “NM,” IRR may be positive or negative, but is not considered meaningful because of the limited time since initial investment and early stage of capital deployment. For funds marked “Neg,” IRR is negative as of reporting period end.
- (13) For purposes of aggregation, funds that report in foreign currency have been converted to U.S. dollars at the reporting period spot rate.

	Remaining Fair Value (1)	Unrealized MOIC (2)	Total MOIC (3)	% Invested(4)	In Accrued Carry/ (Giveback) (5)	LTM Realized Carry (6)	Catch up Rate	Fee Initiation Date (7)	Quarters Since Fee Initiation	Original Investment Period End Date
<b>As of December 31, 2018</b>										
<b>Corporate Private Equity</b>										
CP VI	\$ 12,824.7	1.2x	1.4x	98%	X		100%	Jun-13	23	May-18
CEP IV	€ 4,024.3	1.3x	1.3x	101%	X		100%	Sep-14	18	Aug-19
CAP IV	\$ 3,888.6	1.2x	1.3x	99%	X		100%	Jul-13	22	Nov-18
CP VII	\$ 3,652.9	1.0x	1.0x	21%			100%	May-18	3	May-24
CGP	\$ 2,993.4	1.1x	1.1x	74%	X		100%	Jan-15	16	Dec-20
CP V	\$ 2,445.2	0.7x	2.1x	96%	X	X	100%	Jun-07	47	May-13
CEOF II	\$ 1,532.3	1.1x	1.1x	61%			80%	Nov-15	13	Mar-21
CEP V	€ 858.8	1.0x	1.0x	15%			100%	Oct-18	1	Apr-24
CJP III	¥ 103,227.3	2.2x	2.4x	50%	X		100%	Sep-13	22	Feb-20
CEOF I	\$ 828.5	1.1x	1.5x	104%	X		80%	Sep-11	30	May-17
CGFSP II	\$ 778.8	1.3x	1.5x	94%	X	X	100%	Jun-13	23	Dec-17
CEP III	€ 680.0	0.9x	2.3x	97%	X	X	100%	Jul-07	46	Dec-12
CETP III	€ 598.5	1.3x	1.8x	78%	X	X	100%	Jul-14	18	May-20
CAP V	\$ 673.7	1.0x	1.0x	10%			100%	Jun-18	3	Jun-24
CAP III	\$ 395.9	0.9x	1.8x	100%	X	X	100%	Jun-08	43	May-14
CAGP IV	\$ 272.5	0.7x	1.4x	92%			100%	Aug-08	42	Jun-14
CP IV	\$ 182.5	1.9x	2.4x	97%	X		80%	Apr-05	55	Dec-10
All Other Funds (8)	\$ 2,646.5	1.1x	2.1x		NM	NM				
Coinvestments and SMA's (9)	\$ 5,752.8	1.0x	2.0x		NM	NM				
<b>Total Corporate Private Equity (10)</b>	<b>\$ 46,863.4</b>	<b>1.1x</b>	<b>1.8x</b>							

- (1) Remaining Fair Value reflects the unrealized carrying value of investments in carry funds and related co-investment vehicles. Significant funds with remaining fair value of greater than \$100 million are listed individually.
- (2) Unrealized multiple of invested capital ("MOIC") represents remaining fair market value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by remaining investment cost.
- (3) Total MOIC represents total fair value (realized proceeds combined with remaining fair value), before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by cumulative invested capital. For certain funds, represents the original cost of investments net of investment-level recallable proceeds, which is adjusted to reflect recyclability of invested capital for the purpose of calculating the fund MOIC.
- (4) Represents cumulative invested capital as of the reporting period divided by total commitments. Amount can be greater than 100% due to the re-investment of recallable distributions to fund investors.
- (5) Fund has a net accrued performance revenue balance/(giveback obligation) as of the current quarter end, driven by a significant portion of the fund's asset base.
- (6) Fund has generated realized net performance revenues/(realized giveback) in the last twelve months.
- (7) Represents the date of the first capital contribution for management fees.
- (8) Aggregate includes the following funds: CMG, CP I, CP II, CP III, CEP I, CEP II, CAP I, CAP II, CBPF, CBPF II, CJP I, CJP II, CEVP, CETP I, CETP II, CCI, CAVP I, CAVP II, CAGP III, CAGP V, Mexico, MENA, CSABF, CSSAF, CPF, CGFSP I, CGFSP III, CVP I, CVP II, and CUSGF III. In Accrued Carry/(Clawback) and LTM Realized Carry not indicated because the indicator does not apply to each fund within the aggregate.
- (9) Includes co-investments, prefund investments, separately managed accounts (SMA's) and certain other stand-alone investments arranged by us. In Accrued Carry/(Clawback) and LTM Realized Carry not indicated because the indicator does not apply to each fund within the aggregate.
- (10) For purposes of aggregation, funds that report in foreign currency have been converted to U.S. dollars at the reporting period spot rate.



## Real Assets

For purposes of presenting our results of operations for this segment, our earnings from our investments in NGP are presented in the respective operating captions and the net income or loss from Urbplan allocable to the Partnership (after consideration of amounts allocable to non-controlling interests) is presented within principal investment income. We disposed of our interests in Urbplan in a transaction in which a third party acquired operational control and all of the economic interests in Urbplan in 2017 (see Note 16 to our consolidated financial statements). The following table presents our results of operations for our Real Assets segment:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Segment Revenues</b>			
Fund level fee revenues			
Fund management fees	\$ 317.9	\$ 263.6	\$ 251.1
Portfolio advisory fees, net and other	4.5	3.0	1.8
Transaction fees, net	4.4	4.5	—
Total fund level fee revenues	326.8	271.1	252.9
Realized performance revenues	150.3	92.0	53.1
Realized principal investment income (loss)	13.5	(63.2)	(20.6)
Interest income	4.4	3.0	1.7
Total revenues	495.0	302.9	287.1
<b>Segment Expenses</b>			
Compensation and benefits			
Cash-based compensation and benefits	135.1	128.1	111.2
Realized performance revenues related compensation	66.6	41.6	37.6
Total compensation and benefits	201.7	169.7	148.8
General, administrative, and other indirect expenses	64.1	84.3	67.1
Depreciation and amortization expense	6.8	7.1	5.9
Interest expense	15.3	17.0	16.0
Total expenses	287.9	278.1	237.8
<b>(=) Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 207.1</b>	<b>\$ 24.8</b>	<b>\$ 49.3</b>
(-) Realized Net Performance Revenues	83.7	50.4	15.5
(-) Realized Principal Investment Income (Loss)	13.5	(63.2)	(20.6)
(+) Net Interest	10.9	14.0	14.3
<b>(=) Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 120.8</b>	<b>\$ 51.6</b>	<b>\$ 68.7</b>

**Year Ended December 31, 2018 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2017 and Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2016**

**Distributable Earnings**

Distributable earnings increased \$182.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and decreased \$24.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The following table provides the components of the change in distributable earnings for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Distributable earnings, prior year	\$ 24.8	\$ 49.3
Increases (decreases):		
Increase (decrease) in fee related earnings	69.2	(17.1)
Increase in realized net performance revenues	33.3	34.9
Increase (decrease) in realized principal investment income	76.7	(42.6)
Decrease in net interest	3.1	0.3
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>	<b>182.3</b>	<b>(24.5)</b>
Distributable earnings, current year	\$ 207.1	\$ 24.8

**Realized Net Performance Revenues.** Realized net performance revenues increased \$33.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$34.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The increase in realized net performance revenues for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 was primarily due to higher realizations on our U.S real estate funds. The increase in realized net performance revenues for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2016 was primarily due to higher realizations on a certain U.S real estate fund and our power opportunities fund as well as the absence in 2017 of the 2016 realization of giveback obligations on two of our Legacy Energy funds (Energy II and Energy III), which resulted in a decrease of \$35.9 million in realized net performance revenues in 2016. These realizations were partially offset by lower realizations on a Europe real estate external coinvestment fund in 2017 as compared to 2016. Realized net performance revenues were primarily generated by the following funds for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively:

<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
CRP VII	CRP VI	CRP VI
CRP III	CPOCP	CEREP III - External Co-invest
CRP VI		CRP III

**Realized Principal Investment Income (Loss).** Realized principal investment income increased \$76.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and realized principal investment loss increased \$42.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The increase in realized principal investment income for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 primarily relates to the absence in 2018 of \$65.0 million realized principal investment loss in 2017 associated with the disposal of our interests in Urbplan. Additionally, we recognized higher realized principal investment income related to our investments in U.S. real estate funds in 2018.

The increase in realized investment loss for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 primarily relates to the recognition of \$75.0 million of Urbplan losses, including a \$65.0 million realized principal investment loss in 2017 associated with the disposal of our interests in Urbplan in a transaction in which a third party acquired operational control and all of the economic interests in Urbplan. With this transaction, we deconsolidated Urbplan from our financial results (see Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements). These realized losses in 2017 were partially offset by higher realized gains on investments in our Europe real estate funds in 2017 as compared to 2016 and higher realized gains on NGP fund investments in 2016 as compared to 2017.

## Fee Related Earnings

Fee related earnings increased \$69.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and decreased \$17.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The following table provides the components of the change in fee related earnings for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Fee related earnings, prior year	\$ 51.6	\$ 68.7
Increases (decreases):		
Increase in fee revenues	55.7	17.6
Increase in cash-based compensation	(7.0)	(16.9)
Decrease (increase) in general, administrative and other indirect expenses	20.2	(17.2)
Decrease (increase) in interest expense	1.7	(1.0)
All other changes	(1.4)	0.4
Total increase (decrease)	69.2	(17.1)
Fee related earnings, current year	\$ 120.8	\$ 51.6

*Fee Revenues.* Total fee revenues increased \$55.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and increased \$17.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016, due to the following:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Higher fund management fees	\$ 54.3	\$ 12.5
(Lower) higher transaction fees	(0.1)	4.5
Higher portfolio advisory fees, net and other	1.5	0.6
Total increase in fee revenues	\$ 55.7	\$ 17.6

The increase in fund management fees for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 primarily reflects increased management fees from our eighth U.S. real estate fund (“CRP VIII”), as well as from NGP XII. Management fees also increased as a result of \$16.0 million in catch-up management fees for subsequent closes in 2018 for CGIOF, NGP XII, CRP VIII and CCR.

The increase in fund management fees for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 primarily reflects increased management fees from CRP VIII, which had its first closing in 2017. This increase was partially offset by a \$8.6 million decrease in catch-up management fees for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. While there were no significant catch-up management fees during 2017, catch-up management fees of \$8.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 were primarily due to subsequent closes in 2016 for our second power fund (“CPP II”) and our first international energy fund (“CIEP I”).

The total weighted average management fee rate increased to 1.22% at December 31, 2018 from 1.20% at December 31, 2017 primarily due to new fee-paying commitments raised in NGP XII and CGIOF with higher effective rates. The weighted average management fee rate for funds in the investment period decreased to 1.32% at December 31, 2018 from 1.35% at December 31, 2017 primarily due to effective rates for newer funds in the investment period being lower than their predecessors.

The total weighted average management fee rate declined to 1.20% at December 31, 2017 from 1.26% at December 31, 2016 primarily due to new funds being raised with lower management fee rates. The weighted average management fee rate for funds in the investment period decreased to 1.35% at December 31, 2017 from 1.43% at December 31, 2016.

*Cash-based compensation and benefits expense.* Cash-based compensation and benefits expense increased \$7.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 primarily due to an increase in headcount and higher cash bonuses in 2018 versus 2017, partially offset by lower compensation associated with fundraising activities of \$4.1 million.

Cash-based compensation and benefits expense increased \$16.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 primarily due to higher compensation associated with fundraising activities of \$8.6 million in 2017 versus 2016 and an increase in 2017 cash bonuses.

*General, administrative and other indirect expenses.* General, administrative and other indirect expenses decreased \$20.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, primarily due to a decrease in external costs associated with fundraising activities of \$6.7 million related to CRP VIII, a positive impact in foreign currency adjustments recorded in 2018 compared to 2017 and a decrease in legal costs.

General, administrative and other indirect expenses increased \$17.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to an increase in foreign currency losses recorded in 2017 as compared to foreign currency gains recorded in 2016, increased real estate costs, and increased external costs associated with fundraising activities of \$10.0 million related to CRP VIII.

#### **Fee-earning AUM as of and for each of the Three Years in the Period Ended December 31, 2018**

Fee-earning AUM is presented below for each period together with the components of change during each respective period.

The table below breaks out Fee-earning AUM by its respective components at each period.

	As of December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Real Assets</b>			
<b>Components of Fee-earning AUM (1)</b>			
Fee-earning AUM based on capital commitments	\$ 15,052	\$ 16,453	\$ 13,008
Fee-earning AUM based on invested capital (2)	16,090	13,901	13,878
Fee-earning AUM based on net asset value	1,479	892	285
Fee-earning AUM based on lower of cost or fair value and other (3)	356	353	316
<b>Total Fee-earning AUM (4)</b>	<b>\$ 32,977</b>	<b>\$ 31,599</b>	<b>\$ 27,487</b>
<b>Weighted Average Management Fee Rates (5)</b>			
All Funds	1.22%	1.20%	1.26%
Funds in Investment Period	1.32%	1.35%	1.43%

(1) For additional information concerning the components of Fee-earning AUM, See “—Fee-earning Assets under Management.”

(2) Includes amounts committed to or reserved for investments for certain real estate funds.

(3) Includes certain funds that are calculated on gross asset value.

(4) Energy III, Energy IV, and Renew II (collectively, the “Legacy Energy Funds”), are managed with Riverstone Holdings LLC and its affiliates. Affiliates of both Carlyle and Riverstone act as investment advisers to each of the Legacy Energy Funds. With the exception of Energy IV and Renew II, where Carlyle has a minority representation on the funds’ management committees, management of each of the Legacy Energy Funds is vested in committees with equal representation by Carlyle and Riverstone, and the consent of representatives of both Carlyle and Riverstone is required for investment decisions. As of December 31, 2018, the Legacy Energy Funds had, in the aggregate, approximately \$4.1 billion in AUM and \$3.4 billion in Fee-earning AUM. NGP IX or in the case of NGP M&R and NGP ETP II, certain affiliated entities (collectively, the “NGP Predecessor Funds”) and NGP X, NGP GAP, NGP XI, and NGP XII (referred to herein as, the “NGP Carry Funds”, collectively with the NGP Predecessor Funds, the “NGP Energy Funds”), are managed by NGP Energy Capital Management (“NGP”). As of December 31, 2018, the NGP Energy Funds had, in the aggregate, approximately \$14.1 billion in AUM and \$12.6 billion in Fee-earning AUM.

(5) Represents the aggregate effective management fee rate of each fund in the segment, weighted by each fund's Fee-earning AUM, as of the end of each period presented. Calculation reflects Carlyle’s 10% and 55% interest in management fees earned by the Legacy Energy funds and the NGP Energy Funds, respectively.

The table below provides the period to period rollforward of Fee-earning AUM.

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Real Assets</b>			
<b>Fee-earning AUM Rollforward</b>			
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 31,599	\$ 27,487	\$ 30,905
Inflows, including Fee-paying Commitments (1)	4,408	8,812	1,514
Outflows, including Distributions (2)	(2,818)	(4,925)	(4,860)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (3)	58	73	28
Foreign Exchange and other (4)	(270)	152	(100)
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 32,977</b>	<b>\$ 31,599</b>	<b>\$ 27,487</b>

(1) Inflows represent limited partner capital raised and capital invested by funds outside the investment period.

(2) Outflows represent distributions from funds outside the investment period and changes in fee basis for our carry funds where the investment period has expired.

(3) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) represents realized and unrealized gains (losses) on portfolio investments in our carry funds based on the lower of cost or fair value and net asset value.

(4) Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of the period end.

Fee-earning AUM was \$33.0 billion at December 31, 2018, an increase of \$1.4 billion, or 4%, compared to \$31.6 billion at December 31, 2017. The increase was driven by inflows of \$4.4 billion primarily related to new fee-paying commitments raised in NGP XII, CRP VIII, CER, and CGIOF, as well as capital invested by CPI. This was partially offset by outflows of \$2.8 billion primarily related to distributions in our U.S. Real Estate, NGP Energy, and Legacy Energy funds. Investment and distribution activity by funds still in the original investment period do not impact Fee-earning AUM as these funds are based on commitments and not invested capital.

Fee-earning AUM was \$31.6 billion at December 31, 2017, an increase of \$4.1 billion, or 15%, compared to \$27.5 billion at December 31, 2016. The increase was driven by inflows of \$8.8 billion primarily related to new fee-paying commitments raised in CRP VIII and NGP XII. This was partially offset by outflows of \$4.9 billion primarily related to distributions in our Legacy Energy, U.S. Real Estate, and NGP Energy funds.

Fee-earning AUM was \$27.5 billion at December 31, 2016, a decrease of \$3.4 billion, or 11%, compared to \$30.9 billion at December 31, 2015. This decrease was driven by outflows of \$4.9 billion primarily attributable to distributions in our Real Estate and NGP Energy funds outside of the investment period. Partially offsetting this decrease were inflows, including fee-paying commitments, of \$1.5 billion driven by additional commitments raised in CPP II and capital invested by CPI, as well as additional capital invested by various funds outside of the original investment period.

**Total AUM as of and for each of the Three Years in the Period Ended December 31, 2018**

The table below provides the period to period rollforward of Total AUM.

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Real Assets</b>			
<b>Total AUM Rollforward</b>			
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 42,888	\$ 34,252	\$ 37,991
New Commitments (1)	5,698	10,205	1,203
Outflows (2)	(4,186)	(4,247)	(6,844)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (3)	1,696	3,614	3,317
Foreign Exchange Gain/(Loss) (4)	(147)	112	(17)
Other (5)	(309)	(1,048)	(1,398)
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 45,640</b>	<b>\$ 42,888</b>	<b>\$ 34,252</b>

- (1) New Commitments reflects the impact of gross fundraising during the period. For funds or vehicles denominated in foreign currencies, this reflects translation at the average quarterly rate, while the separately reported Fundraising metric is translated at the spot rate for each individual closing.
- (2) Outflows includes distributions in our carry funds and related co-investment vehicles, NGP Predecessor Funds and separately managed accounts.
- (3) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) generally represents realized and unrealized gains (losses) on portfolio investments in our carry funds and related co-investment vehicles, the NGP Predecessor Funds and separately managed accounts.
- (4) Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of the period end.
- (5) Includes expiring available capital, the impact of capital calls for fees and expenses and other changes in AUM.

Total AUM was \$45.6 billion at December 31, 2018, an increase of \$2.7 billion, or 6%, compared to \$42.9 billion at December 31, 2017. This increase was driven by \$5.7 billion of new commitments primarily attributable to fundraising in CIEP II, NGP XII, CPI, CGIOF, and CER. Also driving the increase was \$1.7 billion of market appreciation including \$0.7 billion attributable to CRP VII, \$0.5 billion attributable to CIEP I, and \$0.2 billion attributable to NGP XI. Partially offsetting the increase were \$4.2 billion of outflows primarily due to distributions in our U.S. Real Estate, Legacy Energy, and NGP Energy funds.

Total AUM was \$42.9 billion at December 31, 2017, an increase of \$8.6 billion, or 25%, compared to \$34.3 billion at December 31, 2016. This increase was driven by \$10.2 billion of new commitments primarily attributable to fundraising in CRP VIII, NGP XII, and CPI. Also driving the increase was \$3.6 billion of market appreciation including \$1.2 billion attributable to NGP XI, \$0.5 billion attributable to CRP VII, and \$0.3 billion attributable to CIEP I. Partially offsetting the increase were \$4.2 billion of outflows primarily due to distributions in our U.S. Real Estate, Legacy Energy, and Europe Real Estate funds.

Total AUM was \$34.3 billion at December 31, 2016, a decrease of \$3.7 billion, or 10%, compared to \$38.0 billion at December 31, 2015. This decrease was driven by \$6.8 billion of outflows primarily related to distributions in the NGP and our U.S. Real Estate funds. Partially offsetting this decrease was \$3.3 billion of market appreciation, representing a 18% increase in the value of our carry fund portfolio. The carry funds driving appreciation for the period included \$0.5 billion attributable to NGP X, \$0.5 billion attributable to NGP XI, and \$0.4 billion attributable to CRP VII.

**Fund Performance Metrics**

Fund performance information for our investment funds that have at least \$1.0 billion in capital commitments, cumulative equity invested or total value as of December 31, 2018 and excluding the NGP Predecessor Funds, which we refer to as our “significant funds,” is generally included throughout this discussion and analysis to facilitate an understanding of our results of operations for the periods presented. The fund return information reflected in this discussion and analysis is not indicative of the performance of The Carlyle Group L.P. and is also not necessarily indicative of the future performance of any particular fund. An investment in The Carlyle Group L.P. is not an investment in any of our funds. There can be no assurance

that any of our funds or our other existing and future funds will achieve similar returns. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors — Risks Related to Our Business Operations — The historical returns attributable to our funds, including those presented in this report, should not be considered as indicative of the future results of our funds or of our future results or of any returns expected on an investment in our common units.”

The following tables reflect the performance of our significant funds in our Real Assets business. See “Business — Our Family of Funds” for a legend of the fund acronyms listed below.

	Fund Vintage (1)	Committed Capital	TOTAL INVESTMENTS					REALIZED/PARTIALLY REALIZED INVESTMENTS(5)			
			As of December 31, 2018					As of December 31, 2018			
			Cumulative Invested Capital (2)	Total Fair Value (3)	MOIC (4)	Gross IRR (7) (12)	Net IRR (8) (12)	Cumulative Invested Capital (2)	Total Fair Value (3)	MOIC (4)	Gross IRR (7) (12)
<b>Real Assets</b>			<b>(Reported in Local Currency, in Millions)</b>					<b>(Reported in Local Currency, in Millions)</b>			
<b>Fully Invested Funds (6)</b>											
CRP III	2000	\$ 564.1	\$ 522.5	\$ 1,784.6	3.4x	44%	30%	\$ 522.5	\$ 1,784.6	3.4x	44%
CRP IV	2004	\$ 950.0	\$ 1,259.4	\$ 1,930.1	1.5x	7%	4%	\$ 1,203.0	\$ 1,892.7	1.6x	7%
CRP V	2006	\$ 3,000.0	\$ 3,373.3	\$ 5,528.9	1.6x	12%	8%	\$ 3,075.7	\$ 4,987.4	1.6x	12%
CRP VI	2010	\$ 2,340.0	\$ 2,188.6	\$ 4,008.8	1.8x	28%	19%	\$ 1,671.4	\$ 3,378.6	2.0x	33%
CRP VII	2014	\$ 4,161.6	\$ 3,574.6	\$ 5,333.3	1.5x	22%	14%	\$ 968.5	\$ 1,828.7	1.9x	30%
CEREP I	2002	€ 426.6	€ 517.0	€ 698.6	1.4x	14%	7%	€ 517.0	€ 698.6	1.4x	14%
CEREP II	2005	€ 762.7	€ 833.8	€ 128.1	0.2x	Neg	Neg	€ 826.7	€ 132.3	0.2x	Neg
CEREP III	2007	€ 2,229.5	€ 2,052.5	€ 2,468.0	1.2x	4%	1%	€ 1,911.5	€ 2,371.7	1.2x	5%
CIP	2006	\$ 1,143.7	\$ 1,069.8	\$ 1,426.7	1.3x	6%	3%	\$ 1,013.4	\$ 1,385.9	1.4x	6%
NGP X	2012	\$ 3,586.0	\$ 3,278.6	\$ 3,988.7	1.2x	7%	3%	\$ 1,382.9	\$ 2,426.3	1.8x	24%
NGP XI	2014	\$ 5,325.0	\$ 4,548.2	\$ 6,390.6	1.4x	22%	15%	\$ 385.3	\$ 576.1	1.5x	41%
Energy II	2002	\$ 1,100.0	\$ 1,334.8	\$ 3,130.0	2.3x	81%	55%	\$ 1,334.8	\$ 3,130.0	2.3x	81%
Energy III	2005	\$ 3,800.0	\$ 3,569.7	\$ 5,597.9	1.6x	10%	6%	\$ 3,096.4	\$ 5,044.8	1.6x	12%
Energy IV	2007	\$ 5,979.1	\$ 6,336.1	\$ 7,992.9	1.3x	7%	3%	\$ 4,880.3	\$ 6,559.8	1.3x	9%
Renew II	2008	\$ 3,417.5	\$ 2,833.5	\$ 4,235.0	1.5x	8%	5%	\$ 1,479.3	\$ 2,358.9	1.6x	12%
All Other Funds (9)	Various		\$ 3,311.7	\$ 3,587.7	1.1x	3%	Neg	\$ 2,662.1	\$ 3,023.2	1.1x	5%
Coinvestments and SMA's(10)	Various		\$ 5,241.0	\$ 9,062.0	1.7x	16%	13%	\$ 4,361.7	\$ 7,551.1	1.7x	19%
<b>Total Fully Invested Funds</b>			<b>\$ 46,338.1</b>	<b>\$ 67,769.2</b>	<b>1.5x</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>\$ 31,764.1</b>	<b>\$ 49,594.6</b>	<b>1.6x</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Funds in the Investment Period (6)</b>											
CRP VIII	2017	\$ 5,505.1	\$ 890.1	\$ 910.7	1.0x	NM	NM				
CIEP I	2013	\$ 2,500.0	\$ 1,815.5	\$ 2,793.2	1.5x	29%	15%				
NGP XII	2017	\$ 3,967.3	\$ 1,068.9	\$ 1,145.7	1.1x	NM	NM				
CPP II	2014	\$ 1,526.7	\$ 925.7	\$ 1,111.3	1.2x	12%	4%				
CPI	2016	\$ 2,088.3	\$ 1,565.5	\$ 1,790.4	1.1x	NM	NM				
CGIOF	2018	\$ 1,300.6	\$ —	\$ —	n/a	NM	NM				
All Other Funds (11)	Various		\$ 163.1	\$ 158.7	1.0x	NM	NM				
Coinvestments and SMA's(10)	Various		\$ 1,151.7	\$ 1,760.3	1.5x	NM	NM				
<b>Total Funds in the Investment Period</b>			<b>\$ 7,580.5</b>	<b>\$ 9,670.4</b>	<b>1.3x</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>TOTAL Real Assets (13)</b>			<b>\$ 53,918.7</b>	<b>\$ 77,439.5</b>	<b>1.4x</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>\$ 31,764.1</b>	<b>\$ 49,594.6</b>	<b>1.6x</b>	<b>14%</b>

- (1) The data presented herein that provides “inception to date” performance results of our segments relates to the period following the formation of the first fund within each segment. For our Real Assets segment our first fund was formed in 1997.
- (2) Represents the original cost of investments since inception of the fund.
- (3) Represents all realized proceeds combined with remaining fair value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest.
- (4) Multiple of invested capital (“MOIC”) represents total fair value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by cumulative invested capital.
- (5) An investment is considered realized when the investment fund has completely exited, and ceases to own an interest in, the investment. An investment is considered partially realized when the total amount of proceeds received in respect of such investment, including dividends, interest or other distributions and/or return of capital, represents at least 85% of

- invested capital and such investment is not yet fully realized. Because part of our value creation strategy involves pursuing best exit alternatives, we believe information regarding Realized/Partially Realized MOIC and Gross IRR, when considered together with the other investment performance metrics presented, provides investors with meaningful information regarding our investment performance by removing the impact of investments where significant realization activity has not yet occurred. Realized/Partially Realized MOIC and Gross IRR have limitations as measures of investment performance, and should not be considered in isolation. Such limitations include the fact that these measures do not include the performance of earlier stage and other investments that do not satisfy the criteria provided above. The exclusion of such investments will have a positive impact on Realized/Partially Realized MOIC and Gross IRR in instances when the MOIC and Gross IRR in respect of such investments are less than the aggregate MOIC and Gross IRR. Our measurements of Realized/Partially Realized MOIC and Gross IRR may not be comparable to those of other companies that use similarly titled measures. We do not present Realized/Partially Realized performance information separately for funds that are still in the investment period because of the relatively insignificant level of realizations for funds of this type. However, to the extent such funds have had realizations, they are included in the Realized/Partially Realized performance information presented for Total Real Assets.
- (6) Fully Invested funds are past the expiration date of the investment period as defined in the respective limited partnership agreement. In instances where a successor fund has had its first capital call, the predecessor fund is categorized as fully invested.
  - (7) Gross Internal Rate of Return (“Gross IRR”) represents the annualized IRR for the period indicated on Limited Partner invested capital based on contributions, distributions and unrealized value before management fees, expenses and carried interest.
  - (8) Net Internal Rate of Return (“Net IRR”) represents the annualized IRR for the period indicated on Limited Partner invested capital based on contributions, distributions and unrealized value after management fees, expenses and carried interest. Fund level IRRs are based on aggregate Limited Partner cash flows, and this blended return may differ from that of individual Limited Partners. As a result, certain funds may generate accrued performance revenues with a blended Net IRR that is below the preferred return hurdle for that fund.
  - (9) Aggregate includes the following funds: CRP I, CRP II, CAREP I, CAREP II, CRCP I, CPOCP, NGP GAP, Energy I and Renew I.
  - (10) Includes coinvestments, separately managed accounts (SMA's) and certain other stand-alone investments arranged by us.
  - (11) Aggregate includes CCR and CER. Return is not considered meaningful, as the investment period commenced in October 2016 for CCR and December 2017 for CER.
  - (12) For funds marked “NM,” IRR may be positive or negative, but is not considered meaningful because of the limited time since initial investment and early stage of capital deployment. For funds marked “Neg,” IRR is negative as of reporting period end.
  - (13) For purposes of aggregation, funds that report in foreign currency have been converted to U.S. dollars at the reporting period spot rate.



	Remaining Fair Value(1)	Unrealized MOIC(2)	Total MOIC(3)	% Invested(4)	In Accrued Carry/(Giveback) (5)	LTM Realized Carry (6)	Catch up Rate	Fee Initiation Date (7)	Quarters Since Fee Initiation	Original Investment Period End Date
<b>As of December 31, 2018</b>										
<b>Real Assets</b>										
NGP XI	\$ 5,464.6	1.3x	1.4x	85%	X		80%	Feb-15	16	Oct-19
CRP VII	\$ 3,392.1	1.3x	1.5x	86%	X	X	80%	Jun-14	19	Mar-19
CIEP I	\$ 2,505.2	1.4x	1.5x	73%	X		80%	Oct-13	21	Sep-19
Energy IV	\$ 1,941.6	0.9x	1.3x	106%	(X)		80%	Feb-08	44	Dec-13
CPI	\$ 1,631.8	1.0x	1.1x	n/a	X		50%	May-16	11	Apr-21
Renew II	\$ 1,491.7	0.7x	1.5x	83%	(X)		80%	Mar-08	44	May-14
NGP X	\$ 1,464.3	0.9x	1.2x	91%			80%	Jan-12	28	May-17
NGP XII	\$ 1,145.7	1.1x	1.1x	27%			80%	Nov-17	5	Oct-19
CRP V	\$ 977.3	2.4x	1.6x	112%	X		50%	Nov-06	49	Nov-11
CPP II	\$ 911.0	1.2x	1.2x	61%			80%	Sep-14	18	Apr-21
CRP VIII	\$ 910.2	1.0x	1.0x	16%			80%	Aug-17	6	May-22
CRP VI	\$ 532.7	1.2x	1.8x	94%	X	X	50%	Mar-11	32	Mar-16
Energy III	\$ 349.5	0.7x	1.6x	94%	(X)		80%	Nov-05	53	Oct-11
CRP IV	\$ 273.1	3.6x	1.5x	133%			50%	Jan-05	56	Dec-09
CRP III	\$ 254.4	107.5x	3.4x	93%	X	X	50%	Mar-01	72	May-05
CEREP III	€ 115.8	0.9x	1.2x	92%			67%	Jun-07	47	May-11
All Other Funds (8)	\$ 718.3	0.9x	1.2x		NM	NM				
Coinvestments and SMA's (9)	\$ 2,805.6	1.2x	1.7x		NM	NM				
<b>Total Real Assets (10)</b>	<b>\$ 26,901.7</b>	<b>1.2x</b>	<b>1.4x</b>							

- (1) Remaining Fair Value reflects the unrealized carrying value of investments in carry funds and related co-investment vehicles. Significant funds with remaining fair value of greater than \$100 million are listed individually.
- (2) Unrealized multiple of invested capital ("MOIC") represents remaining fair market value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by remaining investment cost.
- (3) Total MOIC represents total fair value (realized proceeds combined with remaining fair value), before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by cumulative invested capital. For certain funds, represents the original cost of investments net of investment-level recallable proceeds, which is adjusted to reflect recyclability of invested capital for the purpose of calculating the fund MOIC.
- (4) Represents cumulative invested capital as of the reporting period divided by total commitments. Amount can be greater than 100% due to the re-investment of recallable distributions to fund investors.
- (5) Fund has a net accrued performance revenue balance/(giveback obligation) as of the current quarter end, driven by a significant portion of the fund's asset base.
- (6) Fund has generated realized net performance revenues/(realized giveback) in the last twelve months.
- (7) Represents the date of the first capital contribution for management fees.
- (8) Aggregate includes the following funds: CRP I, CRP II, CRCP I, CEREP I, CEREP II, CER, CAREP I, CAREP II, CCR, CPOCP, CIP, CGIOF, NGP GAP, Energy I, Energy II and Renew I. In Accrued Carry/(Clawback) and LTM Realized Carry not indicated because the indicator does not apply to each fund within the aggregate.
- (9) Includes co-investments, prefund investments, separately managed accounts (SMA's) and certain other stand-alone investments arranged by us. In Accrued Carry/(Clawback) and LTM Realized Carry not indicated because the indicator does not apply to each fund within the aggregate.
- (10) For purposes of aggregation, funds that report in foreign currency have been converted to U.S. dollars at the reporting period spot rate.

## Global Credit

We continue to invest in growing our Global Credit business, for example with the acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners in December 2018 (see Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements). In the near to mid term, this segment will incur additional expenses to build the credit business and raise additional capital.

For purposes of presenting our results of operations for this segment, we include only our economic interests in the results of operations of Claren Road (through January 2017) and ESG (through June 2016). The following table presents our results of operations for our Global Credit segment:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
<b>Segment Revenues</b>			
Fund level fee revenues			
Fund management fees	\$ 243.0	\$ 191.5	\$ 195.5
Portfolio advisory fees, net and other	5.1	7.5	5.8
Transaction fees, net	1.0	—	—
Total fund level fee revenues	249.1	199.0	201.3
Realized performance revenues	9.8	75.4	36.6
Realized principal investment income	7.9	11.9	5.1
Interest income	15.3	7.1	4.7
Total revenues	282.1	293.4	247.7
<b>Segment Expenses</b>			
Compensation and benefits			
Cash-based compensation and benefits	140.4	104.5	120.0
Realized performance revenues related compensation	4.5	35.0	17.6
Total compensation and benefits	144.9	139.5	137.6
General, administrative, and other indirect expenses	30.5	7.4	250.0
Depreciation and amortization expense	6.3	5.1	6.2
Interest expense	22.9	14.5	11.3
Total expenses	204.6	166.5	405.1
<b>(=) Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 77.5</b>	<b>\$ 126.9</b>	<b>\$ (157.4)</b>
(-) Realized Net Performance Revenues	5.3	40.4	19.0
(-) Realized Principal Investment Income	7.9	11.9	5.1
(+) Net Interest	7.6	7.4	6.6
<b>(=) Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 71.9</b>	<b>\$ 82.0</b>	<b>\$ (174.9)</b>

**Year Ended December 31, 2018 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2017 and Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2016**

**Distributable Earnings**

Distributable earnings decreased \$49.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$284.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The following table provides the components of the changes in distributable earnings for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>		
Distributable earnings, prior year	\$ 126.9	\$ (157.4)
Increases (decreases):		
(Decrease) increase in fee related earnings	(10.1)	256.9
(Decrease) increase in realized net performance revenues	(35.1)	21.4
(Decrease) increase in realized principal investment income	(4.0)	6.8
Increase in net interest	(0.2)	(0.8)
<b>Total (decrease) increase</b>	<b>(49.4)</b>	<b>284.3</b>
Distributable earnings, current year	\$ 77.5	\$ 126.9

*Realized Net Performance Revenues.* Realized net performance revenues decreased \$35.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and increased \$21.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The majority of realized net performance revenues was generated by our distressed debt carry funds and our business development companies in 2017, as well as our structured credit funds in 2016.

*Realized Principal Investment Income.* Realized principal investment income decreased \$4.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and increased \$6.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The decrease in realized principal investment income for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 was primarily due to realized losses on investments in one of our energy mezzanine funds. The increase in realized principal investment income for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 was primarily due to higher realizations on investments in our structured credit funds.

**Fee Related Earnings**

Fee related earnings decreased \$10.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$256.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The following table provides the components of the change in fee related earnings for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>		
Fee related earnings, prior year	\$ 82.0	\$ (174.9)
Increases (Decreases):		
Increase (decrease) in fee revenues	50.1	(4.4)
(Increase) decrease in cash-based compensation	(35.9)	15.5
(Increase) decrease in general, administrative and other indirect expenses	(23.1)	242.6
All other changes	(1.2)	3.2
<b>Total (decrease) increase</b>	<b>(10.1)</b>	<b>256.9</b>
Fee related earnings, current year	\$ 71.9	\$ 82.0

*Fee Revenues.* Total fee revenues increased \$50.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and decreased \$4.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, due to the following:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Higher (lower) fund management fees	\$ 51.5	\$ (4.0)
Higher transaction fees	1.0	—
Lower portfolio advisory fees, net and other	(2.4)	(0.4)
<b>Total increase (decrease) in fee revenues</b>	<b>\$ 50.1</b>	<b>\$ (4.4)</b>

The increase in fund management fees for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 was primarily due to an increase in fund management fees from CLOs that originated in 2017 and 2018 as well as increased management fees from our direct lending platform.

The decrease in fund management fees for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 was primarily due to a decrease of \$30.2 million in fund management fees related to the separation from the hedge funds and lower basis on certain carry funds. These decreases were partially offset by a \$24.1 million increase in fund management fees primarily as a result of increased commitments and subsequent closings for CSP IV during 2017.

The weighted average management fee rate on our carry funds decreased from 1.35% at December 31, 2017 to 1.23% at December 31, 2018 primarily due to new funds raised or acquired with lower effective fee rates.

The weighted average management fee rate on our carry funds decreased slightly from 1.37% at December 31, 2016 to 1.35% at December 31, 2017 primarily due to a lower blended fee rate for CSP IV upon completion of the fundraising process.

*Cash-based compensation and benefits expense.* Cash-based compensation and benefits expense increased \$35.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 primarily due to increased headcount and higher cash bonuses.

Cash-based compensation and benefits expense decreased \$15.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016 primarily due to lower headcount from the separation of the hedge fund business, which resulted in \$24.9 million of lower compensation. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in 2017 cash bonuses.

*General, administrative and other indirect expenses.* General, administrative and other indirect expenses increased \$23.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017 and decreased \$242.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to the following:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Absence of expenses incurred related to Claren Road transaction	—	(25.0)
Decrease (increase) in insurance recoveries related to litigation	35.3	(10.0)
(Decrease) increase in legal costs related to commodities <sup>(1)</sup>	(144.2)	(30.8)
Decrease (increase) in insurance recovery related to commodities <sup>(2)</sup>	145.5	(177.3)
Decrease in external costs associated with fundraising activities	(5.7)	(1.6)
All other changes	(7.8)	2.1
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>	<b>\$ 23.1</b>	<b>\$ (242.6)</b>

(1) For the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to the year ended December 31, 2017, this reflects the \$144.2 million of commodities charges in 2017. For the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to the year ended December 31, 2016, this reflects the \$144.2 million of commodities charges in 2017 as compared to the \$175.0 million 2016 commodities charges.

(2) For the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to the year ended December 31, 2017, this reflect the \$31.5 million insurance proceeds as compared to \$177.0 million of insurance proceeds in 2017. For the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to the year ended December 31, 2016, this reflects the \$177.0 million of insurance proceeds in 2017. See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements for more information on our legal matters.

**Fee-earning AUM as of and for each of the Three Years in the Period Ended December 31, 2018**

Fee-earning AUM is presented below for each period together with the components of change during each respective period.

The table below breaks out Fee-earning AUM by its respective components at each period.

	As of December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Global Credit</b>			
<b>Components of Fee-earning AUM (1)</b>			
Fee-earning AUM based on capital commitments	\$ 7,403	\$ 5,026	\$ 4,010
Fee-earning AUM based on invested capital	1,885	1,457	1,278
Fee-earning AUM based on collateral balances, at par	22,921	18,625	16,999
Fee-earning AUM based on net asset value	867	42	—
Fee-earning AUM based on other (2)	2,076	2,112	1,839
<b>Total Fee-earning AUM</b>	<b>\$ 35,152</b>	<b>\$ 27,262</b>	<b>\$ 24,126</b>
<b>Weighted Average Management Fee Rates (3)</b>			
All Funds, excluding CLOs	1.23%	1.35%	1.37%

(1) For additional information concerning the components of Fee-earning AUM, see “—Fee-earning Assets under Management.”

(2) Includes funds with fees based on gross asset value.

(3) Represents the aggregate effective management fee rate for carry funds and hedge funds, weighted by each fund’s Fee-earning AUM, as of the end of each period presented. Management fees for CLOs are based on the total par amount of the assets (collateral) and principal balance of the notes in the fund and are not calculated as a percentage of equity and are therefore not included.

The table below provides the period to period rollforward of Fee-earning AUM.

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Global Credit</b>			
<b>Fee-earning AUM Rollforward</b>			
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 27,262	\$ 24,126	\$ 30,972
Acquisitions/(Divestments) (1)	4,093	—	(4,356)
Inflows, including Fee-paying Commitments (2)	5,086	5,547	4,727
Outflows, including Distributions (3)	(1,228)	(3,556)	(4,208)
Subscriptions, net of Redemptions (4)	—	—	(2,764)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (5)	35	13	(475)
Foreign Exchange and other (6)	(96)	1,132	230
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 35,152</b>	<b>\$ 27,262</b>	<b>\$ 24,126</b>

(1) Acquisition activity represents Carlyle Aviation Partners assets which were acquired in a transaction that closed in December 2018. Divestment activity represents ESG assets which were transferred to the ESG founders in a transaction that closed in October 2016 and Claren Road assets which were transferred to the Claren Road founders in a transaction that closed in January 2017.

(2) Inflows represent limited partner capital raised by our carry funds and CLO’s, as well as capital invested by our carry funds outside the investment period.

(3) Outflows represent limited partner distributions from our carry funds, changes in fee basis for our carry funds where the investment period has expired, reductions for funds that are no longer calling fees, and runoff of CLO collateral balances.

(4) Represents the net result of subscriptions to and redemptions from our hedge funds.

- (5) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) represents realized and unrealized gains (losses) on portfolio investments in our carry funds based on the lower of cost or fair value and net asset value.
- (6) Includes activity of funds with fees based on gross asset value. Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of the period end.

Fee-earning AUM was \$35.2 billion at December 31, 2018, an increase of \$7.9 billion, or 29%, compared to \$27.3 billion at December 31, 2017. Driving the increase were inflows of \$5.1 billion primarily attributable to new fee-paying capital raised in our U.S. and Europe CLO's. Also driving the increase was \$4.1 billion of acquisition activity related to our December 2018 acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners. Partially offsetting the increase were \$1.2 billion of outflows primarily related to runoff of our CLO collateral balances as well as distributions from carry funds outside the investment period. Distributions from carry funds still in the investment period do not impact Fee-earning AUM as these funds are based on commitments and not invested capital.

Fee-earning AUM was \$27.3 billion at December 31, 2017, an increase of \$3.2 billion, or 13%, compared to \$24.1 billion at December 31, 2016. Driving the increase were inflows of \$5.5 billion primarily attributable to new fee-paying capital raised in our U.S. and Europe CLO's and new fee-paying commitments raised in CSP IV. Also driving the increase was foreign exchange and other activity of \$1.1 billion primarily related to foreign exchange gains on our Euro-denominated CLO's. Partially offsetting the increase were \$3.6 billion of outflows primarily related to runoff of our CLO collateral balances as well as distributions from carry funds outside the investment period.

Fee-earning AUM was \$24.1 billion at December 31, 2016, a decrease of \$6.9 billion, or 22%, compared to \$31.0 billion at December 31, 2015. This was primarily the result of the divestments of our ESG and Claren Road hedge fund businesses which were sold back to their founders in separate transactions which closed in October 2016 and January 2017, respectively, and resulted in a decline in Fee-earning AUM of \$4.4 billion. Also driving the decrease were outflows of \$4.2 billion primarily related to runoff of our CLO collateral balances as well as distributions from carry funds outside the investment period and net redemptions in our hedge funds of \$2.8 billion. Partially offsetting this decrease was \$4.7 billion of inflows primarily attributable to new fee-paying capital raised in our U.S. and Europe CLO's and new commitments raised in CSP IV and CEMOF II.

**Total AUM as of and for each of the Three Years in the Period Ended December 31, 2018**

The table below provides the period to period rollforward of Total AUM.

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Global Credit</b>			
<b>Total AUM Rollforward</b>			
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 33,324	\$ 29,399	\$ 35,255
Acquisitions/(Divestments) (1)	5,791	—	(4,707)
New Commitments (2)	6,272	6,643	7,115
Outflows (3)	(860)	(3,981)	(7,506)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (4)	171	177	(1,045)
Foreign Exchange Gain/(Loss) (5)	(332)	829	(190)
Other (6)	51	257	477
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 44,417</b>	<b>\$ 33,324</b>	<b>\$ 29,399</b>

(1) Acquisition activity represents Carlyle Aviation Partners assets which were acquired in a transaction that closed in December 2018. Divestment activity represents ESG assets which were transferred to the ESG founders in a transaction that closed in October 2016 and Claren Road assets which were transferred to the Claren Road founders in a transaction that closed in January 2017.

(2) New Commitments reflects the impact of gross fundraising during the period. For funds or vehicles denominated in foreign currencies, this reflects translation at the average quarterly rate, while the separately reported Fundraising metric is translated at the spot rate for each individual closing.

- (3) Outflows includes distributions in our carry funds, related co-investment vehicles and separately managed accounts, as well as runoff of CLO collateral balances and redemptions in our hedge funds.
- (4) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) generally represents realized and unrealized gains (losses) on portfolio investments in our carry funds and related co-investment vehicles, separately managed accounts and hedge funds.
- (5) Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of the period end.
- (6) Includes expiring available capital, the impact of capital calls for fees and expenses, change in gross asset value for our business development companies and other changes in AUM.

Total AUM was \$44.4 billion at December 31, 2018, an increase of \$11.1 billion, or 33%, compared to \$33.3 billion at December 31, 2017. This was driven by \$6.3 billion of new commitments primarily due to new U.S. and Europe CLO issuances, as well as additional closes in our second BDC. Also contributing to the increase was the acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners which represented \$5.8 billion of new AUM to the firm. Partially offsetting the increase were outflows of \$0.9 billion primarily related to CLO run-off and distributions in our Global Credit carry funds.

Total AUM was \$33.3 billion at December 31, 2017, an increase of \$3.9 billion, or 13%, compared to \$29.4 billion at December 31, 2016. This was driven by \$6.6 billion of new commitments primarily due to new U.S. and Europe CLO issuances, as well as fundraising in CSC and CCOF. Also contributing to the increase were foreign exchange gains of \$0.8 billion attributable to our Euro-denominated CLO's. Partially offsetting the increase were outflows of \$4.0 billion primarily related to CLO run-off and distributions in our Global Credit carry funds.

Total AUM was \$29.4 billion at December 31, 2016, a decrease of \$5.9 billion, or 17%, compared to \$35.3 billion at December 31, 2015. This decrease was due to outflows of \$7.5 billion which were the result of CLO run-off, hedge fund redemptions, and distributions in our carry funds. Also driving the decrease were divestments of our ESG and Claren Road hedge fund businesses which were sold back to their founders in separate transactions which closed in October 2016 and January 2017, respectively, and resulted in a decline in Total AUM of \$4.7 billion. Market depreciation for the period of \$1.0 billion represented a 11% (\$0.2 billion) decrease on our portfolio of carry funds for the period and declines in our hedge funds. Partially offsetting this decrease were new commitments of \$7.1 billion primarily due to new U.S. and Europe CLO issuances as well as fundraising in CSP IV and CEMOF II.

#### ***Fund Performance Metrics***

Fund performance information for certain of our Global Credit Funds is included throughout this discussion and analysis to facilitate an understanding of our results of operations for the periods presented. The fund return information reflected in this discussion and analysis is not indicative of the performance of The Carlyle Group L.P. and is also not necessarily indicative of the future performance of any particular fund. An investment in The Carlyle Group L.P. is not an investment in any of our funds. There can be no assurance that any of our funds or our other existing and future funds will achieve similar returns. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors — Risks Related to Our Business Operations — The historical returns attributable to our funds including those presented in this report should not be considered as indicative of the future results of our funds or of our future results or of any returns expected on an investment in our common units."

The following table reflects the performance of certain funds in our Global Credit business. These tables separately present funds that, as of the periods presented, had at least \$1.0 billion in capital commitments, cumulative equity invested or total equity value. See “Business — Our Family of Funds” for a legend of the fund acronyms listed below.

Global Credit (Carry Funds Only)	Fund Inception Date (1)	Committed Capital	TOTAL INVESTMENTS					
			As of December 31, 2018			Inception to December 31, 2018		
			Cumulative Invested Capital (2)	Total Fair Value (3)	MOIC (4)	Gross IRR (5) (10)	Net IRR (6) (10)	
(Reported in Local Currency, in Millions)								
<b>Fully Invested/Committed Funds (7)</b>								
CSP II	2007	\$ 1,352.3	\$ 1,352.3	\$ 2,479.1	1.8x	17%	11%	
CSP III	2011	\$ 702.8	\$ 702.8	\$ 1,174.4	1.7x	29%	18%	
CEMOF I	2011	\$ 1,382.5	\$ 1,601.4	\$ 1,368.3	0.9x	Neg	Neg	
All Other Funds (8)			\$ 2,321.3	\$ 3,407.1	1.5x	14%	9%	
Coinvestments and SMA's (9)			\$ 488.2	\$ 397.7	0.8x	NM	NM	
<b>Total Fully Invested/Committed Funds</b>			<b>\$ 6,465.9</b>	<b>\$ 8,826.6</b>	<b>1.4x</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6%</b>	
<b>Funds in the Investment Period (7)</b>								
CSP IV	2016	\$ 2,500.0	\$ 942.5	\$ 1,116.7	1.2x	NM	NM	
CEMOF II	2015	\$ 2,819.2	\$ 1,025.1	\$ 1,158.0	1.1x	NM	NM	
CCOF	2017	\$ 1,061.9	\$ 420.2	\$ 449.1	1.1x	NM	NM	
All Other Funds			\$ 829.4	\$ 887.2	1.1x	NM	NM	
Coinvestments and SMA's (9)			\$ 573.6	\$ 661.8	1.2x	NM	NM	
<b>Total Funds in the Investment Period</b>			<b>\$ 3,790.8</b>	<b>\$ 4,272.7</b>	<b>1.1x</b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>NM</b>	
<b>TOTAL Global Credit</b>			<b>\$ 10,256.7</b>	<b>\$ 13,099.4</b>	<b>1.3x</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6%</b>	

- (1) The data presented herein that provides “inception to date” performance results of our segments relates to the period following the formation of the first fund within each segment. For our Global Credit segment our first carry fund was formed in 2004.
- (2) Represents the original cost of investments net of investment level recallable proceeds which is adjusted to reflect recyclability of invested capital for the purpose of calculating the fund MOIC.
- (3) Represents all realized proceeds combined with remaining fair value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest.
- (4) Multiple of invested capital (“MOIC”) represents total fair value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by cumulative invested capital.
- (5) Gross Internal Rate of Return (“Gross IRR”) represents the annualized IRR for the period indicated on Limited Partner invested capital based on contributions, distributions and unrealized value before management fees, expenses and carried interest.
- (6) Net Internal Rate of Return (“Net IRR”) represents the annualized IRR for the period indicated on Limited Partner invested capital based on contributions, distributions and unrealized value after management fees, expenses and carried interest. Fund level IRRs are based on aggregate Limited Partner cash flows, and this blended return may differ from that of individual Limited Partners. As a result, certain funds may generate accrued performance revenues with a blended Net IRR that is below the preferred return hurdle for that fund.
- (7) Fully Invested funds are past the expiration date of the investment period as defined in the respective limited partnership agreement. In instances where a successor fund has had its first capital call, the predecessor fund is categorized as fully invested.
- (8) Aggregate includes the following funds: CMP I, CMP II, CSP I, CASCOF, SASOF II, and SASOF III.
- (9) Includes coinvestments, separately managed accounts (SMA's) and certain other stand-alone investments arranged by us.
- (10) For funds marked “NM,” IRR may be positive or negative, but is not considered meaningful because of the limited time since initial investment and early stage of capital deployment. For funds marked “Neg,” IRR is negative as of reporting period end.



	Remaining Fair Value (1)	Unrealized MOIC (2)	Total MOIC (3)	% Invested (4)	In Accrued Carry/(Giveback) (5)	LTM Realized Carry (6)	Catch up Rate	Fee Initiation Date (7)	Quarters Since Fee Initiation	Original Investment Period End Date
<b>As of December 31, 2018</b>										
<b>Global Credit</b>										
CEMOF II	\$ 1,016.8	1.0x	1.1x	36%			100%	Dec-15	13	Feb-20
CSP IV	\$ 835.4	1.1x	1.2x	38%	X		100%	Feb-17	8	Dec-20
CEMOF I	\$ 646.4	0.5x	0.9x	116%			100%	Dec-10	33	Dec-15
CCOF	\$ 400.9	1.0x	1.1x	40%	X		n/a	Oct-17	5	Jun-22
CSP III	\$ 326.9	1.1x	1.7x	100%	X	X	80%	Dec-11	29	Aug-15
All Other Funds (8)	\$ 1,200.1	1.3x	1.5x		NM	NM				
Coinvestments and SMA's (9)	\$ 849.9	0.7x	1.0x		NM	NM				
<b>Total Global Credit</b>	<b>\$ 5,276.4</b>	<b>0.9x</b>	<b>1.3x</b>							

- (1) Remaining Fair Value reflects the unrealized carrying value of investments in carry funds and related co-investment vehicles. Significant funds with remaining fair value of greater than \$100 million are listed individually.
- (2) Unrealized multiple of invested capital (“MOIC”) represents remaining fair market value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by remaining investment cost.
- (3) Total MOIC represents total fair value (realized proceeds combined with remaining fair value), before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by cumulative invested capital. For certain funds, represents the original cost of investments net of investment-level recallable proceeds, which is adjusted to reflect recyclability of invested capital for the purpose of calculating the fund MOIC.
- (4) Represents cumulative invested capital as of the reporting period divided by total commitments. Amount can be greater than 100% due to the re-investment of recallable distributions to fund investors.
- (5) Fund has a net accrued performance revenue balance/(giveback obligation) as of the current quarter end, driven by a significant portion of the fund’s asset base.
- (6) Fund has generated realized net performance revenues/(realized giveback) in the last twelve months.
- (7) Represents the date of the first capital contribution for management fees.
- (8) Aggregate includes the following funds: CSP I, CSP II, CMP I, CMP II, CSC, CASCOF, SASOF II, SASOF III, and SASOF IV. In Accrued Carry/(Clawback) and LTM Realized Carry not indicated because the indicator does not apply to each fund within the aggregate.
- (9) Includes co-investments, prefund investments, separately managed accounts (SMA's) and certain other stand-alone investments arranged by us. In Accrued Carry/(Clawback) and LTM Realized Carry not indicated because the indicator does not apply to each fund within the aggregate.

## Investment Solutions

The following table presents our results of operations for our Investment Solutions segment:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Segment Revenues</b>			
Fund level fee revenues			
Fund management fees	\$ 166.8	\$ 154.9	\$ 140.3
Portfolio advisory fees, net and other	0.4	0.4	1.3
Total fund level fee revenues	167.2	155.3	141.6
Realized performance revenues	106.4	86.4	65.6
Realized principal investment income	0.1	0.1	0.1
Interest income	1.4	1.1	0.4
Total revenues	275.1	242.9	207.7
<b>Segment Expenses</b>			
Compensation and benefits			
Cash-based compensation and benefits	92.0	84.7	80.5
Realized performance revenues related compensation	96.3	83.2	63.2
Total compensation and benefits	188.3	167.9	143.7
General, administrative, and other indirect expenses	36.6	34.9	34.5
Depreciation and amortization expense	4.7	3.6	3.3
Interest expense	6.6	6.1	5.8
Total expenses	236.2	212.5	187.3
<b>(=) Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 38.9</b>	<b>\$ 30.4</b>	<b>\$ 20.4</b>
(-) Realized Net Performance Revenues	10.1	3.2	2.4
(-) Realized Principal Investment Income	0.1	0.1	0.1
(+) Net Interest	5.2	5.0	5.4
<b>(=) Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 33.9</b>	<b>\$ 32.1</b>	<b>\$ 23.3</b>

**Year Ended December 31, 2018 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2017 and Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2016**

**Distributable Earnings**

Distributable earnings increased \$8.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$10.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The following table provides the components of the change in distributable earnings for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Distributable earnings, prior year	\$ 30.4	\$ 20.4
Increases (decreases):		
Increase in fee related earnings	1.8	8.8
Increase in realized net performance revenues	6.9	0.8
(Increase) decrease in net interest	(0.2)	0.4
Total increase	8.5	10.0
Distributable earnings, current year	\$ 38.9	\$ 30.4

**Realized Net Performance Revenues.** Realized net performance revenues increased \$6.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$0.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. Substantially all of the realized net performance revenues were generated from the AlpInvest carry fund vehicles for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

Under our arrangements with the historical owners and management team of AlpInvest, we generally do not retain any carried interest with respect to the historical investments and commitments to our AlpInvest fund vehicles that existed as of July 1, 2011 (including any options to increase any such commitments exercised after such date). We are entitled to 15% of the carried interest with respect to commitments from the historical owners of AlpInvest for the period between 2011 and 2020, except in certain instances, and 40% of the carried interest in respect of all other commitments (including all future commitments from third parties).

As funds that have launched since our acquisition of AlpInvest in 2011 begin to realize performance revenues, an increasing share of net realized performance revenues will be for our benefit.

**Fee Related Earnings**

Fee related earnings increased \$1.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, and increased \$8.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The following table provides the components of the change in fee related earnings for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Fee related earnings, prior year	\$ 32.1	\$ 23.3
Increases (decreases):		
Increase in fee revenues	11.9	13.8
Increase in cash-based compensation	(7.3)	(4.2)
Increase in general, administrative and other indirect expenses	(1.7)	(0.4)
All other changes	(1.1)	(0.4)
Total increase	1.8	8.8
Fee related earnings, current year	\$ 33.9	\$ 32.1

*Fee Revenues.* Total fee revenues increased \$11.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, primarily due to ongoing fundraising efforts and increased commitments from our private equity fund vehicles, as well as \$4.6 million of catch-up management fees in 2018.

Total fee revenues increased \$13.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to increased management fees from our private equity fund vehicles as a result of closings of new fund vehicles, which have a higher average management fee rate than older fund vehicles, as well as \$1.2 million of catch-up management fees in 2017. Fee revenues also benefited from favorable foreign currency adjustments during 2017. This increase was partially offset by the wind-down of DGAM and the related redemptions from its fund of hedge funds, which decreased our fee revenues by \$5.6 million in 2017 as compared to 2016.

*Cash-based compensation and benefits expense.* Cash-based compensation and benefits expense increased \$7.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, primarily due to an increase in 2018 cash bonuses.

Cash-based compensation and benefits expense increased \$4.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to an increase in 2017 cash bonuses.

*General, administrative and other indirect expenses.* General, administrative and other indirect expenses increased \$1.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017, primarily due to higher professional fees, partially offset by positive foreign currency adjustments.

General, administrative and other indirect expenses increased \$0.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016, primarily due to negative foreign currency adjustments, partially offset by lower professional fees and lower external costs associated with fundraising activities.

#### **Fee-earning AUM as of and for each of the Three Years Ended December 31, 2018**

Fee-earning AUM is presented below for each period together with the components of change during each respective period.

The table below breaks out Fee-earning AUM by its respective components during the period.

	<b>As of December 31,</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>			
<b>Investment Solutions</b>			
<b>Components of Fee-earning AUM (1)</b>			
Fee-earning AUM based on capital commitments	\$ 11,355	\$ 11,330	\$ 9,047
Fee-earning AUM based on invested capital (2)	1,657	1,230	1,443
Fee-earning AUM based on net asset value	942	842	692
Fee-earning AUM based on lower of cost or fair market value	15,111	16,748	15,872
<b>Total Fee-earning AUM</b>	<b>\$ 29,065</b>	<b>\$ 30,150</b>	<b>\$ 27,054</b>

(1) For additional information concerning the components of Fee-earning AUM, see “—Fee-earning Assets under Management.”

(2) Includes amounts committed to or reserved for certain AlpInvest and Metropolitan carry funds.

**Twelve Months Ended December 31,**

	2018	2017	2016
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(Dollars in millions)

**Investment Solutions**

**Fee-earning AUM Rollforward**

Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 30,150	\$ 27,054	\$ 28,191
Inflows, including Commitments (1)	5,092	6,234	7,213
Outflows, including Distributions (2)	(5,035)	(5,776)	(6,150)
Subscriptions, net of Redemptions (3)	—	—	(2,166)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (4)	(74)	(207)	594
Foreign Exchange and other (5)	(1,068)	2,845	(628)
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 29,065</b>	<b>\$ 30,150</b>	<b>\$ 27,054</b>

- (1) Inflows represent mandates where commitment fee period was activated and capital invested by carry fund vehicles outside the commitment fee period or weighted-average investment period.
- (2) Outflows represent distributions from carry fund vehicles outside the commitment fee period or weighted-average investment period and changes in fee basis for carry fund vehicles where the commitment fee period or weighted-average investment period has expired.
- (3) Represents subscriptions and redemptions in our fund of hedge funds vehicles.
- (4) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) represents changes in the net asset value of our fund of hedge funds vehicles and realized and unrealized gains (losses) on our carry fund vehicles based on the lower of cost or fair value.
- (5) Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of the period end.

Fee-earning AUM was \$29.1 billion at December 31, 2018, a decrease of \$1.1 billion, or 4%, compared to \$30.2 billion at December 31, 2017. This decrease was driven by outflows of \$5.0 billion primarily attributable to distributions in our AlpInvest funds as well as \$1.1 billion of foreign exchange losses related to the translation of our AlpInvest Fee-earning AUM from EUR to USD. Partially offsetting this decrease were inflows of \$5.1 billion primarily attributable to fundraising in our AlpInvest and MRE funds. Distributions from funds still in the commitment or weighted-average investment period do not impact Fee-earning AUM as these funds are based on commitments and not invested capital. Increases in fair value may have an impact on Fee-earning AUM for Investment Solutions as the management fees for many fully committed funds are based on fair value or on the lower of cost or fair value of the underlying investments.

Fee-earning AUM was \$30.2 billion at December 31, 2017, an increase of \$3.1 billion, or 11%, compared to \$27.1 billion at December 31, 2016. This increase was driven by inflows of \$6.2 billion primarily related to the activation of fee-paying mandates in our AlpInvest funds and \$2.8 billion of foreign exchange gains related to the translation of our AlpInvest Fee-earning AUM from EUR to USD. Partially offsetting this increase were outflows of \$5.8 billion primarily attributable to distributions in our AlpInvest funds.

Fee-earning AUM was \$27.1 billion at December 31, 2016, a decrease of \$1.1 billion, or 4%, compared to \$28.2 billion at December 31, 2015. This decrease was driven by outflows of \$6.2 billion which were primarily due to distributions in the AlpInvest and Metropolitan funds outside of their commitment or weighted-average investment periods, in addition to the reduction in basis from commitments to invested equity for those funds that reached the end of their commitment period. Also driving the decrease was \$2.2 billion of net redemptions, and \$0.6 billion in foreign exchange attributable to the translation of our AlpInvest Fee-earning AUM from EUR to USD. Partially offsetting the decrease were inflows of \$7.2 billion primarily from fundraising efforts in our AlpInvest Primary and Secondaries product lines and market appreciation of \$0.6 billion in our AlpInvest and Metropolitan carry funds.

### Total AUM as of and for each of the Three Years Ended December 31, 2018

The table below provides the period to period rollforward of Total AUM.

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
<b>Investment Solutions</b>			
<b>Total AUM Rollforward</b>			
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 46,291	\$ 43,092	\$ 46,205
New Commitments (1)	4,063	5,454	4,080
Outflows (2)	(9,641)	(9,804)	(10,432)
Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) (3)	6,826	3,645	4,650
Foreign Exchange Gain/(Loss) (4)	(1,717)	4,407	(963)
Other (5)	(168)	(503)	(448)
<b>Balance, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 45,654</b>	<b>\$ 46,291</b>	<b>\$ 43,092</b>

- (1) New Commitments reflects the impact of gross fundraising during the period. For funds or vehicles denominated in foreign currencies, this reflects translation at the average quarterly rate, while the separately reported Fundraising metric is translated at the spot rate for each individual closing.
- (2) Outflows includes distributions in our carry funds, related co-investment vehicles and separately managed accounts, as well as redemptions in our fund of hedge funds vehicles.
- (3) Market Appreciation/(Depreciation) generally represents realized and unrealized gains (losses) on portfolio investments in our carry funds and related co-investment vehicles, separately managed accounts, and fund of hedge funds vehicles. The fair market values for our Investment Solutions carry funds are based on the latest available valuations of the underlying limited partnership interests (in most cases as of September 30, 2018) as provided by their general partners, plus the net cash flows since the latest valuation, up to December 31, 2018.
- (4) Represents the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our non-U.S. dollar denominated funds. Activity during the period is translated at the average rate for the period. Ending balances are translated at the spot rate as of the period end.
- (5) Includes expiring available capital, the impact of capital calls for fees and expenses and other changes in AUM.

Total AUM was \$45.7 billion as of December 31, 2018, a decrease of \$0.6 billion, or 1%, compared to \$46.3 billion as of December 31, 2017. Driving this decrease were \$9.6 billion of outflows primarily due to distributions in our AlpInvest funds, and \$1.7 billion of foreign exchange losses related to the translation of our AlpInvest AUM from EUR to USD. Offsetting the decrease were \$4.1 billion of new commitments raised in our AlpInvest and MRE funds, and \$6.8 billion of market appreciation. Market appreciation was driven by 19% appreciation in our AlpInvest funds and 8% appreciation in our MRE funds.

Total AUM was \$46.3 billion as of December 31, 2017, an increase of \$3.2 billion, or 7%, compared to \$43.1 billion as of December 31, 2016. This increase was driven by \$5.5 billion of new commitments raised primarily in our AlpInvest funds, \$4.4 billion of foreign exchange gains related to the translation of our AlpInvest AUM from EUR to USD, and \$3.6 billion of market appreciation. Market appreciation was driven by 10% appreciation in our AlpInvest funds and 12% appreciation in our MRE funds. Offsetting this increase were \$9.8 billion of outflows primarily due to distributions in our AlpInvest funds.

Total AUM was \$43.1 billion as of December 31, 2016, a decrease of \$3.1 billion, or 7%, compared to \$46.2 billion as of December 31, 2015. This decrease was driven by \$10.4 billion of outflows primarily related to distributions in our AlpInvest funds and redemptions in our DGAM fund of hedge funds vehicles. Partially offsetting these decreases were \$4.1 billion of new commitments primarily in our AlpInvest Primary and Secondaries product lines and \$4.7 billion of market appreciation. Market appreciation was driven by 12% appreciation in our AlpInvest funds and 4% appreciation in our MRE funds.

### Fund Performance Metrics

Fund performance information for our investment funds that have at least \$1.0 billion in capital commitments, cumulative equity invested or total value as of December 31, 2018, which we refer to as our “significant funds,” is generally

included throughout this discussion and analysis to facilitate an understanding of our results of operations for the periods presented. The fund return information reflected in this discussion and analysis is not indicative of the performance of The Carlyle Group L.P. and is also not necessarily indicative of the future performance of any particular fund. An investment in The Carlyle Group L.P. is not an investment in any of our funds. There can be no assurance that any of our funds or our other existing and future funds will achieve similar returns. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business Operations—The historical returns attributable to our funds, including those presented in this report, should not be considered as indicative of the future results of our funds or of our future results or of any returns expected on an investment in our common units.”

The following tables reflect the performance of our significant funds in our Investment Solutions business.

Investment Solutions (1)	TOTAL INVESTMENTS							
	As of December 31, 2018							
	Vintage Year	Fund Size	Cumulative Invested Capital (2)(8)	Total Fair Value (3)(8)	MOIC (4)	Gross IRR (6) (10)	Net IRR (7) (10)	
(Reported in Local Currency, in Millions)								
<b>AlpInvest</b>								
<b>Fully Committed Funds (5)</b>								
Main Fund I - Fund Investments	2000	€ 5,174.6	€ 4,290.4	€ 7,068.6	1.6x	12%	11%	
Main Fund II - Fund Investments	2003	€ 4,545.0	€ 4,865.3	€ 7,889.6	1.6x	10%	10%	
Main Fund III - Fund Investments	2005	€ 11,500.0	€ 12,949.2	€ 21,443.5	1.7x	10%	10%	
Main Fund IV - Fund Investments	2009	€ 4,877.3	€ 5,281.8	€ 9,245.0	1.8x	17%	17%	
Main Fund V - Fund Investments	2012	€ 5,080.0	€ 4,694.1	€ 6,627.1	1.4x	15%	14%	
Main Fund VI - Fund Investments	2015	€ 1,106.4	€ 685.7	€ 840.9	1.2x	18%	16%	
Main Fund I - Secondary Investments	2002	€ 519.4	€ 479.0	€ 906.4	1.9x	58%	54%	
Main Fund II - Secondary Investments	2003	€ 998.4	€ 1,016.0	€ 1,859.4	1.8x	27%	26%	
Main Fund III - Secondary Investments	2006	€ 2,250.0	€ 2,370.2	€ 3,651.1	1.5x	11%	10%	
Main Fund IV - Secondary Investments	2010	€ 1,859.1	€ 1,950.3	€ 3,351.7	1.7x	19%	18%	
Main Fund V - Secondary Investments	2011	€ 4,272.8	€ 4,039.2	€ 6,668.8	1.7x	22%	20%	
Main Fund II - Co-Investments	2003	€ 1,090.0	€ 907.5	€ 2,521.4	2.8x	44%	42%	
Main Fund III - Co-Investments	2006	€ 2,760.0	€ 2,800.9	€ 3,839.2	1.4x	5%	4%	
Main Fund IV - Co-Investments	2010	€ 1,475.0	€ 1,355.0	€ 3,588.6	2.6x	24%	22%	
Main Fund V - Co-Investments	2012	€ 1,122.2	€ 1,032.9	€ 2,300.2	2.2x	28%	26%	
Main Fund VI - Co-Investments	2014	€ 1,114.6	€ 938.1	€ 1,772.2	1.9x	27%	25%	
Main Fund II - Mezzanine Investments	2004	€ 700.0	€ 761.4	€ 1,050.8	1.4x	8%	7%	
Main Fund III - Mezzanine Investments	2006	€ 2,000.0	€ 1,981.0	€ 2,670.1	1.3x	10%	9%	
All Other Funds (9)	Various		€ 2,473.2	€ 3,338.5	1.3x	14%	10%	
<b>Total Fully Committed Funds</b>			<b>€ 54,871.3</b>	<b>€ 90,633.0</b>	<b>1.7x</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>12%</b>	
<b>Funds in the Commitment Period (5)</b>								
Main Fund VI - Secondary Investments	2017	€ 5,184.5	€ 1,818.5	€ 1,966.5	1.1x	NM	NM	
Main Fund VII - Co-Investments	2017	€ 2,484.7	€ 795.3	€ 826.9	1.0x	NM	NM	
All Other Funds (9)	Various		€ 1,025.9	€ 1,224.9	1.2x	16%	14%	
<b>Total Funds in the Commitment Period</b>			<b>€ 3,639.7</b>	<b>€ 4,018.3</b>	<b>1.1x</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>7%</b>	
<b>TOTAL ALPINVEST</b>			<b>€ 58,511.0</b>	<b>€ 94,651.4</b>	<b>1.6x</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>12%</b>	
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS (USD) (11)</b>			<b>\$ 66,984.5</b>	<b>\$ 108,358.7</b>	<b>1.6x</b>			
<b>Metropolitan Real Estate</b>								
Fully Committed Funds (5)	Various		\$ 3,028.4	\$ 3,957.8	1.3x	7%	4%	
MRE Secondaries Fund II	2017	\$ 1,163.0	\$ 147.1	\$ 167.5	1.1x	NM	NM	
All Other Funds in the Commitment Period	Various		\$ 65.0	\$ 73.2	1.1x	NM	NM	
<b>Funds in the Commitment Period (5)</b>			<b>\$ 212.2</b>	<b>\$ 240.7</b>	<b>1.1x</b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>NM</b>	
<b>TOTAL METROPOLITAN REAL ESTATE</b>			<b>\$ 3,240.6</b>	<b>\$ 4,198.5</b>	<b>1.3x</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>	

(1) Includes private equity and mezzanine primary fund investments, secondary fund investments and co-investments originated by the AlpInvest team, as well as real estate primary fund investments, secondary fund investments and co-



investments originated by the Metropolitan Real Estate team. Main Fund line items for each strategy reflect aggregated amounts and performance for commingled funds and associated managed accounts or mandates. Excluded from the performance information shown are a) investments that were not originated by AlpInvest, and b) Direct Investments, which was spun off from AlpInvest in 2005. As of December 31, 2018, these excluded investments represent \$0.2 billion of AUM at AlpInvest.

- (2) Represents the original cost of investments since inception of the fund.
- (3) Represents all realized proceeds combined with remaining fair value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest.
- (4) Multiple of invested capital ("MOIC") represents total fair value, before management fees, expenses and carried interest, divided by cumulative invested capital.
- (5) Fully Committed funds are past the expiration date of the commitment period as defined in the respective limited partnership agreement.
- (6) Gross Internal Rate of Return ("Gross IRR") represents the annualized IRR for the period indicated on Limited Partner invested capital based on investment contributions, distributions and unrealized value of the underlying investments, before management fees, expenses and carried interest at the AlpInvest/Metropolitan Real Estate level.
- (7) Net Internal Rate of Return ("Net IRR") represents the annualized IRR for the period indicated on Limited Partner invested capital based on contributions, distributions and unrealized value after management fees, expenses and carried interest. Fund level IRRs are based on aggregate Limited Partner cash flows, and this blended return may differ from that of individual Limited Partners. As a result, certain funds may generate accrued performance revenues with a blended Net IRR that is below the preferred return hurdle for that fund.
- (8) To exclude the impact of FX, all AlpInvest foreign currency cash flows have been converted to Euro at the reporting period spot rate.
- (9) Aggregate includes Main Fund VII - Fund Investments, Main Fund VIII - Fund Investments, Main Fund IX - Fund Investments, Main Fund I - Co-Investments, Main Fund I - Mezzanine Investments, Main Fund IV - Mezzanine Investments, Main Fund V - Mezzanine Investments, AlpInvest CleanTech Funds and funds which are not included as part of a main fund.
- (10) For funds marked "NM," IRR may be positive or negative, but is not considered meaningful because of the limited time since initial investment and early stage of capital deployment. For funds marked "Neg," IRR is negative as of reporting period end.
- (11) Represents the U.S. dollar equivalent balance translated at the spot rate as of period end.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

### ***Historical Liquidity and Capital Resources***

We have historically required limited capital resources to support the working capital and operating needs of our business. Our management fees have largely covered our operating costs and all realized performance allocations, after covering the related compensation, are available for distribution to equityholders. Historically, approximately 95% of all capital commitments to our funds have been provided by our fund investors, with the remaining amount typically funded by our senior Carlyle professionals, advisors and other professionals.

### ***Our Sources of Liquidity***

We have multiple sources of liquidity to meet our capital needs, including cash on hand, annual cash flows, accumulated earnings and funds from our senior credit facility, including a term loan facility and a revolving credit facility with \$750.0 million available as of December 31, 2018. The senior credit facility was amended and restated in February 2019, under which the revolving credit facility was increased to \$775.0 million. We believe these sources will be sufficient to fund our capital needs for at least the next twelve months. If we determine that market conditions are favorable after taking into account our liquidity requirements, including the amounts available under our senior credit facility, we may seek to issue and sell common units in a registered public offering or a privately negotiated transaction, or we may issue additional senior notes, other debt or preferred equity. In September 2018, we issued \$350 million of 5.650% senior notes due September 15, 2048 and used the net proceeds from that issuance to repurchase \$250 million of the \$500 million outstanding 3.875% senior notes due February 1, 2023 and prepay the \$108.8 million promissory note to BNRI due January 1, 2022. In September 2017, we issued 16 million of our 5.875% Series A Preferred Units for net proceeds of \$387.5 million.

*Cash and cash equivalents.* Cash and cash equivalents were approximately \$629.6 million at December 31, 2018. However, a portion of this cash is allocated for specific business purposes, including, but not limited to, (i) performance allocations and incentive fee-related cash that has been received but not yet distributed as performance allocations and

incentive fee related compensation and amounts owed to non-controlling interests; (ii) proceeds received from realized investments that are allocable to non-controlling interests; and (iii) regulatory capital.

*Corporate Treasury Investments.* Corporate treasury investments were approximately \$51.7 million at December 31, 2018. These investments represent investments in U.S. Treasury and government agency obligations, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, other investment grade securities and other investments with original maturities of greater than three months when purchased.

After deducting cash amounts allocated to the specific requirements mentioned above, the remaining cash and cash equivalents, including corporate treasury investments, is approximately \$567 million as of December 31, 2018. This remaining amount will be used towards our primary liquidity needs, as outlined in the next section. This amount does not take into consideration ordinary course of business payables and reserves for specific business purposes.

*Senior Credit Facility.* As of December 31, 2018, the senior credit facility includes \$25.0 million in a term loan and \$750.0 million in a revolving credit facility, and was scheduled to mature on May 5, 2020. On February 11, 2019, the Partnership entered into an amendment and restatement of the senior credit facility. In connection with the amendment and restatement, the size of the revolving credit facility increased to \$775.0 million and the maturity date was extended to February 11, 2024. Principal amounts outstanding under the amended and restated revolving credit facility accrue interest, at the option of the borrowers, either (a) at an alternate base rate plus an applicable margin not to exceed 0.50% per annum, or (b) at LIBOR plus an applicable margin not to exceed 1.50% per annum (3.60% at December 31, 2018). Our balance sheet at December 31, 2018 reflects \$25.0 million of term loan balance outstanding under our senior credit facility, which was repaid as part of the amendment and restatement in February 2019. In 2017, we borrowed and repaid \$250.0 million under the revolving credit facility of our senior credit facility.

The senior credit facility is unsecured. Under the amended and restated facility, we are required to maintain management fee earning assets (as defined in the amended senior credit facility) of at least \$75.0 billion (previously \$65.3 billion) and a total leverage ratio of less than 3.0 to 1.0, in each case, tested on a quarterly basis. Non-compliance with any of the financial or non-financial covenants without cure or waiver would constitute an event of default under the senior credit facility. An event of default resulting from a breach of certain financial or non-financial covenants may result, at the option of the lenders, in an acceleration of the principal and interest outstanding, and a termination of the revolving credit facility. The senior credit facility also contains other customary events of default, including defaults based on events of bankruptcy and insolvency, nonpayment of principal, interest or fees when due, breach of specified covenants, change in control and material inaccuracy of representations and warranties.

*Global Credit Revolving Credit Facility.* In December 2018, certain subsidiaries of the Partnership established a \$250.0 million revolving line of credit, primarily intended to support certain lending activities within the Global Credit segment. The credit facility includes a \$125.0 million line of credit with a one-year term, and a \$125.0 million line of credit with a three-year term. Principal amounts outstanding under the facility accrue interest, at the option of the borrowers, either (a) at an alternate base rate plus applicable margin not to exceed 1.00%, or (b) at the Eurocurrency rate plus an applicable margin not to exceed 2.00% (at December 31, 2018, the interest rate was 6.50%).

*CLO Term Loans.* For certain of our CLOs, the Partnership finances a portion of its investment in the CLOs through the proceeds received from term loans with financial institutions. The Partnership's outstanding CLO term loans were \$309.9 million and \$294.5 million at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. The CLO term loans are secured by the Partnership's investments in the respective CLO, have a general unsecured interest in the Carlyle entity that manages the CLO, and generally do not have recourse to any other Carlyle entity. As of December 31, 2018, \$291.4 million of these loans are secured by investments attributable to Carlyle Holdings. See Note 7 of our financial statements for more information on our CLO term loans.

*5.650% Senior Notes.* In September 2018, Carlyle Finance L.L.C., an indirect finance subsidiary of the Partnership, issued \$350.0 million of 5.650% senior notes due September 15, 2048 at 99.914% of par. Interest is payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15, beginning March 15, 2019. The notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Carlyle Finance L.L.C. and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by The Carlyle Group L.P. and each of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. The indenture governing the notes contains customary covenants that, among other things, limit Carlyle Finance L.L.C. and the guarantors' ability, subject to certain exceptions, to incur indebtedness secured by liens on voting stock or profit participating equity interests of their subsidiaries or merge, consolidate or sell, transfer or lease assets. The notes also contain customary events of default. All or a portion of the notes may be redeemed at our option, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, prior to their stated maturity, at the make-whole redemption price set forth in the notes.

If a change of control repurchase event occurs, the notes are subject to repurchase at the repurchase price as set forth in the notes.

*3.875% Senior Notes.* In January 2013, Carlyle Holdings Finance L.L.C., an indirect finance subsidiary of the Partnership issued \$500.0 million of 3.875% senior notes due February 1, 2023 at 99.966% of par. Interest is payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1, beginning August 1, 2013. The notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Carlyle Holdings Finance L.L.C. and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by The Carlyle Group L.P. and each of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. The indenture governing the notes contains customary covenants that, among other things, limit Carlyle Holdings Finance L.L.C. and the guarantors' ability, subject to certain exceptions, to incur indebtedness secured by liens on voting stock or profit participating equity interests of their subsidiaries or merge, consolidate or sell, transfer or lease assets. The notes also contain customary events of default. All or a portion of the notes may be redeemed at our option, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, prior to their stated maturity, at the make-whole redemption price set forth in the notes. If a change of control repurchase event occurs, the notes are subject to repurchase at the repurchase price as set forth in the notes.

In September 2018, we completed a tender offer to purchase \$250.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the 3.875% Senior Notes due 2023. As of December 31, 2018, \$250.0 million of these notes remain outstanding.

*5.625% Senior Notes.* In March 2013, Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C., an indirect finance subsidiary of the Partnership, issued \$400.0 million of 5.625% Senior Notes due March 30, 2043 at 99.583% of par. Interest is payable semi-annually on March 30 and September 30, beginning September 30, 2013. The notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Carlyle Holdings Finance II L.L.C. and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by The Carlyle Group L.P. and each of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. The indenture governing the notes contains customary covenants and financial restrictions that, among other things, limit Carlyle Holdings Finance II L.L.C. and the guarantors' ability, subject to certain exceptions, to incur indebtedness secured by liens on voting stock or profit participating equity interests of their subsidiaries or merge, consolidate or sell, transfer or lease assets. The notes also contain customary events of default. All or a portion of the notes may be redeemed at our option, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, prior to their stated maturity, at the make-whole redemption price set forth in the notes. If a change of control repurchase event occurs, the notes are subject to repurchase at the repurchase price as set forth in the notes.

In March 2014, Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C. issued \$200.0 million of 5.625% Senior Notes due March 30, 2043 at 104.315% of par. These notes were issued as additional 5.625% Senior Notes due March 30, 2043 and will be treated as a single class with the already outstanding \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of these senior notes.

*Promissory Notes.* On January 1, 2016, the Partnership issued a \$120.0 million promissory note to BNRI as a result of a contingent consideration arrangement entered into in 2012 between the Partnership and BNRI as part of the Partnership's strategic investment in NGP. Interest on the promissory note accrued at the three month LIBOR plus 2.50%. The promissory note was scheduled to mature on January 1, 2022. In December 2016, the Partnership repurchased \$11.2 million of the promissory note. In September 2018, the Partnership prepaid the \$108.8 million remaining balance outstanding under the promissory note, plus \$1.2 million of accrued but unpaid interest.

Additionally, in June 2017, as part of the settlement with investors in two commodities investment vehicles managed by an affiliate of the Partnership (discussed in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements), the Partnership issued a series of promissory notes, aggregating to \$53.9 million, to the investors of these commodities investment vehicles. Interest on these promissory notes accrues at the three month LIBOR plus 2% (4.44% at December 31, 2018). The Partnership may prepay these promissory notes in whole or in part at any time without penalty. Accordingly, as a result of repayments, \$20.2 million of these promissory notes are outstanding at December 31, 2018. These promissory notes are scheduled to mature on July 15, 2019.

*Obligations of CLOs.* Loans payable of the Consolidated Funds represent amounts due to holders of debt securities issued by the CLOs. We are not liable for any loans payable of the CLOs. Several of the CLOs issued preferred shares representing the most subordinated interest, however these tranches are mandatorily redeemable upon the maturity dates of the senior secured loans payable, and as a result have been classified as liabilities under U.S. GAAP, and are included in loans payable of Consolidated Funds in our consolidated balance sheets. Loans payable of the CLOs are collateralized by the assets held by the CLOs and the assets of one CLO may not be used to satisfy the liabilities of another. This collateral consists of cash and cash equivalents, corporate loans, corporate bonds and other securities.

*Preferred Units.* In September 2017, we issued 16 million of our Preferred Units for net proceeds of approximately \$387.5 million. Distributions on the Preferred Units are discretionary and non-cumulative. The Preferred Units may be

redeemed at our option, in whole or in part, at any time on or after September 15, 2022 at a price of \$25 per Preferred Unit, plus declared and unpaid distributions. In addition, the Preferred Units may be redeemed at our option prior to September 15, 2022, upon the occurrence of change of control, tax redemption or rating agency events. Holders of the Preferred Units will generally have no voting rights and have none of the voting rights given to holders of our common units, except as otherwise provided in Carlyle's limited partnership agreement. Holders of the Preferred Units have no right to require the redemption of the Preferred Units and the Preferred Units do not have a maturity date. See Note 14 of our consolidated financial statements for more information.

*Realized Performance Allocation Revenues.* Another source of liquidity we may use to meet our capital needs is the realized performance allocation revenues generated by our investment funds. Performance allocations are generally realized when an underlying investment is profitably disposed of and the fund's cumulative returns are in excess of the preferred return. For certain funds, performance allocations are realized once all invested capital and expenses have been returned to the fund's investors and the fund's cumulative returns are in excess of the preferred return. Incentive fees earned on our CLO vehicles generally are paid upon the dissolution of such vehicles.

Our accrued performance allocations by segment as of December 31, 2018, gross and net of accrued giveback obligations, are set forth below:

Asset Class	Accrued Performance Allocations	Accrued Giveback Obligation	Net Accrued Performance Revenues (1)
	(Dollars in millions)		
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 1,990.2	\$ (5.0)	\$ 1,985.2
Real Assets	654.2	(58.2)	596.0
Global Credit	99.3	—	99.3
Investment Solutions	736.3	—	736.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,480.0</b>	<b>\$ (63.2)</b>	<b>\$ 3,416.8</b>
Plus: Accrued performance allocations from NGP Carry Funds			151.0
Less: Accrued performance allocation-related compensation			(1,843.6)
Plus: Receivable for giveback obligations from current and former employees			1.4
Less: Deferred taxes on accrued performance allocations			(59.6)
Less: Net accrued performance allocations attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities			18.3
Net accrued performance revenues before timing differences			1,684.3
Less/Plus: Timing differences between the period when accrued performance revenues are realized and the period they are collected/distributed			(3.6)
<b>Net accrued performance revenues attributable to Carlyle Holdings</b>			<b>\$ 1,680.7</b>

(1) Net Accrued Performance Revenues includes an increase of \$4.2 million related to our acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners that had not been previously reflected in our earnings presentation issued on February 6, 2019.

The net accrued performance revenues attributable to Carlyle Holdings, excluding realized amounts, related to our carry funds and our other vehicles as of December 31, 2018, as well as the carry fund appreciation (depreciation), is set forth below by segment (dollars in millions):

	Carry Fund Appreciation/(Depreciation) <sup>(1)</sup>						Net Accrued Performance Revenues
	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	2018	
Overall Carry Fund Appreciation/(Depreciation)	5%	3%	5%	3%	(2)%	9%	
Corporate Private Equity	8%	4%	3%	1%	(2)%	5%	\$ 1,068.7
Real Assets	4%	2%	7%	3%	(7)%	5%	\$ 475.0
Real Estate	3%	1%	5%	3%	(1)%	8%	\$ 270.0
Natural Resources	8%	2%	9%	3%	(7)%	6%	\$ 223.7
Legacy Energy	2%	2%	4%	4%	(16)%	(5)%	\$ (18.7)
Global Credit Carry Funds	1%	2%	3%	1%	(2)%	5%	\$ 55.6
Investment Solutions Carry Funds	3%	4%	8%	5%	2%	19%	\$ 81.4
Net Accrued Performance Revenues							\$ 1,680.7

(1) Appreciation/(Depreciation) represents unrealized gain/(loss) for the period on a total return basis before fees and expenses. The percentage of return is calculated as: ending remaining investment fair market value plus net investment outflow (sales proceeds minus net purchases) minus beginning remaining investment fair market value divided by beginning remaining investment fair market value. Amounts are fund only, and do not include coinvestments.

*Realized Principal Investment Income.* Another source of liquidity we may use to meet our capital needs is the realized principal investment income generated by our equity method investments and other principal investments. Principal investment income is realized when we redeem all or a portion of our investment or when we receive or are due cash income, such as dividends or distributions. Certain of the investments attributable to Carlyle Holdings (excluding certain general partner interests, strategic investments, and investments in certain CLOs) may be sold at our discretion as a source of liquidity.

### Our Liquidity Needs

We generally use our working capital and cash flows to invest in growth initiatives, service our debt, fund the working capital needs of our business and investment funds and pay distributions to our unitholders.

In the future, we expect that our primary liquidity needs will be to:

- provide capital to facilitate the growth of our existing business lines;
- provide capital to facilitate our expansion into new, complementary business lines, including acquisitions;
- pay operating expenses, including compensation and compliance costs and other obligations as they arise;
- fund costs of litigation and contingencies, including related legal costs;
- fund the capital investments of Carlyle in our funds;
- fund capital expenditures;
- repay borrowings and related interest costs and expenses;
- pay earnouts and contingent cash consideration associated with our acquisitions and strategic investments;
- pay income taxes;
- make distributions to our common and preferred unitholders and the holders of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units in accordance with our distribution policy, and;

- repurchase our units.

*Preferred Unit Distributions.* With respect to distribution year 2018, the Board of Directors of our general partner has declared a distribution to preferred unitholders totaling approximately \$23.6 million, or \$1.468752 per preferred unit, consisting of the following:

<b>Preferred Unit Distributions</b>						
<b>Distribution per Preferred Unit</b>	<b>Distribution to Preferred Unitholders</b>	<b>Distribution Year</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>		
\$ 0.367188	\$ 5.9	2018	March 1, 2018	March 15, 2018		
0.367188	5.9	2018	June 1, 2018	June 15, 2018		
0.367188	5.9	2018	September 1, 2018	September 17, 2018		
0.367188	5.9	2018	December 1, 2018	December 17, 2018		
<b>\$ 1.468752</b>	<b>\$ 23.6</b>					

In February 2019, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership declared a distribution for the first quarter of 2019 of \$0.367188 per preferred unit to preferred unitholders of record at the close of business on March 1, 2019, payable on March 15, 2019.

Distributions on the preferred units are discretionary and non-cumulative.

*Common Unit Distributions.* With respect to distribution year 2018, the Board of Directors of our general partner has declared cumulative distributions to common unitholders totaling approximately \$144.1 million, or \$1.34 per common unit, consisting of the following:

<b>Common Unit Distributions - Distribution Year 2018</b>					
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Distribution per Common Unit</b>	<b>Distribution to Common Unitholders</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	
Q1 2018	\$ 0.27	\$ 27.8	May 11, 2018	May 17, 2018	
Q2 2018	0.22	23.3	August 13, 2018	August 17, 2018	
Q3 2018	0.42	45.5	November 13, 2018	November 20, 2018	
Q4 2018	0.43	47.5	February 19, 2019	February 26, 2019	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1.34</b>	<b>\$ 144.1</b>			

With respect to distribution year 2017, the Board of Directors of our general partner declared a distribution of approximately \$137.6 million to common unitholders, consisting of the following:

<b>Common Unit Distributions - Distribution Year 2017</b>					
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Distribution per Common Unit</b>	<b>Distribution to Common Unitholders</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	
Q1 2017	\$ 0.10	\$ 9.0	May 15, 2017	May 22, 2017	
Q2 2017	0.42	40.3	August 14, 2017	August 21, 2017	
Q3 2017	0.56	55.1	November 10, 2017	November 16, 2017	
Q4 2017	0.33	33.2	February 20, 2018	February 27, 2018	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1.41</b>	<b>\$ 137.6</b>			

With respect to distribution year 2016, the Board of Directors of our general partner declared a distribution of approximately \$131.1 million to common unitholders, consisting of the following:

**Common Unit Distributions - Distribution Year 2016**

Quarter	Distribution per Common Unit	Distribution to Common Unitholders	Record Date	Payment Date
Q1 2016	\$ 0.26	\$ 21.7	May 16, 2016	May 25, 2016
Q2 2016	0.63	53.3	August 15, 2016	August 24, 2016
Q3 2016	0.50	42.4	November 8, 2016	November 16, 2016
Q4 2016	0.16	13.7	February 21, 2017	February 28, 2017
Total	\$ 1.55	\$ 131.1		

*Carlyle Holdings Units Distributions.* It is Carlyle’s intention to cause Carlyle Holdings to make quarterly distributions to its partners, including The Carlyle Group L.P.’s wholly owned subsidiaries, that will enable The Carlyle Group L.P. to pay a quarterly distribution of approximately 75% of Distributable Earnings Attributable to Common Unitholders for the quarter. “Distributable Earnings Attributable to Common Unitholders” refers to The Carlyle Group L.P.’s share of Distributable Earnings, after an implied provision for current corporate income taxes (other than corporate income taxes attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P.) and preferred unit distributions, net of corporate income taxes attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. and amounts payable under the tax receivable agreement. Carlyle’s general partner may adjust the distribution for amounts determined to be necessary or appropriate to provide for the conduct of its business, to make appropriate investments in its business and its funds or to comply with applicable law or any of its financing agreements, or to provide for future cash requirements such as tax-related payments, giveback obligations and distributions to unitholders for any ensuing quarter. The amount to be distributed could also be adjusted upward in any one quarter.

Because The Carlyle Group L.P. is a holding partnership and has no material assets other than its ownership of partnership units in Carlyle Holdings held through wholly owned subsidiaries, we will fund distributions by The Carlyle Group L.P. to common unitholders, if any, in three steps:

- first, we will cause Carlyle Holdings to make distributions to its partners, including The Carlyle Group L.P.’s wholly owned subsidiaries. If Carlyle Holdings makes such distributions, the limited partners of Carlyle Holdings will be entitled to receive equivalent distributions pro rata based on their partnership interests in Carlyle Holdings;
- second, we will cause The Carlyle Group L.P.’s wholly owned subsidiaries to distribute to The Carlyle Group L.P. their share of such distributions, net of taxes and amounts payable under the tax receivable agreement by such wholly owned subsidiaries; and
- third, The Carlyle Group L.P. will distribute its net share of such distributions to our common unitholders on a pro rata basis.

Certain wholly-owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. through which it holds Carlyle Holdings Units are corporate taxpayers for U.S. Federal income tax purposes and also must make payments under the tax receivable agreement. These corporate subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. fund these obligations with a portion of the distributions they receive in respect of the Carlyle Holdings Units that they hold. As a result, the amounts ultimately distributed by The Carlyle Group L.P. in respect of the common units are expected to be less, on a per unit basis, than the amounts distributed by the Carlyle Holdings partnerships in respect of the Carlyle Holdings Partnership units. Accordingly, limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships who hold Carlyle Holdings partnership units are expected to receive distributions that are higher, on a per unit basis, than common unitholders of The Carlyle Group L.P. in respect of their common units.

In addition, the partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships will provide for cash distributions, which we refer to as “tax distributions,” to the partners of such partnerships if the wholly owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. which are the general partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships determine that the taxable income of the relevant partnership will give rise to taxable income for its partners. Generally, these tax distributions will be computed based on our estimate of the net taxable income of the relevant partnership allocable to a partner multiplied by an assumed tax rate equal to the highest effective marginal combined U.S. federal, state and local income tax rate prescribed for an individual or corporate resident in New York, New York (taking into account the non-deductibility of certain expenses and the character of our

income). The Carlyle Holdings partnerships will make tax distributions only to the extent distributions from such partnerships for the relevant year were otherwise insufficient to cover such tax liabilities. The Carlyle Group L.P. is not required to distribute to its common unitholders any of the cash that its wholly owned subsidiaries may receive as a result of tax distributions by the Carlyle Holdings partnerships.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the declaration and payment of any distributions will be at the sole discretion of our general partner, which may change our distribution policy at any time. Our general partner will take into account general economic and business conditions, our strategic plans and prospects, our business and investment opportunities, our financial condition and operating results, working capital requirements and anticipated cash needs, contractual restrictions and obligations, legal, tax and regulatory restrictions, other constraints on the payment of distributions by us to our common unitholders or by our subsidiaries to us, and such other factors as our general partner may deem relevant.

*Fund Commitments.* Generally, we intend to have Carlyle commit to fund approximately 0.75% to 1% of the capital commitments to our future carry funds, although we may elect to invest additional amounts in funds focused on new investment areas. We may, from time to time, exercise our right to purchase additional interests in our investment funds that become available in the ordinary course of their operations. We expect our senior Carlyle professionals and employees to continue to make significant capital contributions to our funds based on their existing commitments, and to make capital commitments to future funds consistent with the level of their historical commitments. We also intend to make investments in our open-end funds and our CLO vehicles. Our investments in our U.S. and European CLO vehicles will comply with the risk retention rules as discussed in “U.S. Risk Retention Rules” later in this section.

Since our inception through December 31, 2018, we and our senior Carlyle professionals, operating executives and other professionals have invested or committed to invest in or alongside our funds. Approximately 3% to 5% of all capital commitments to our funds are funded collectively by us and our senior Carlyle professionals, operating executives and other professionals. The current unfunded commitment of Carlyle and our senior Carlyle professionals, operating executives and other professionals to our investment funds as of December 31, 2018, consisted of the following:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitment</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 2,479.6
Real Assets	987.2
Global Credit	452.4
Investment Solutions	130.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,049.2</b>

A substantial majority of the remaining commitments are expected to be funded by senior Carlyle professionals, operating executives and other professionals through our internal co-investment program. Of the \$4.0 billion of unfunded commitments, approximately \$3.5 billion is subscribed individually by senior Carlyle professionals, operating executives and other professionals, with the balance funded directly by the Partnership.



Investments as of December 31, 2018 consist of the following:

	Investments in Carlyle Funds	Investments in NGP <sup>(1)</sup>	Investment in Fortitude Re <sup>(1)</sup>	Total
(Dollars in millions)				
Investments, excluding performance allocations	\$ 1,211.7	\$ 545.6	\$ 460.2	\$ 2,217.5
Less: Amounts attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	(330.9)	—	—	(330.9)
Plus: Investments in Consolidated Funds, eliminated in consolidation	220.3	—	—	220.3
Less: Strategic equity method investments in NGP Management	—	(394.6)	—	(394.6)
Less: Investment in NGP general partners - accrued performance allocations	—	(151.0)	—	(151.0)
Less: Mark-to-market gains associated with strategic equity method investment in Fortitude Re	—	—	(46.2)	(46.2)
<b>Total investments attributable to Carlyle Holdings, exclusive of NGP Management</b>	<b>\$ 1,101.1</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 414.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,515.1</b>

(1) See Note 5 to our consolidated financial statements.

Our investments as of December 31, 2018 can be further attributed as follows:

Adjusted investment in Fortitude Re	\$ 414.0
Investments in Carlyle Funds, excluding CLOs:	
Corporate Private Equity funds	355.0
Real Assets funds <sup>(1)</sup>	187.8
Global Credit funds	84.2
Investment Solutions funds	24.3
<b>Total investments in Carlyle Funds, excluding CLOs</b>	<b>651.3</b>
Investments in CLOs	444.6
Other investments	5.2
<b>Total investments attributable to Carlyle Holdings</b>	<b>1,515.1</b>
<b>CLO loans attributable to Carlyle Holdings <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>(291.4)</b>
<b>Total investments attributable to Carlyle Holdings, net of CLO loans</b>	<b>\$ 1,223.7</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes our strategic equity method investment in NGP Management and investments in NGP general partners - accrued performance allocations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Of the \$309.9 million in total CLO term loans outstanding as of December 31, 2018 and as disclosed in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements, \$291.4 million are collateralized by investments attributable to Carlyle Holdings.

Our adjusted strategic equity method investment in Fortitude Re of \$414.0 million includes \$11.7 million of adjusted net income for the period from closing through December 31, 2018, and excludes \$46.2 million of unrealized mark-to-market gains associated with our pro rata share of the changes in the fair value of embedded derivatives related to certain reinsurance contracts included in Fortitude Re's U.S. GAAP financial statements. Modified coinsurance is subject to the general accounting principles for derivatives and hedging, specifically the guidance originally issued as Derivatives Implementation Group Issue No. B36: *Embedded Derivatives: Modified Coinsurance Agreements and Debt Instruments That Incorporate Credit Risk Exposures That Are Unrelated or Only Partially Related to the Creditworthiness of the Obligor under Those Instruments* ("DIG B36"). This guidance can cause significant volatility in earnings that is not necessarily consistent with the underlying performance of Fortitude Re. We believe it is meaningful to reflect our investment in Fortitude Re excluding the effects of these fair value changes as these fluctuations are not considered by Fortitude Re in assessing its performance, which is consistent with industry practice when evaluating performance.

**Repurchase Program.** In February 2016, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units. Under this unit repurchase program, units

may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. We expect that the majority of repurchases under this program will be done via open market and brokered transactions. The timing and actual number of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price, and economic and market conditions. This unit repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date. For the year ended December 31, 2018, we have paid an aggregate of \$107.5 million to repurchase and retire 4,947,385 units with all of the repurchases done via open market transactions and brokered transactions. Since inception of the program, we have paid an aggregate of \$166.6 million to repurchase and retire approximately 8.6 million units.

In December 2018, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units, inclusive of amounts remaining under the February 2016 repurchase program. Under this new unit repurchase program, which is effective January 1, 2019, units may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. We expect that the majority of repurchases under this program will be done via open market and brokered transactions. The timing and actual number of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price, and economic and market conditions. This unit repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date.

### Cash Flows

The significant captions and amounts from our consolidated statements of cash flows which include the effects of our Consolidated Funds and CLOs in accordance with U.S. GAAP are summarized below.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
<b>Statements of Cash Flows Data</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities, including investments in Carlyle funds and Fortitude Re	\$ (343.5)	\$ (7.1)	\$ (300.6)
Net cash used in investing activities	(99.1)	(34.0)	(25.4)
Net cash provided by financing activities	72.0	318.6	15.3
Effect of foreign exchange rate change	(19.9)	67.3	(15.7)
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ (390.5)</u>	<u>\$ 344.8</u>	<u>\$ (326.4)</u>

*Net Cash Used in Operating Activities.* Net cash used in operating activities was primarily driven by our earnings in the respective periods after adjusting for significant non-cash activity, including non-cash performance allocations and incentive fees, the related non-cash performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation, non-cash equity-based compensation, and depreciation, amortization and impairments, all of which are included in earnings.

Cash used to purchase investments as well as the proceeds from the sale of such investments are reflected in our cash flows from operating activities as this investment activity is a normal part of our operations. During the year ended December 31, 2018, investment proceeds were \$893.4 million while investment purchases were \$867.4 million, which included cash outflows of \$393.8 million related to our investment in Fortitude Re. During the year ended December 31, 2017, investment proceeds were \$467.5 million while investment purchases were \$888.5 million, which included cash outflows of \$404.8 million and \$263.4 million related to corporate treasury investments and investments in CLOs, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2016, investment proceeds were \$299.5 million while investment purchases were \$368.2 million.

Operating cash inflows primarily include the receipt of management fees and realized performance allocations and incentive fees, while operating cash outflows primarily include payments for operating expenses, including compensation and general, administrative, and other expenses. During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, net cash provided by operating activities primarily includes the receipt of management fees and realized performance allocations and incentive fees, totaling approximately \$2.0 billion, \$2.1 billion, and \$2.2 billion, respectively. These inflows were partially offset by payments for compensation and general, administrative, and other expenses of approximately \$1.7 billion, \$1.6 billion, and \$1.8 billion for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The net cash used in operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2018 also reflects the investment activity of our Consolidated Funds. For the year ended December 31, 2018, proceeds from the sales and settlements of investments by the Consolidated Funds were \$2,662.9 million, while purchases of investments by the Consolidated Funds were \$3,723.8 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, proceeds from the sales and settlements of investments by the Consolidated Funds were \$2,649.3 million, while purchases of investments by the Consolidated Funds were \$2,875.0 million. For the year ended December 31, 2016, proceeds from the sales and settlements of investments by the Consolidated Funds were \$1,282.9 million, while purchases of investments by the Consolidated Funds were \$2,739.4 million.

*Net Cash Used In Investing Activities.* Our investing activities generally reflect cash used for acquisitions and fixed assets and software for internal use. During the year ended December 31, 2018, cash used in investing activities principally reflects the acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners. Purchases of fixed assets were \$31.3 million, \$34.0 million and \$25.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

*Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities.* In 2018, we received net proceeds of \$345.7 million from the issuance of \$350 million of 5.650% senior notes, paid \$255.1 million to repurchase \$250 million of 3.875% senior notes, and paid \$108.8 million to prepay the remaining balance outstanding under a promissory note to BNRI. In 2018, we paid \$107.5 million to repurchase 4.9 million units under our unit repurchase program. In 2017, we received net proceeds of \$387.5 million from the issuance of preferred units and \$265.6 million from the issuance of various CLO term loans. In 2016, we paid \$58.9 million to repurchase 3.7 million units under our unit repurchase program.

Distributions to our common unitholders were \$129.8 million, \$118.1 million, and \$140.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Distributions to the non-controlling interest holders in Carlyle Holdings were \$288.8 million, \$295.6 million, and \$422.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The net (payments) borrowings on loans payable by our Consolidated Funds during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 were \$818.0 million, \$147.2 million, and \$594.2 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, contributions from non-controlling interest holders were \$31.3 million, \$119.2 million, and \$113.0 million, respectively, which relate primarily to contributions from the non-controlling interest holders in Consolidated Funds. For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, distributions to non-controlling interest holders were \$105.2 million, \$118.0 million, and \$109.4 million, respectively, which relate primarily to distributions to the non-controlling interest holders in Consolidated Funds.

### ***Our Balance Sheet***

Total assets were \$12.9 billion at December 31, 2018, an increase of \$633.6 million from December 31, 2017. The increase in total assets was primarily attributable to increases in investments in consolidated funds, investments (including accrued performance allocations) and due from affiliates and other receivables, net of \$752.3 million and \$408.9 million, \$177.7 million respectively. These increases were partially offset by decreases in cash and cash equivalents (including corporate treasury investments) and cash and cash equivalents held at Consolidated Funds of \$695.1 million and \$130.1 million.

Total liabilities were \$10.1 billion at December 31, 2018, an increase of \$746.3 million from December 31, 2017. The increase in liabilities was primarily attributable to increases in loans payable of Consolidated Funds and other liabilities of Consolidated Funds of \$536.3 million and \$188.0 million, respectively.

The assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Funds are generally held within separate legal entities and, as a result, the assets of the Consolidated Funds are not available to meet our liquidity requirements and similarly the liabilities of the Consolidated Funds are non-recourse to us. For example, as previously discussed, the CLO term loans generally are secured by the Partnership's investment in the CLO, have a general unsecured interest in the Carlyle entity that manages the CLO, and do not have recourse to any other Carlyle entity.

Our balance sheet without the effect of the Consolidated Funds can be seen in Note 20 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. At December 31, 2018, our total assets were \$7.5 billion, including cash and cash equivalents and corporate treasury investments totaling \$681.3 million and net accrued performance revenues of \$1.7 billion.

### ***Unconsolidated Entities***

Our corporate private equity funds and certain of our real estate funds have entered into lines of credit secured by their investors' unpaid capital commitments or by a pledge of the equity of the underlying investment. These lines of credit are used primarily to reduce the overall number of capital calls to investors or for working capital needs. In certain instances, however, they may be used for other investment related activities, including serving as bridge financing for investments. The degree of leverage employed varies among portfolio companies.

## Off-balance Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of business, we enter into various off-balance sheet arrangements including sponsoring and owning limited or general partner interests in consolidated and non-consolidated funds, entering into derivative transactions, entering into operating leases and entering into guarantee arrangements. We also have ongoing capital commitment arrangements with certain of our consolidated and non-consolidated funds. We do not have any other off-balance sheet arrangements that would require us to fund losses or guarantee target returns to investors in any of our other investment funds.

For further information regarding our off-balance sheet arrangements, see Note 2 and Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth information relating to our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2018 on a consolidated basis and on a basis excluding the obligations of the Consolidated Funds:

	2019	2020-2021	2022-2023	Thereafter	Total
	(Dollars in millions)				
Debt obligations (including senior notes) <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 23.6	\$ 25.0	\$ 346.9	\$ 1,259.8	\$ 1,655.3
Interest payable <sup>(b)</sup>	77.7	151.2	130.8	57.0	416.7
Other consideration <sup>(c)</sup>	9.9	2.7	75.0	170.0	257.6
Operating lease obligations <sup>(d)</sup>	60.5	110.5	128.6	546.8	846.4
Capital commitments to Carlyle funds <sup>(e)</sup>	4,154.0	—	—	—	4,154.0
Tax receivable agreement payments <sup>(f)</sup>	—	—	21.6	80.3	101.9
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds <sup>(g)</sup>	91.5	183.2	182.9	5,401.6	5,859.2
Unfunded commitments of the CLOs <sup>(h)</sup>	2.9	—	—	—	2.9
Consolidated contractual obligations	4,420.1	472.6	885.8	7,515.5	13,294.0
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds <sup>(g)</sup>	(91.5)	(183.2)	(182.9)	(5,401.6)	(5,859.2)
Capital commitments to Carlyle funds <sup>(e)</sup>	(3,474.6)	—	—	—	(3,474.6)
Unfunded commitments of the CLOs <sup>(h)</sup>	(2.9)	—	—	—	(2.9)
Carlyle Operating Entities contractual obligations	\$ 851.1	\$ 289.4	\$ 702.9	\$ 2,113.9	\$ 3,957.3

- (a) The table above assumes that no prepayments are made on the promissory notes or senior notes and that the outstanding balance on the senior credit facility term loan is repaid on the maturity date of the senior credit facility as of December 31, 2018, which was May 5, 2020. The CLO term loans are included in the table above based on the earlier of the stated maturity date or the date the CLO is expected to be dissolved. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for the various maturity dates of the CLO term loans, promissory notes and senior notes.
- (b) The interest rates on the debt obligations as of December 31, 2018 consist of: 5.650% on \$350 million of senior notes, 3.875% on \$250.0 million of senior notes, 5.625% on \$600.0 million of senior notes, approximately 3.60% on \$25.0 million remaining term loan under our senior credit facility, a range of approximately 1.75% to 4.46% for our CLO term loans, approximately 4.44% on \$20.2 million of our outstanding settlement promissory notes. Interest payments assume that no prepayments are made and loans are held until maturity with the exception of the CLO term loans, which are based on the earlier of the stated maturity date or the date the CLO is expected to be dissolved.
- (c) These obligations represent our estimate of amounts to be paid on the contingent cash and other obligations associated with our acquisitions and investments including \$150.0 million related to our acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners (see Note 3) and up to \$95.0 million related to our investment in Fortitude Re (see Note 5) and other obligations.
- (d) We lease office space in various countries around the world and maintain our headquarters in Washington, D.C., where in June 2018, we entered into an amended non-cancelable lease agreement expiring on March 31, 2030. In July, we entered into a new non-cancelable lease agreement expiring in 2036 for new office space in New York City. Our office leases in other locations expire in various years from 2019 through 2032. The amounts in this table represent the minimum lease payments required over the term of the lease.
- (e) These obligations generally represent commitments by us to fund a portion of the purchase price paid for each investment made by our funds. These obligations also include \$104.8 million in commitments related to our Carlyle Capital Solutions platform, which were subsequently extinguished in February 2019 (see Note 9). Commitments to the funds are generally due on demand and are therefore presented in the less than one year category. A substantial majority of these investments is expected to be funded by senior Carlyle professionals and other professionals through our internal co-investment program. Of the \$4.0 billion of unfunded commitments to the funds, approximately \$3.5 billion is subscribed individually by senior Carlyle professionals, advisors and other professionals, with the balance funded directly by the Partnership.
- (f) Represents obligations by the Partnership's corporate taxpayers to make payments under the tax receivable agreement. These obligations are more than offset by the future cash savings that the corporate taxpayers are expected to realize. Holders of partnership units in Carlyle Holdings may exchange their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units in The Carlyle Group L.P. on a one-for-one basis. These exchanges may reduce the amount of tax that the corporate taxpayers would be required to pay in the future. The corporate taxpayers will pay to the limited partner of Carlyle Holdings making the exchange 85% of the amount of cash savings that the corporate taxpayers realize upon an exchange. See "Tax Receivable Agreement" below. Further, the amount and timing of payments are subject to change and the Partnership will continue to evaluate the impact of any future authoritative guidance under the 2017 Tax Reform Act (see Note 11 for more information about the Tax Reform Act).

- (g) These obligations represent amounts due to holders of debt securities issued by the consolidated CLO vehicles. These obligations include interest to be paid on debt securities issued by the consolidated CLO vehicles. Interest payments assume that no prepayments are made and loans are held until maturity. For debt securities with rights only to the residual value of the CLO and no stated interest, no interest payments were included in this calculation. Interest payments on variable-rate debt securities are based on interest rates in effect as of December 31, 2018, at spreads to market rates pursuant to the debt agreements, and range from 0.4% to 7.87%.
- (h) These obligations represent commitments of the CLOs to fund certain investments. These amounts are generally due on demand and are therefore presented in the less than one year category.

Excluded from the table above are liabilities for uncertain tax positions of \$13.1 million at December 31, 2018 as we are unable to estimate when such amounts may be paid.

### ***Contingent Cash Payments For Business Acquisitions and Strategic Investments***

We have certain contingent cash obligations associated with our acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners and our strategic investment in Fortitude Re. For our acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners, the contingent cash payments relate to an earn-out of up to \$150.0 million that is payable upon the achievement of certain revenue and earnings performance targets during 2020 through 2025, which will be accounted for as compensation expense. We accrue the compensation liability over the service period.

For our strategic investment in Fortitude Re, the contingent cash payment relates to performance-based contingent cash consideration payable to AIG following December 31, 2023.

Based on the terms of the underlying contracts, the maximum amount that could be paid from contingent cash obligations associated with the acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners and the strategic investment in Fortitude Re as of December 31, 2018 is \$245.0 million versus the liabilities recognized on the balance sheet of \$0.8 million.

### ***Risk Retention Rules***

The Dodd-Frank Act requires sponsors of asset-backed securities, including CLOs, to retain at least 5% of the credit risk related to the assets that underlie asset-backed securities (referred to herein as the U.S. Risk Retention Rules). The U.S. Risk Retention Rules became effective in December 2016, at which time we began to comply by holding 5% of the credit risk for our U.S. CLOs. On February 9, 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the U.S. Risk Retention Rules do not apply to managers of open-market CLOs - CLOs for which the underlying assets are not transferred by the manager to the CLO issuer via a sale. This ruling went into effect on April 5, 2018, ending the need for managers of open-market CLOs to comply with the U.S. Risk Retention Rules. As a result, going forward, the manager of our U.S. open-market CLOs will not obtain or hold 5% of the credit risk that previously would have been necessary to satisfy the U.S. Risk Retention Rules, though we will continue to hold 5% of the credit risk of our U.S., non-open-market CLOs. In addition, other Carlyle entities may continue to hold positions in our U.S. open-market CLOs independent of the U.S. Risk Retention Rules.

Further, we will continue to comply with the risk retention rules governing CLOs issued in Europe for which we are a sponsor, which require a combination of capital from our balance sheet, commitments from senior Carlyle professionals, and/or third party financing.

For additional information related to the U.S. Risk Retention Rules, see “-Financial regulatory changes in the United States could adversely affect our business and the possibility of increased regulatory focus could result in additional burdens and expenses on our business” within Item 1A.

### ***Guarantees***

See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for information related to our material guarantees.

### ***Indemnifications***

In many of our service contracts, we agree to indemnify the third-party service provider under certain circumstances. The terms of the indemnities vary from contract to contract, and the amount of indemnification liability, if any, cannot be determined and has not been included in the estimate above or recorded in our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2018.

### **Tax Receivable Agreement**

Holders of partnership units in Carlyle Holdings (other than The Carlyle Group L.P.'s wholly owned subsidiaries), subject to the vesting and minimum retained ownership requirements and transfer restrictions applicable to such holders as set forth in the partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, may (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement) exchange their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for The Carlyle Group L.P. common units on a one-for-one basis. A Carlyle Holdings limited partner must exchange one partnership unit in each of the three Carlyle Holdings partnerships to effect an exchange for a common unit. The exchanges are expected to result in increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of Carlyle Holdings. These increases in tax basis may increase (for tax purposes) depreciation and amortization deductions and therefore reduce the amount of tax that Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. and any other corporate taxpayers would otherwise be required to pay in the future, although the IRS may challenge all or part of that tax basis increase, and a court could sustain such a challenge.

We have entered into a tax receivable agreement with the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships that will provide for the payment by the corporate taxpayers to such parties of 85% of the amount of cash savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state and local income tax or franchise tax that the corporate taxpayers realize as a result of these increases in tax basis and of certain other tax benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement. This payment obligation is an obligation of the corporate taxpayers and not of Carlyle Holdings. While the actual increase in tax basis, as well as the amount and timing of any payments under this agreement, will vary depending upon a number of factors, including the timing of exchanges, the price of our common units at the time of the exchange, the extent to which such exchanges are taxable and the amount and timing of our income, we expect that as a result of the size of the transfers and increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of Carlyle Holdings, the payments that we may make under the tax receivable agreement will be substantial.

See Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information related to our tax receivable agreement.

### **Contingent Obligations (Giveback)**

Carried interest is ultimately realized when: (1) an underlying investment is profitably disposed of, (2) certain costs borne by the limited partner investors have been reimbursed, (3) the fund's cumulative returns are in excess of the preferred return and (4) we have decided to collect carry rather than return additional capital to limited partner investors. Realized carried interest may be required to be returned by us in future periods if the funds' investment values decline below certain levels. When the fair value of a fund's investments remains constant or falls below certain return hurdles, previously recognized performance allocations are reversed.

See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information related to our contingent obligations (giveback).

### **Other Contingencies**

In the ordinary course of business, we are a party to litigation, investigations, inquiries, employment-related matters, disputes and other potential claims. We discuss certain of these matters in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **Carlyle Common Units and Carlyle Holdings Partnership Units**

Rollforwards of the outstanding Carlyle Group L.P. common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

	<b>Units as of December 31, 2017</b>	<b>Units Issued - DRUs</b>	<b>Units Forfeited</b>	<b>Units Exchanged</b>	<b>Units Repurchased / Retired</b>	<b>Units as of December 31, 2018</b>
The Carlyle Group L.P. common units	100,100,650	8,757,156	—	3,836,022	(4,947,385)	107,746,443
Carlyle Holdings partnership units	234,813,858	—	—	(3,836,022)	—	230,977,836
<b>Total</b>	<b>334,914,508</b>	<b>8,757,156</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(4,947,385)</b>	<b>338,724,279</b>

	Units as of December 31, 2016	Units Issued - DRUs	Units Forfeited	Units Exchanged	Units Repurchased / Retired	Units as of December 31, 2017
The Carlyle Group L.P. common units	84,610,951	8,907,265	—	6,596,624	(14,190)	100,100,650
Carlyle Holdings partnership units	241,847,796	—	(437,314)	(6,596,624)	—	234,813,858
Total	326,458,747	8,907,265	(437,314)	—	(14,190)	334,914,508

The Carlyle Group L.P. common units issued during the period presented in the tables above relate to the vesting of the Partnership's deferred restricted common units during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. Further, The Carlyle Group L.P. common units in the tables above include 7,782 common units that the Partnership acquired from Carlyle Holdings on January 1, 2018 upon the vesting of certain of the Partnership's unvested common units associated with the acquisition of the remaining 40% equity interest in AlpInvest in August 2013.

The Carlyle Holdings partnership units forfeited during the period from December 31, 2016 through December 31, 2017 primarily relate to unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units that were forfeited when the holder ceased to provide services to the Partnership.

The Carlyle Holdings partnership units exchanged relate to the exchange of Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by NGP and certain limited partners for common units on a one-for-one basis. Beginning with the second quarter of 2017, senior Carlyle professionals can exchange their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units on a quarterly basis, subject to the terms of the Exchange Agreement. We intend to facilitate an orderly exchange process to seek to minimize the impact on the trading price of our common units. During 2018 and 2017, senior Carlyle professionals and affiliates exchanged approximately 3.8 million and 6.6 million, respectively, of their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units.

The Carlyle Group L.P. common units repurchased during the period presented in the tables above relate to units repurchased during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and subsequently retired as part of our unit repurchase program that was initiated in February 2016.

The total units as of December 31, 2018 as shown above exclude approximately 2.7 million common units in connection with the vesting of deferred restricted common units subsequent to December 31, 2018 that will participate in the unitholder distribution that will be paid in February 2019.

### Critical Accounting Policies

*Principles of Consolidation.* The Partnership consolidates all entities that it controls either through a majority voting interest or as the primary beneficiary of variable interest entities ("VIEs"). The Partnership describes the policies and procedures it uses in evaluating whether an entity is consolidated in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. As part of its consolidation procedures, the Partnership evaluates: (1) whether it holds a variable interest in an entity, (2) whether the entity is a VIE, and (3) whether the Partnership's involvement would make it the primary beneficiary.

- In evaluating whether the Partnership holds a variable interest, fees (including management fees, incentive fees and performance allocations) that are customary and commensurate with the level of services provided, and where the Partnership does not hold other economic interests in the entity that would absorb more than an insignificant amount of the expected losses or returns of the entity, are not considered variable interests. The Partnership considers all economic interests, including indirect interests, to determine if a fee is considered a variable interest.
- For those entities where the Partnership holds a variable interest, the Partnership determines whether each of these entities qualifies as a VIE and, if so, whether or not the Partnership is the primary beneficiary. The assessment of whether the entity is a VIE is generally performed qualitatively, which requires judgment. These judgments include: (a) determining whether the equity investment at risk is sufficient to permit the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support, (b) evaluating whether the equity holders, as a group, can make decisions that have a significant effect on the economic performance of the entity, (c) determining whether two or more parties' equity interests should be aggregated, and (d) determining whether the equity investors have proportionate voting rights to their obligations to absorb losses or rights to receive returns from an entity.
- For entities that are determined to be VIEs, the Partnership consolidates those entities where it has concluded it is the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary is defined as the variable interest holder with (a) the power to

direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and (b) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. In evaluating whether the Partnership is the primary beneficiary, the Partnership evaluates its economic interests in the entity held either directly or indirectly by the Partnership.

Changes to these judgments could result in a change in the consolidation conclusion for a legal entity.

Entities that do not qualify as VIEs are generally assessed for consolidation as voting interest entities. Under the voting interest entity model, the Partnership consolidates those entities it controls through a majority voting interest.

*Performance Allocations.* Performance allocations consist principally of the allocation of profits from certain of the funds to which the Partnership is entitled (commonly known as carried interest). The Partnership is generally entitled to a 20% allocation (which can vary by fund) of the net realized income or gain as a carried interest after returning the invested capital, the allocation of preferred returns and return of certain fund costs (generally subject to catch-up provisions as set forth in the fund limited partnership agreement). Carried interest is ultimately realized when: (i) an underlying investment is profitably disposed of, (ii) certain costs borne by the limited partner investors have been reimbursed, (iii) the fund's cumulative returns are in excess of the preferred return and (iv) the Partnership has decided to collect carry rather than return additional capital to limited partner investors.

While carried interest is recognized upon appreciation of the funds' investment values above certain return hurdles set forth in each respective partnership agreement, the Partnership recognizes revenues attributable to performance allocations based upon the amount that would be due pursuant to the fund partnership agreement at each period end as if the funds were terminated at that date. Accordingly, the amount recognized as performance allocations reflects the Partnership's share of the gains and losses of the associated funds' underlying investments measured at their then-current fair values relative to the fair values as of the end of the prior period. Because of the inherent uncertainty, these estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and it is reasonably possible that the difference could be material. If, at December 31, 2018, all of the investments held by the Partnership's funds were deemed worthless, a possibility that management views as remote, the amount of realized and distributed carried interest subject to potential giveback would be \$0.5 billion, on an after-tax basis where applicable.

See Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for information related to performance allocations for various fund types, preferred return hurdle rates, the timing of performance allocation recognition in investment income, and the potential for performance allocation income reversal.

*Performance Allocation Related Compensation.* A portion of the performance allocations earned is due to employees and advisors of the Partnership. These amounts are accounted for as compensation expense in conjunction with the recognition of the related performance allocation revenue and, until paid, are recognized as a component of the accrued compensation and benefits liability. Accordingly, upon a reversal of performance allocation revenue, the related compensation expense, if any, is also reversed.

*Income Taxes.* Certain of the wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Partnership and the Carlyle Holdings partnerships are subject to federal, state, local and foreign corporate income taxes at the entity level and the related tax provision attributable to the Partnership's share of this income is reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Based on applicable federal, foreign, state and local tax laws, the Partnership records a provision for income taxes for certain entities. Tax positions taken by the Partnership are subject to periodic audit by U.S. federal, state, local and foreign taxing authorities.

The Partnership accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement reporting and the tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the period in which the difference is expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in the period of the change in the provision for income taxes. Further, deferred tax assets are recognized for the expected realization of available net operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. A valuation allowance is recorded on the Partnership's gross deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that such asset will not be realized. When evaluating the realizability of the Partnership's deferred tax assets, all evidence, both positive and negative, is evaluated. Items considered in this analysis include the ability to carry back losses, the reversal of temporary differences, tax planning strategies, and expectations of future earnings.



The Partnership has approximately \$194 million of deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2018. Changes in judgment as it relates to the realizability of these assets, as well as potential changes in corporate tax rates would have the effect of significantly reducing the value of the deferred tax assets. On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was enacted. The Act includes numerous changes in existing tax law, including a permanent reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%. This took effect on January 1, 2018. As a result of the reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate, the Partnership revalued its deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2017 using the newly enacted rate. The revaluation resulted in the recognition of additional provision for income taxes of approximately \$113.0 million in 2017. In addition, the Partnership's tax receivable agreement liability was reduced by approximately \$71.5 million in 2017 due to the reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate.

Under U.S. GAAP for income taxes, the amount of tax benefit to be recognized is the amount of benefit that is "more likely than not" to be sustained upon examination. The Partnership analyzes its tax filing positions in all of the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns, as well as for all open tax years in these jurisdictions. If, based on this analysis, the Partnership determines that uncertainties in tax positions exist, a liability is established, which is included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the consolidated financial statements. The Partnership recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax positions in the provision for income taxes. If recognized, the entire amount of unrecognized tax positions would be recorded as a reduction in the provision for income taxes.

*Fair Value Measurement.* U.S. GAAP establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework which ranks the observability of market price inputs used in measuring financial instruments at fair value. The observability of inputs is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, the characteristics specific to the financial instrument and the state of the marketplace, including the existence and transparency of transactions between market participants. Financial instruments with readily available quoted prices, or for which fair value can be measured from quoted prices in active markets, will generally have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment applied in determining fair value.

Financial instruments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed based on the observability of inputs used in the determination of fair values, as follows:

*Level I* — inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices available in active markets for identical instruments as of the reporting date. The type of financial instruments included in Level I include unrestricted securities, including equities and derivatives, listed in active markets. The Partnership does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments, even in situations where the Partnership holds a large position and a sale could reasonably impact the quoted price.

*Level II* — inputs to the valuation methodology are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. The type of financial instruments in this category includes less liquid and restricted securities listed in active markets, securities traded in other than active markets, government and agency securities, and certain over-the-counter derivatives where the fair value is based on observable inputs.

*Level III* — inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to overall fair value measurement. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. Financial instruments that are included in this category include investments in privately-held entities, non-investment grade residual interests in securitizations, collateralized loan obligations, and certain over-the-counter derivatives where the fair value is based on unobservable inputs.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the determination of which category within the fair value hierarchy is appropriate for any given financial instrument is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Partnership's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the financial instrument.

In the absence of observable market prices, the Partnership values its investments using valuation methodologies applied on a consistent basis. For some investments little market activity may exist. Management's determination of fair value is then based on the best information available in the circumstances and may incorporate management's own assumptions and involves a significant degree of judgment, taking into consideration a combination of internal and external factors, including the appropriate risk adjustments for non-performance and liquidity risks. Investments for which market prices are not observable include private investments in the equity of operating companies and real estate properties, and certain debt

positions. The valuation technique for each of these investments is described in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The valuation methodologies can involve subjective judgments, and the fair value of assets established pursuant to such methodologies may be incorrect, which could result in the misstatement of fund performance and accrued performance allocations. Because there is significant uncertainty in the valuation of, or in the stability of the value of, illiquid investments, the fair values of such investments as reflected in an investment fund's net asset value do not necessarily reflect the prices that would be obtained by us on behalf of the investment fund when such investments are realized. Realizations at values significantly lower than the values at which investments have been reflected in prior fund net asset values would result in reduced earnings or losses for the applicable fund, the loss of potential performance allocations and incentive fees. Changes in values attributed to investments from quarter to quarter may result in volatility in the net asset values and results of operations that we report from period to period. Also, a situation where asset values turn out to be materially different than values reflected in prior fund net asset values could cause investors to lose confidence in us, which could in turn result in difficulty in raising additional funds. See "Risk Factors — Risks Related to Our Company — Valuation methodologies for certain assets in our funds can involve subjective judgments, and the fair value of assets established pursuant to such methodologies may be incorrect, which could result in the misstatement of fund performance and accrued performance allocations."

*Principal Equity-Method Investments.* The Partnership accounts for all investments in which it has or is otherwise presumed to have significant influence, including investments in the unconsolidated funds and strategic investments, using the equity method of accounting. The carrying value of equity-method investments is determined based on amounts invested by the Partnership, adjusted for the equity in earnings or losses of the investee allocated based on the respective partnership or other agreement, less distributions received. The Partnership evaluates its equity-method investments for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of such investments may not be recoverable.

*Equity-based Compensation.* Compensation expense relating to the issuance of equity-based awards to Carlyle employees is measured at fair value on the grant date. The compensation expense for awards that vest over a future service period is recognized over the relevant service period on a straight-line basis, adjusted for estimated forfeitures of awards that are not expected to vest (until January 1, 2017). The compensation expense for awards that do not require future service is recognized immediately. Upon the end of the service period, compensation expense is adjusted to account for the actual forfeiture rate. Cash settled equity-based awards are classified as liabilities and are re-measured at the end of each reporting period. The compensation expense for awards that contain performance conditions is recognized when it is probable that the performance conditions will be achieved; in certain instances, such compensation expense may be recognized prior to the grant date of the award.

Equity-based awards issued to non-employees are recognized as general, administrative and other expenses. The grant-date fair value of equity-based awards granted to Carlyle's non-employee directors is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. The cost of services received in exchange for an equity-based award issued to non-employees who are not directors is measured at each vesting date, and is not measured based on the grant-date fair value of the award unless the award is vested at the grant date. Equity-based awards that require the satisfaction of future service criteria are recognized over the relevant service period, adjusted for estimated forfeitures of awards that are not expected to vest (until January 1, 2017), based on the fair value of the award on each reporting date and adjusted for the actual fair value of the award at each vesting date. Accordingly, the measured value of the award will not be finalized until the vesting date.

In determining the aggregate fair value of any award grants, we make judgments as to the grant-date fair value, particularly the discount related to awards that do not participate in distributions during the vesting period.

*Intangible Assets and Goodwill.* The Partnership's intangible assets primarily consist of acquired contractual rights to earn future fee income, including management and advisory fees. Finite-lived intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, which range from four to ten years, and are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable.

Goodwill represents the excess of cost over the identifiable net assets of businesses acquired and is recorded in the functional currency of the acquired entity. Goodwill is recognized as an asset and is reviewed for impairment annually as of October 1 and between annual tests when events and circumstances indicate that impairment may have occurred.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

We discuss the recent accounting pronouncements in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Our primary exposure to market risk is related to our role as general partner or investment advisor to our investment funds and the sensitivities to movements in the fair value of their investments, including the effect on management fees, incentive fees, performance allocations and principal investment income.

Although our investment funds share many common themes, each of our asset management asset classes runs its own investment and risk management processes, subject to our overall risk tolerance and philosophy. The investment process of our investment funds involves a comprehensive due diligence approach, including review of reputation of shareholders and management, company size and sensitivity of cash flow generation, business sector and competitive risks, portfolio fit, exit risks and other key factors highlighted by the deal team. Key investment decisions are subject to approval by both the fund-level managing directors, as well as the investment committee, which is generally comprised of one or more of the three founding partners, one “sector” head, one or more advisors and senior investment professionals associated with that particular fund. Once an investment in a portfolio company has been made, our fund teams closely monitor the performance of the portfolio company, generally through frequent contact with management and the receipt of financial and management reports.

### *Effect on Fund Management Fees*

Management fees will only be directly affected by short-term changes in market conditions to the extent they are based on NAV or represent permanent impairments of value. These management fees will be increased (or reduced) in direct proportion to the effect of changes in the market value of our investments in the related funds. In addition, the terms of the governing agreements with respect to certain of our carry funds provide that the management fee base will be reduced when the aggregate fair market value of a fund’s investments is below its cost. The proportion of our management fees that are based on NAV, primarily hedge funds, is dependent on the number and types of investment funds in existence and the current stage of each fund’s life cycle. In 2016, we conducted a review of our Global Credit segment in order to realign and reorganize certain of the segment’s operations. As a result, we have exited our hedge fund business (ESG in 2016 and Claren Road in January 2017) and, as a result of settlements reached during 2017 with investors in two commodities investment vehicles managed by Vermillion, we have completed the exit of the commodities investment advisory business and other hedge fund investment advisory businesses that we had acquired from 2010 to 2014. Therefore, for the year ended December 31, 2018, we had no fund management fees from our previous hedge fund business.

### *Effect on Performance Allocations*

Performance allocations reflect revenue primarily from carried interest on our carry funds. In our discussion of “Key Financial Measures” and “Critical Accounting Policies”, we disclose that performance allocations are recognized upon appreciation of the valuation of our funds’ investments above certain return hurdles and are based upon the amount that would be due to Carlyle at each reporting date as if the funds were liquidated at their then-current fair values. Changes in the fair value of the funds’ investments may materially impact performance allocations depending upon the respective funds’ performance to date as compared to its hurdle rate and the related carry waterfall.

The following table summarizes the incremental impact, including our Consolidated Funds, of a 10% change in total remaining fair value by segment as of December 31, 2018 on our performance allocations revenue:

	<b>10% Increase in Total Remaining Fair Value</b>	<b>10% Decrease in Total Remaining Fair Value</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 707.1	\$ (693.8)
Real Assets	216.1	(203.6)
Global Credit	50.9	(23.4)
Investment Solutions	115.7	(93.3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,089.8</b>	<b>\$ (1,014.1)</b>

The following table summarizes the incremental impact of a 10% change in Level III remaining fair value by segment as of December 31, 2018 on our performance allocations revenue:

	<b>10% Increase in Level III Remaining Fair Value</b>	<b>10% Decrease in Level III Remaining Fair Value</b>
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>		
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 651.7	\$ (699.3)
Real Assets	185.7	(171.6)
Global Credit	48.4	(23.4)
Investment Solutions	103.8	(89.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 989.6</b>	<b>\$ (984.2)</b>

The effect of the variability in performance allocations revenue would be in part offset by performance allocation related compensation.

#### ***Effect on Assets Under Management***

Generally, our Fee-earning assets under management are not affected by changes in valuation. However, total assets under management is impacted by valuation changes to net asset value. The table below shows the remaining fair value and the percentage amount classified as Level III investments as defined within the fair value standards of GAAP:

	<b>Remaining Fair Value</b>	<b>Percentage Amount Classified as Level III Investments</b>
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>		
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 46,897	95%
Real Assets	\$ 28,708	90%
Global Credit (1)	\$ 36,460	97%
Investment Solutions	\$ 29,868	96%

(1) Comprised of approximately \$24.0 billion (100% Level III Investments) in our structured credit products, \$5.4 billion (92% Level III Investments) in our carry funds, \$3.8 billion (97% Level III Investments) in our business development companies, and \$3.3 billion (80% Level III Investments) in our managed accounts/other products.

#### ***Exchange Rate Risk***

Our investment funds hold investments that are denominated in non-U.S. dollar currencies that may be affected by movements in the rate of exchange between the U.S. dollar and non-U.S. dollar currencies. Non-U.S. dollar denominated assets and liabilities are translated at year-end rates of exchange, and the consolidated statements of operations accounts are translated at rates of exchange in effect throughout the year. Additionally, a portion of our management fees are denominated in non-U.S. dollar currencies. We estimate that as of December 31, 2018, if the U.S. dollar strengthened 10% against all foreign currencies, the impact on our consolidated results of operations for the year then ended would be as follows: (a) fund management fees would decrease by \$84.2 million, (b) performance allocations would decrease by \$48.4 million and (c) principal investment income would increase by \$6.7 million.

#### ***Interest Rate Risk***

We have obligations under our term loan facility, CLO term loans, and promissory notes that accrue interest at variable rates. Interest rate changes may therefore affect the amount of interest payments, future earnings and cash flows.

The term loan under our senior credit facility incurs interest at LIBOR plus an applicable rate. The CLO term loans incur interest at EURIBOR or LIBOR plus an applicable rate. The promissory notes incur interest at the three month LIBOR plus an applicable rate. We do not have any interest rate swaps in place for these borrowings.

Based on our debt obligations payable as of December 31, 2018, we estimate that interest expense relating to variable rates would increase by approximately \$1.7 million on an annual basis in the event interest rates were to increase by one percentage point.

***Credit Risk***

Certain of our investment funds hold derivative instruments that contain an element of risk in the event that the counterparties are unable to meet the terms of such agreements. We minimize our risk exposure by limiting the counterparties with which we enter into contracts to banks and investment banks who meet established credit and capital guidelines. We do not expect any counterparty to default on its obligations and therefore do not expect to incur any loss due to counterparty default.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To The Board of Directors and Unitholders of The Carlyle Group L.P.

#### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of The Carlyle Group L.P. (the "Partnership") as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in partners' capital and redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated entities, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Partnership at December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 13, 2019 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

#### Adoption of ASU No. 2014-09

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Partnership changed its method of accounting for performance-based capital allocations from fund limited partners to the Partnership in 2018 due to the adoption of ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*.

#### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Partnership's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Partnership in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Partnership's auditor since 2002.

Tysons, VA  
February 13, 2019

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To The Board of Directors and Unitholders of The Carlyle Group L.P.

### Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited The Carlyle Group L.P.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control —Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, The Carlyle Group L.P. (the "Partnership") maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of The Carlyle Group L.P. as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in partners' capital and redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated entities, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes and our report dated February 13, 2019 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

### Basis for Opinion

The Partnership's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Partnership in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Tysons, VA  
February 13, 2019

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(Dollars in millions)

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 629.6	\$ 1,000.1
Cash and cash equivalents held at Consolidated Funds	247.5	377.6
Restricted cash	8.7	28.7
Corporate treasury investments	51.7	376.3
Investments, including accrued performance allocations of \$3,480.0 million and \$3,664.3 million as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively	5,697.5	5,288.6
Investments of Consolidated Funds	5,286.6	4,534.3
Due from affiliates and other receivables, net	441.1	263.4
Due from affiliates and other receivables of Consolidated Funds, net	135.4	50.8
Fixed assets, net	95.1	100.4
Deposits and other	49.3	54.1
Intangible assets, net	77.3	35.9
Deferred tax assets	194.4	170.4
Total assets	<u>\$ 12,914.2</u>	<u>\$ 12,280.6</u>
<b>Liabilities and partners' capital</b>		
Debt obligations	\$ 1,550.4	\$ 1,573.6
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds	4,840.1	4,303.8
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	442.2	355.1
Accrued compensation and benefits	2,222.3	2,222.6
Due to affiliates	174.0	229.9
Deferred revenue	111.3	82.1
Deferred tax liabilities	64.3	75.6
Other liabilities of Consolidated Funds	610.1	422.1
Accrued giveback obligations	63.2	66.8
Total liabilities	<u>10,077.9</u>	<u>9,331.6</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Series A preferred units (16,000,000 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)	387.5	387.5
Partners' capital (common units, 107,746,443 and 100,100,650 issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)	673.4	701.8
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(83.3)	(72.7)
Non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	324.2	404.7
Non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	1,534.5	1,527.7
Total partners' capital	<u>2,836.3</u>	<u>2,949.0</u>
Total liabilities and partners' capital	<u>\$ 12,914.2</u>	<u>\$ 12,280.6</u>

See accompanying notes.



Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Consolidated Statements of Operations  
(Dollars in millions, except unit and per unit data)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fund management fees	\$ 1,272.0	\$ 1,026.9	\$ 1,076.1
Incentive fees	30.2	35.3	36.4
Investment income			
Performance allocations	622.9	2,058.6	715.4
Principal investment income	186.3	232.0	160.5
Total investment income	809.2	2,290.6	875.9
Interest and other income	101.3	36.7	23.9
Interest and other income of Consolidated Funds	214.5	177.7	166.9
Revenue of a real estate VIE	—	109.0	95.1
Total revenues	2,427.2	3,676.2	2,274.3
<b>Expenses</b>			
Compensation and benefits			
Cash-based compensation and benefits	746.7	652.7	647.1
Equity-based compensation	239.9	320.3	334.6
Performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation	376.3	988.3	353.1
Total compensation and benefits	1,362.9	1,961.3	1,334.8
General, administrative and other expenses	460.7	276.8	521.1
Interest	82.2	65.5	61.3
Interest and other expenses of Consolidated Funds	164.6	197.6	128.5
Interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation	—	202.5	207.6
Other non-operating expenses (income)	1.1	(71.4)	(11.2)
Total expenses	2,071.5	2,632.3	2,242.1
<b>Other income</b>			
Net investment gains of Consolidated Funds	4.5	88.4	13.1
Income before provision for income taxes	360.2	1,132.3	45.3
Provision for income taxes	31.3	124.9	30.0
Net income	328.9	1,007.4	15.3
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	33.9	72.5	41.0
Net income (loss) attributable to Carlyle Holdings	295.0	934.9	(25.7)
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	178.5	690.8	(32.1)
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P.	116.5	244.1	6.4
Net income attributable to Series A Preferred Unitholders	23.6	6.0	—
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. Common Unitholders	\$ 92.9	\$ 238.1	\$ 6.4
Net income (loss) attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. per common unit (see Note 13)			
Basic	\$ 0.89	\$ 2.58	\$ 0.08
Diluted	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.38	\$ (0.08)
Weighted-average common units			
Basic	104,198,089	92,136,959	82,714,178
Diluted	113,389,443	100,082,548	308,522,990

Substantially all revenue is earned from affiliates of the Partnership. See accompanying notes.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income  
(Dollars in millions)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
Net income	\$ 328.9	\$ 1,007.4	\$ 15.3
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(47.4)	95.8	(54.6)
Unrealized gains on Fortitude Re available-for-sale securities	3.2	—	—
Cash flow hedges			
Reclassification adjustment for loss included in interest expense	—	—	1.9
Defined benefit plans			
Unrealized loss for the period	(2.5)	(0.8)	(6.8)
Reclassification adjustment for unrecognized gain (loss) during the period, net, included in base compensation expense	0.9	1.2	—
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(45.8)	96.2	(59.5)
Comprehensive income (loss)	283.1	1,103.6	(44.2)
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	(6.8)	(108.1)	10.7
Comprehensive income attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	—	—	(0.2)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Carlyle Holdings	276.3	995.5	(33.7)
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	(165.5)	(734.3)	39.5
Comprehensive income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P.	\$ 110.8	\$ 261.2	\$ 5.8

See accompanying notes.

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Partners' Capital and Redeemable Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Entities  
(Dollars and units in millions)

	Common Units	Preferred Equity	Partners' Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Partners' Capital Appropriated for Consolidated Funds	Non- controlling Interests in Consolidated Entities	Non- controlling Interests in Carlyle Holdings	Total Partners' Capital	Redeemable Non- controlling Interests in Consolidated Entities
Balance at December 31, 2015	80.4	\$ —	\$ 485.9	\$ (90.1)	\$ 120.8	\$ 4,493.8	\$ 1,067.2	\$ 6,077.6	\$ 2,845.9
Reallocation of ownership interests in Carlyle Holdings	0.9	—	18.1	(4.5)	—	—	(13.6)	—	—
Units repurchased	(3.6)	—	(57.4)	—	—	—	(1.5)	(58.9)	—
Deferred tax effects resulting from acquisition of interests in Carlyle Holdings	—	—	0.4	—	—	—	—	0.4	—
Equity-based compensation	—	—	97.4	—	—	—	278.8	376.2	—
Net delivery of vested common units	6.9	—	(6.2)	—	—	—	(0.5)	(6.7)	—
Contributions	—	—	—	—	—	119.3	—	119.3	—
Distributions	—	—	(140.9)	—	—	(107.9)	(422.6)	(671.4)	(1.5)
Deconsolidation of ESG	—	—	(0.6)	—	—	(5.6)	—	(6.2)	(6.3)
Deconsolidation of Consolidated Funds upon adoption of ASU 2015-02 and the impact of adoption of ASU 2014-13 (see Note 2)	—	—	—	—	(120.8)	(4,211.1)	—	(4,331.9)	(2,838.3)
Net income (loss)	—	—	6.4	—	—	40.8	(32.1)	15.1	0.2
Currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	0.7	—	(51.5)	(3.8)	(54.6)	—
Defined benefit plans, net	—	—	—	(1.8)	—	—	(5.0)	(6.8)	—
Change in fair value of cash flow hedge instruments	—	—	—	0.5	—	—	1.4	1.9	—
Balance at December 31, 2016	84.6	—	403.1	(95.2)	\$ —	277.8	868.3	1,454.0	—
Reallocation of ownership interests in Carlyle Holdings	—	—	33.1	(8.3)	—	—	(24.8)	—	—
Exchange of Carlyle Holdings units for common units	6.6	—	41.0	(6.5)	—	—	(34.5)	—	—
Units repurchased	—	—	(0.2)	—	—	—	—	(0.2)	—
Equity issued in connection with preferred units	—	387.5	—	—	—	—	—	387.5	—
Deferred tax effects resulting from acquisition of interests in Carlyle Holdings	—	—	8.0	—	—	—	—	8.0	—
Equity-based compensation	—	—	104.3	—	—	—	254.3	358.6	—
Net delivery of vested common units	8.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Contributions	—	—	—	—	—	119.2	—	119.2	—
Distributions	—	(6.0)	(118.1)	—	—	(118.0)	(295.6)	(537.7)	—
Net income	—	6.0	238.1	—	—	72.5	690.8	1,007.4	—
Deconsolidation of a consolidated entity	—	—	(4.3)	20.2	—	17.6	38.7	72.2	—
Cumulative effect adjustment upon adoption of ASU 2016-09	—	—	(3.2)	—	—	—	(13.0)	(16.2)	—
Currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	17.0	—	35.6	43.2	95.8	—
Defined benefit plans, net	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	0.3	0.4	—
<b>Balance at December 31, 2017</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>\$ 387.5</b>	<b>\$ 701.8</b>	<b>\$ (72.7)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 404.7</b>	<b>\$ 1,527.7</b>	<b>\$ 2,949.0</b>	<b>\$ —</b>
Reallocation of ownership interests in Carlyle Holdings	—	—	20.5	(2.0)	—	—	(18.5)	—	—
Exchange of Carlyle Holdings units for common units	3.8	—	29.6	(2.9)	—	—	(26.7)	—	—
Units repurchased	(4.9)	—	(107.5)	—	—	—	—	(107.5)	—
Deferred tax effects resulting from acquisition of interests in Carlyle Holdings	—	—	1.7	—	—	—	—	1.7	—
Equity-based compensation	—	—	65.7	—	—	—	178.7	244.4	—
Net delivery of vested common units	8.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Contributions	—	—	—	—	—	31.3	—	31.3	—
Distributions	—	(23.6)	(129.8)	—	—	(118.6)	(288.8)	(560.8)	—
Net income	—	23.6	92.9	—	—	33.9	178.5	328.9	—
Cumulative effect adjustment upon adoption of ASU 2016-16	—	—	(1.2)	—	—	—	(2.9)	(4.1)	—
Cumulative effect adjustment upon adoption of ASU 2014-09	—	—	(0.3)	—	—	—	(0.5)	(0.8)	—
Currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	(6.2)	—	(27.1)	(14.1)	(47.4)	—
Unrealized gains on Fortitude Re available-for-sale securities	—	—	—	1.0	—	—	2.2	3.2	—
Defined benefit plans, net	—	—	—	(0.5)	—	—	(1.1)	(1.6)	—
<b>Balance at December 31, 2018</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>\$ 387.5</b>	<b>\$ 673.4</b>	<b>\$ (83.3)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 324.2</b>	<b>\$ 1,534.5</b>	<b>\$ 2,836.3</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

See accompanying notes.



**The Carlyle Group L.P.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(Dollars in millions)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net income	\$ 328.9	\$ 1,007.4	\$ 15.3
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:			
Depreciation, amortization, and impairment	46.9	41.3	72.0
Equity-based compensation	239.9	320.3	334.6
Non-cash performance allocations and incentive fees	25.9	(626.8)	199.6
Other non-cash amounts	3.2	(74.6)	(41.7)
Consolidated Funds related:			
Realized/unrealized (gain) loss on investments of Consolidated Funds	108.8	(27.0)	(51.7)
Realized/unrealized (gain) loss from loans payable of Consolidated Funds	(113.3)	(61.4)	40.5
Purchases of investments by Consolidated Funds	(3,723.8)	(2,875.0)	(2,739.4)
Proceeds from sale and settlements of investments by Consolidated Funds	2,662.9	2,649.3	1,282.9
Non-cash interest income, net	(4.0)	(5.3)	(5.5)
Change in cash and cash equivalents held at Consolidated Funds	399.4	383.9	513.7
Change in other receivables held at Consolidated Funds	(95.1)	(16.7)	1.1
Change in other liabilities held at Consolidated Funds	(59.1)	(266.1)	268.9
Other non-cash amounts of Consolidated Funds	—	—	(17.5)
Principal investment income	(179.4)	(227.1)	(154.6)
Purchases of investments	(473.6)	(888.5)	(368.2)
Purchase of investment in Fortitude Re	(393.8)	—	—
Proceeds from the sale of investments	893.4	467.5	299.5
Payments of contingent consideration	(37.5)	(22.6)	(82.6)
Deconsolidation of Claren Road (see Note 9)	—	(23.3)	—
Deconsolidation of Urbplan (see Note 16)	—	14.0	—
Deconsolidation of ESG	—	—	(34.5)
Changes in deferred taxes, net	(19.8)	93.4	(4.4)
Change in due from affiliates and other receivables	(74.2)	0.3	(10.9)
Change in receivables and inventory of a real estate VIE	—	(14.5)	29.0
Change in deposits and other	(4.0)	(2.0)	5.1
Change in other assets of a real estate VIE	—	1.6	41.2
Change in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	78.2	50.5	66.6
Change in accrued compensation and benefits	60.8	(13.7)	6.5
Change in due to affiliates	(35.6)	35.7	(19.3)
Change in other liabilities of a real estate VIE	—	47.9	34.3
Change in deferred revenue	21.4	24.4	18.9
Net cash used in operating activities	(343.5)	(7.1)	(300.6)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchases of fixed assets, net	(31.3)	(34.0)	(25.4)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(67.8)	—	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(99.1)	(34.0)	(25.4)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of preferred units, net of offering costs and expenses	—	387.5	—
Borrowings under credit facility	—	250.0	—
Repayments under credit facility	—	(250.0)	—
Issuance of 5.650% senior notes due 2048, net of financing costs	345.7	—	—
Repurchase of 3.875% senior notes due 2023	(255.1)	—	—
Proceeds from debt obligations	40.8	265.6	20.6
Payments on debt obligations	(156.7)	(21.7)	(9.0)
Net payments on loans payable of a real estate VIE	—	(14.3)	(34.5)
Net borrowings on loans payable of Consolidated Funds	818.0	147.2	594.2
Payments of contingent consideration	—	(0.6)	(3.3)
Distributions to common unitholders	(129.8)	(118.1)	(140.9)
Distributions to preferred unitholders	(23.6)	(6.0)	—
Distributions to non-controlling interest holders in Carlyle Holdings	(288.8)	(295.6)	(422.6)
Contributions from non-controlling interest holders	31.3	119.2	113.0

Distributions to non-controlling interest holders	(105.2)	(118.0)	(109.4)
Common units repurchased	(107.5)	(0.2)	(58.9)
Change in due to/from affiliates financing activities	(97.1)	(26.4)	66.1
Net cash provided by financing activities	72.0	318.6	15.3
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(19.9)	67.3	(15.7)
Increase (Decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(390.5)	344.8	(326.4)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	1,028.8	684.0	1,010.4
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 638.3	\$ 1,028.8	\$ 684.0
<b>Supplemental cash disclosures</b>			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 60.7	\$ 59.5	\$ 59.0
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 28.9	\$ 24.8	\$ 35.1
<b>Supplemental non-cash disclosures</b>			
Increase in partners' capital related to reallocation of ownership interest in Carlyle Holdings	\$ 18.5	\$ 24.8	\$ 13.6
Net asset impact of deconsolidation of Consolidated Funds	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (7,170.2)
Non-cash contributions from non-controlling interest holders	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6.3
Non-cash distributions to non-controlling interest holders	\$ (13.4)	\$ —	\$ —
<b>Tax effect from acquisition of Carlyle Holdings partnership units:</b>			
Deferred tax asset	\$ 12.3	\$ 38.7	\$ 3.0
Tax receivable agreement liability	\$ 10.6	\$ 30.7	\$ 2.6
Total partners' capital	\$ 1.7	\$ 8.0	\$ 0.4
<b>Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 629.6	\$ 1,000.1	\$ 670.9
Restricted cash	8.7	28.7	13.1
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 638.3	\$ 1,028.8	\$ 684.0
Cash and cash equivalents held at Consolidated Funds	\$ 247.5	\$ 377.6	\$ 761.5

See accompanying notes.

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**1. Organization and Basis of Presentation**

The Carlyle Group L.P., together with its consolidated subsidiaries is one of the world's largest global investment firms that originates, structures and acts as lead equity investor in management-led buyouts, strategic minority equity investments, equity private placements, consolidations and buildups, growth capital financings, real estate opportunities, bank loans, high-yield debt, distressed assets, mezzanine debt and other investment opportunities. The Carlyle Group L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership formed on July 18, 2011, which is managed and operated by its general partner, Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., which is in turn wholly-owned and controlled by Carlyle's founders and other senior Carlyle professionals. Except as otherwise indicated by the context, references to the "Partnership" or "Carlyle" refer to The Carlyle Group L.P., together with its consolidated subsidiaries.

Carlyle provides investment management services to, and has transactions with, various private equity funds, real estate funds, private credit funds, collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"), and other investment products sponsored by the Partnership for the investment of client assets in the normal course of business. Carlyle typically serves as the general partner, investment manager or collateral manager, making day-to-day investment decisions concerning the assets of these products. Carlyle operates its business through four reportable segments: Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets, Global Credit and Investment Solutions (see Note 17).

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries. In addition, certain Carlyle-affiliated funds, related co-investment entities, certain CLOs managed by the Partnership (collectively the "Consolidated Funds") and a real estate development company have been consolidated in the accompanying financial statements pursuant to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"), as described in Note 2. The accounts of the real estate development company were deconsolidated during 2017 (see Note 16). The consolidation of the Consolidated Funds generally has a gross-up effect on assets, liabilities and cash flows, and generally has no effect on the net income attributable to the Partnership. The economic ownership interests of the other investors in the Consolidated Funds are reflected as non-controlling interests in consolidated entities in the accompanying consolidated financial statements (see Note 2).

To simplify the statement of operations, the Partnership has condensed the presentation of performance allocations, principal investment income and performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation in the year ended December 31, 2018, and no longer presents the realized and unrealized components of these line items. The accompanying consolidated statements of operations for all prior periods presented have been recast to reflect this presentation change. The realized and unrealized components of performance allocations and principal investment income is included in Note 5. The realized and unrealized components of performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation is included in Note 8.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies****Principles of Consolidation**

The Partnership consolidates all entities that it controls either through a majority voting interest or as the primary beneficiary of variable interest entities ("VIEs").

The Partnership evaluates (1) whether it holds a variable interest in an entity, (2) whether the entity is a VIE, and (3) whether the Partnership's involvement would make it the primary beneficiary. In evaluating whether the Partnership holds a variable interest, fees (including management fees, incentive fees and performance allocations) that are customary and commensurate with the level of services provided, and where the Partnership does not hold other economic interests in the entity that would absorb more than an insignificant amount of the expected losses or returns of the entity, are not considered variable interests. The Partnership considers all economic interests, including indirect interests, to determine if a fee is considered a variable interest.

For those entities where the Partnership holds a variable interest, the Partnership determines whether each of these entities qualifies as a VIE and, if so, whether or not the Partnership is the primary beneficiary. The assessment of whether the entity is a VIE is generally performed qualitatively, which requires judgment. These judgments include: (a) determining whether the equity investment at risk is sufficient to permit the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support, (b) evaluating whether the equity holders, as a group, can make decisions that have a significant effect on the economic performance of the entity, (c) determining whether two or more parties' equity interests should be aggregated, and (d)

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determining whether the equity investors have proportionate voting rights to their obligations to absorb losses or rights to receive returns from an entity.

For entities that are determined to be VIEs, the Partnership consolidates those entities where it has concluded it is the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary is defined as the variable interest holder with (a) the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and (b) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. In evaluating whether the Partnership is the primary beneficiary, the Partnership evaluates its economic interests in the entity held either directly or indirectly by the Partnership.

As of December 31, 2018, assets and liabilities of the consolidated VIEs reflected in the consolidated balance sheets were \$5.7 billion and \$5.5 billion, respectively. Except to the extent of the consolidated assets of the VIEs, the holders of the consolidated VIEs' liabilities generally do not have recourse to the Partnership.

Substantially all of the Partnership's Consolidated Funds are CLOs, which are VIEs that issue loans payable that are backed by diversified collateral asset portfolios consisting primarily of loans or structured debt. In exchange for managing the collateral for the CLOs, the Partnership earns investment management fees, including in some cases subordinated management fees and contingent incentive fees. In cases where the Partnership consolidates the CLOs (primarily because of a retained interest that is significant to the CLO), those management fees have been eliminated as intercompany transactions. As of December 31, 2018, the Partnership held \$219.5 million of investments in these CLOs which represents its maximum risk of loss. The Partnership's investments in these CLOs are generally subordinated to other interests in the entities and entitle the Partnership to receive a pro rata portion of the residual cash flows, if any, from the entities. Investors in the CLOs have no recourse against the Partnership for any losses sustained in the CLO structure.

Entities that do not qualify as VIEs are generally assessed for consolidation as voting interest entities. Under the voting interest entity model, the Partnership consolidates those entities it controls through a majority voting interest.

All significant inter-entity transactions and balances of entities consolidated have been eliminated.

#### **Investments in Unconsolidated Variable Interest Entities**

The Partnership holds variable interests in certain VIEs that are not consolidated because the Partnership is not the primary beneficiary, including its investments in certain CLOs and strategic investment in NGP Management Company, L.L.C. ("NGP Management" and, together with its affiliates, "NGP"). Refer to Note 5 for information on the strategic investment in NGP. The Partnership's involvement with such entities is in the form of direct equity interests and fee arrangements. The maximum exposure to loss represents the loss of assets recognized by the Partnership relating to its variable interests in these unconsolidated entities. The Partnership's maximum exposure to loss relates to the Partnership's investments in the unconsolidated VIEs and was \$1,152.4 million and \$1,066.3 million as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Additionally, as of December 31, 2018, the Partnership had \$121.2 million and \$15.1 million recognized in the consolidated balance sheet related to performance allocation and management fee arrangements, respectively, related to the unconsolidated VIEs.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Management has determined that the Partnership's Funds are investment companies under U.S. GAAP for the purposes of financial reporting. U.S. GAAP for an investment company requires investments to be recorded at estimated fair value and the unrealized gains and/or losses in an investment's fair value are recognized on a current basis in the statements of operations. Additionally, the Funds do not consolidate their majority-owned and controlled investments (the "Portfolio Companies"). In the preparation of these consolidated financial statements, the Partnership has retained the specialized accounting for the Funds.

All of the investments held and notes issued by the Consolidated Funds are presented at their estimated fair values in the Partnership's consolidated balance sheets. Interest and other income of the Consolidated Funds as well as interest expense and other expenses of the Consolidated Funds are included in the Partnership's consolidated statements of operations.



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**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make assumptions and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management's estimates are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. It also requires management to exercise judgment in the process of applying the Partnership's accounting policies. Assumptions and estimates regarding the valuation of investments and their resulting impact on performance allocations involve a higher degree of judgment and complexity and these assumptions and estimates may be significant to the consolidated financial statements and the resulting impact on performance allocations and incentive fees. Actual results could differ from these estimates and such differences could be material.

**Business Combinations**

The Partnership accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method of accounting, under which the purchase price of the acquisition is allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed using the fair values determined by management as of the acquisition date. Contingent consideration obligations that are elements of consideration transferred are recognized as of the acquisition date as part of the fair value transferred in exchange for the acquired business. Acquisition-related costs incurred in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

**Revenue Recognition**

On January 1, 2018, the Partnership adopted ASU 2014-9, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)* ("ASU 2014-9") under the modified retrospective method. ASU 2014-9, and related amendments, provide comprehensive guidance for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers. Revenue is recognized when the entity transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance includes a five-step framework that requires an entity to: (i) identify the contract(s) with a customer, (ii) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (iii) determine the transaction price, (iv) allocated the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (v) recognize revenue when the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

Upon adoption of ASU 2014-9, performance allocations that represent a performance-based capital allocation from fund limited partners to the Partnership (commonly known as "carried interest", which comprises substantially all of the Partnership's previously reported performance fee revenues) are accounted for as earnings from financial assets within the scope of ASC 323, *Investments - Equity Method and Joint Ventures*, and therefore are not in the scope of ASU 2014-9. In accordance with ASC 323, the Partnership records equity method income (losses) as a component of investment income based on the change in the Partnership's proportionate claim on net assets of the investment fund, including performance allocations, assuming the investment fund was liquidated as of each reporting date pursuant to each fund's governing agreements. The Partnership applied this change in accounting principle on a full retrospective basis, which resulted in a reclassification of amounts previously reported as accrued performance fees to investments in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and amounts previously reported as performance fees to performance allocations within investment income (loss) in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. See Note 5 for additional information on the components of investments and investment income following this change in accounting principle. Amounts previously reported as performance fees that do not meet the definition of performance-based capital allocations are in the scope of ASU 2014-9 and are included in incentive fees in the consolidated statements of operations. The following table shows the impact of this reclassification to the Partnership's previously reported amounts in the consolidated statement of operations for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

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	Year Ended December 31, 2017		
	As Previously Reported	Reclassifications	As Adjusted
	(Dollars in millions)		
Performance fees <sup>1</sup>			
Realized	\$ 1,097.3	\$ (1,062.8)	\$ 34.5
Unrealized	996.6	(995.8)	0.8
Total performance fees <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,093.9	\$ (2,058.6)	\$ 35.3
Investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>			
Realized	\$ 70.4	\$ 1,062.8	\$ 1,133.2
Unrealized	161.6	995.8	1,157.4
Total investment income <sup>2</sup>	\$ 232.0	\$ 2,058.6	\$ 2,290.6

	Year Ended December 31, 2016		
	As Previously Reported	Reclassifications	As Adjusted
	(Dollars in millions)		
Performance fees <sup>1</sup>			
Realized	\$ 1,129.5	\$ (1,093.1)	\$ 36.4
Unrealized	(377.7)	377.7	—
Total performance fees <sup>1</sup>	\$ 751.8	\$ (715.4)	\$ 36.4
Investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>			
Realized	\$ 112.9	\$ 1,093.1	\$ 1,206.0
Unrealized	47.6	(377.7)	(330.1)
Total investment income <sup>2</sup>	\$ 160.5	\$ 715.4	\$ 875.9

(1) As adjusted, amounts now labeled as incentive fees in the consolidated statements of operations.

(2) As adjusted, amounts now labeled as performance allocations and principal investment income within investment income (loss) in the consolidated statements of operations.

The adoption of ASU 2014-9 did not materially change the Partnership's historical pattern of recognizing revenue for management fees, incentive fees, and performance allocations (for arrangements within the scope of ASC 323). The Partnership has applied the guidance in ASU 2014-9 only to contracts that are not completed as of January 1, 2018. The Partnership recorded an adjustment of \$0.8 million for the cumulative effect of adoption in partners' capital on January 1, 2018, which reduced total partners' capital. Additionally, while the determination of who is the customer in a contractual arrangement will be made on a contract-by-contract basis, the customer will generally be the investment fund for the Partnership's significant management and advisory contracts. The customer determination impacts the Partnership's analysis of the accounting for contract costs. Also, the recovery of certain costs incurred on behalf of Carlyle funds, primarily travel and entertainment costs, that were previously presented net in the consolidated statements of operations are presented gross beginning on January 1, 2018 as the Partnership controls the inputs to its investment management performance obligation. For the year ended December 31, 2018, these costs were approximately \$29.3 million and are presented in interest and other income and general, administrative and other expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

**Fund Management Fees**

The Partnership provides management services to funds in which it holds a general partner interest or has a management agreement. The Partnership considers the performance obligations in its contracts with its funds to be the promise to provide (or to arrange for third parties to provide) investment management services related to the management, policies and operations of the funds.

As it relates to the Partnership's performance obligation to provide investment management services, the Partnership typically satisfies this performance obligation over time as the services are rendered (under the output method described in ASC 606), since the funds simultaneously receive and consume the benefits provided as the Partnership performs the service. The

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transaction price is the amount of consideration to which the Partnership expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring the promised services to the funds. Management fees earned from each investment management contract over the contract life represent variable consideration because the consideration the Partnership is entitled to varies based on fluctuations in the basis for the management fee, for example fund net asset value ("NAV") or AUM. Given that the management fee basis is susceptible to market factors outside of the Partnership's influence, management fees are constrained. Accordingly, estimates of future period management fees are generally not included in the transaction price because these estimates are constrained. The transaction price for the investment management services provided is generally the amount determined at the end of the period because that is when the uncertainty for that period is resolved.

For closed-end carry funds in the Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets and Global Credit segments, management fees generally range from 1.0% to 2.0% of commitments during the fund's investment period based on limited partners' capital commitments to the funds. Following the expiration or termination of the investment period, management fees generally are based on the lower of cost or fair value of invested capital and the rate charged may also be reduced to between 0.6% and 2.0%. For certain separately managed accounts and longer-dated carry funds, with expected terms greater than ten years, management fees generally range from 0.2% to 1.0% based on contributions for unrealized investments or the current value of the investment. The Partnership will receive management fees during a specified period of time, which is generally ten years from the initial closing date, or, in some instances, from the final closing date, but such termination date may be earlier in certain limited circumstances or later if extended for successive one year periods, typically up to a maximum of two years. Depending upon the contracted terms of investment advisory or investment management and related agreements, these fees are generally called semi-annually in advance and are recognized as earned over the subsequent six month period. For certain longer-dated carry funds, management fees are called quarterly over the life of the funds.

Within the Global Credit segment, for CLOs and other structured products, management fees generally range from 0.4% to 0.5% based on the total par amount of assets or the aggregate principal amount of the notes in the CLO and are due quarterly based on the terms and recognized over the respective period. Management fees for the CLOs and other structured products are governed by indentures and collateral management agreements. The Partnership will receive management fees for the CLOs until redemption of the securities issued by the CLOs, which is generally five to ten years after issuance. Management fees for the business development companies are due quarterly in arrears at annual rates that range from 1.25% of invested capital to 1.5% of gross assets, excluding cash and cash equivalents.

Management fees for the Partnership's private equity and real estate carry fund vehicles in the Investment Solutions segment generally range from 0.25% to 1.0% on the vehicle's capital commitments during the commitment fee period of the relevant fund or the weighted-average investment period of the underlying funds. Following the expiration of the commitment fee period or weighted-average investment period of such funds, the management fees generally range from 0.25% to 1.0% on (i) the lower of cost or fair value of the capital invested, (ii) the net asset value for unrealized investments, or (iii) the contributions for unrealized investments; however, certain separately managed accounts earn management fees at all times on contributions for unrealized investments or on the initial commitment amount. Management fees for the Investment Solutions carry fund vehicles are generally due quarterly and recognized over the related quarter.

As of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, management fee receivables were \$76.2 million and \$47.7 million, respectively, and are included in due from affiliates and other receivables, net, in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Partnership also provides transaction advisory and portfolio advisory services to the portfolio companies, and where covered by separate contractual agreements, recognizes fees for these services when the service has been provided and collection is reasonably assured. Fund management fees includes transaction and portfolio advisory fees of \$50.5 million, \$43.6 million and \$47.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, net of any offsets as defined in the respective partnership agreements. Fund management fees exclude the reimbursement of any partnership expenses paid by the Partnership on behalf of the Carlyle funds pursuant to the limited partnership agreements, including amounts related to the pursuit of actual, proposed, or unconsummated investments, professional fees, expenses associated with the acquisition, holding and disposition of investments, and other fund administrative expenses. For the professional fees that the Partnership arranges for the investment funds, the Partnership concluded that the nature of its promise is to arrange for the services to be provided and it does not control the services provided by third parties before they are transferred to the customer. Therefore, the Partnership concluded it is acting in the capacity of an agent. Accordingly, the reimbursement for these professional fees paid on behalf of the investment funds is presented on a net basis in general, administrative and other expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

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The Partnership also incurs certain costs, primarily employee travel and entertainment costs, employee compensation and systems costs, for which it receives reimbursement from the investment funds in connection with its performance obligation to provide investment and management services. For reimbursable travel, compensation and systems costs, the Partnership concluded it controls the services provided by its employees and the resources used to develop applicable systems before they are transferred to the customer and therefore is a principal. Accordingly, the reimbursement for these costs incurred by the Partnership to manage the fund limited partnerships are presented on a gross basis in interest and other income in the consolidated statements of operations and the expense in general, administrative and other expenses or cash-based compensation and benefits expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

***Incentive Fees***

In connection with management contracts from certain of its Global Credit funds, the Partnership is also entitled to receive performance-based incentive fees when the return on assets under management exceeds certain benchmark returns or other performance targets. In such arrangements, incentive fees are recognized when the performance benchmark has been achieved. Incentive fees are variable consideration because they are contingent upon the investment vehicle achieving stipulated investment return hurdles. Investment returns are highly susceptible to market factors outside of the Partnership's influence. Accordingly, incentive fees are constrained until all uncertainty is resolved. Estimates of future period incentive fees are generally not included in the transaction price because these estimates are constrained. The transaction price for incentive fees is generally the amount determined at the end of each accounting period to which they relate because that is when the uncertainty for that period is resolved, as these fees are not subject to clawback.

***Investment Income (Loss), including Performance Allocations***

Investment income (loss) represents the unrealized and realized gains and losses resulting from the Partnership's equity method investments, including any associated general partner performance allocations, and other principal investments, including CLOs.

General partner performance allocations consist of the allocation of profits from certain of the funds to which the Partnership is entitled (commonly known as carried interest).

For closed-end carry funds in the Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets and Global Credit segments, the Partnership is generally entitled to a 20% allocation (or 10% to 20% on certain longer-dated carry funds, certain credit funds, and external co-investment vehicles, or approximately 2% to 10% for most of the recent Investment Solutions carry fund vehicles) of the net realized income or gain as a carried interest after returning the invested capital, the allocation of preferred returns of generally 7% to 9% (or 4% to 7% for certain longer-dated carry funds) and return of certain fund costs (generally subject to catch-up provisions as set forth in the fund limited partnership agreement). Carried interest is recognized upon appreciation of the funds' investment values above certain return hurdles set forth in each respective partnership agreement. The Partnership recognizes revenues attributable to performance allocations based upon the amount that would be due pursuant to the fund partnership agreement at each period end as if the funds were terminated at that date. Accordingly, the amount recognized as performance allocations reflects the Partnership's share of the gains and losses of the associated funds' underlying investments measured at their then-current fair values relative to the fair values as of the end of the prior period. Because of the inherent uncertainty, these estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and it is reasonably possible that the difference could be material.

Carried interest is ultimately realized when: (i) an underlying investment is profitably disposed of, (ii) certain costs borne by the limited partner investors have been reimbursed, (iii) the fund's cumulative returns are in excess of the preferred return and (iv) the Partnership has decided to collect carry rather than return additional capital to limited partner investors. Realized carried interest may be required to be returned by the Partnership in future periods if the funds' investment values decline below certain levels. When the fair value of a fund's investments remains constant or falls below certain return hurdles, previously recognized performance allocations are reversed. In all cases, each fund is considered separately in this regard, and for a given fund, performance allocations can never be negative over the life of a fund. If upon a hypothetical liquidation of a fund's investments at their then current fair values, previously recognized and distributed carried interest would be required to be returned, a liability is established for the potential giveback obligation. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership has recognized \$63.2 million and \$66.8 million, respectively, for giveback obligations.

Principal investment income (loss) is realized when the Partnership redeems all or a portion of its investment or when the Partnership receives or is due cash income, such as dividends or distributions. Principal investment income (loss) also

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includes the Partnership's allocation of earnings from its investments in Fortitude Re and, as it relates to the Partnership's investments in NGP (see Note 5), the related amortization of the basis difference between the Partnership's carrying value of its investment and the Partnership's share of underlying net assets of the investee, as well as the compensation expense associated with compensatory arrangements provided by the Partnership to employees of its equity method investee. Unrealized principal investment income (loss) results from changes in the fair value of the underlying investment as well as the reversal of unrealized gain (loss) at the time an investment is realized.

**Interest Income**

Interest income is recognized when earned. For debt securities representing non-investment grade beneficial interests in securitizations, the effective yield is determined based on the estimated cash flows of the security. Changes in the effective yield of these securities due to changes in estimated cash flows are recognized on a prospective basis as adjustments to interest income in future periods. Interest income earned by the Partnership is included in interest and other income in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Interest income of the Consolidated Funds was \$207.2 million, \$167.3 million and \$140.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and is included in interest and other income of Consolidated Funds in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

**Compensation and Benefits**

*Cash-based Compensation and Benefits* – Cash-based compensation and benefits includes salaries, bonuses (discretionary awards and guaranteed amounts), performance payment arrangements and benefits paid and payable to Carlyle employees. Bonuses are accrued over the service period to which they relate.

*Equity-Based Compensation* – Compensation expense relating to the issuance of equity-based awards to Carlyle employees is measured at fair value on the grant date. In June 2018, the Partnership adopted ASU 2018-7, *Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting*, which aligned the accounting for non-employee equity-based awards with the accounting for employee equity-based awards, retroactive to January 1, 2018. The compensation expense for awards that vest over a future service period is recognized over the relevant service period on a straight-line basis. The compensation expense for awards that do not require future service is recognized immediately. Cash settled equity-based awards are classified as liabilities and are re-measured at the end of each reporting period. The compensation expense for awards that contain performance conditions is recognized when it is probable that the performance conditions will be achieved; in certain instances, such compensation expense may be recognized prior to the grant date of the award.

Equity-based awards issued to non-employees are recognized as general, administrative and other expenses, except to the extent they are recognized as part of equity method earnings because they are issued to employees of the Partnership's equity method investees.

The Partnership recognizes equity-based award forfeitures in the period they occur as a reversal of previously recognized compensation expense. The reduction in compensation expense is determined based on the specific awards forfeited during that period. Furthermore, the Partnership recognizes all excess tax benefits and deficiencies as income tax benefit or expense in the consolidated statement of operations.

*Performance Allocations and Incentive Fee Related Compensation* – A portion of the performance allocations and incentive fees earned is due to employees and advisors of the Partnership. These amounts are accounted for as compensation expense in conjunction with the recognition of the related performance allocations and incentive fee revenue and, until paid, are recognized as a component of the accrued compensation and benefits liability. Accordingly, upon a reversal of performance allocations or incentive fee revenue, the related compensation expense, if any, is also reversed. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership had recorded a liability of \$1.8 billion and \$1.9 billion, respectively, related to the portion of accrued performance allocations and incentive fees due to employees and advisors, respectively, which was included in accrued compensation and benefits in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

**Income Taxes**

Certain of the wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Partnership and the Carlyle Holdings partnerships are subject to federal, state, local and foreign corporate income taxes at the entity level and the related tax provision attributable to the Partnership's share of this income is reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Based on applicable federal, foreign, state and local tax laws, the Partnership records a provision for income taxes for certain entities. Tax positions taken by the Partnership are subject to periodic audit by U.S. federal, state, local and foreign taxing authorities.

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The Partnership accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement reporting and the tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the period in which the difference is expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in the period of the change in the provision for income taxes. Further, deferred tax assets are recognized for the expected realization of available net operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. A valuation allowance is recorded on the Partnership's gross deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that such asset will not be realized. When evaluating the realizability of the Partnership's deferred tax assets, all evidence, both positive and negative is evaluated. Items considered in this analysis include the ability to carry back losses, the reversal of temporary differences, tax planning strategies, and expectations of future earnings.

Under U.S. GAAP for income taxes, the amount of tax benefit to be recognized is the amount of benefit that is "more likely than not" to be sustained upon examination. The Partnership analyzes its tax filing positions in all of the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns, as well as for all open tax years in these jurisdictions. If, based on this analysis, the Partnership determines that uncertainties in tax positions exist, a liability is established, which is included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the consolidated financial statements. The Partnership recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax positions in the provision for income taxes. If recognized, the entire amount of unrecognized tax positions would be recorded as a reduction in the provision for income taxes.

**Tax Receivable Agreement**

Exchanges of Carlyle Holdings partnership units for the Partnership's common units that are executed by the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships result in transfers of and increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of Carlyle Holdings, primarily attributable to a portion of the goodwill inherent in the business. These transfers and increases in tax basis will increase (for tax purposes) depreciation and amortization and therefore reduce the amount of tax that certain of the Partnership's subsidiaries, including Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., which are referred to as the "corporate taxpayers," would otherwise be required to pay in the future. This increase in tax basis may also decrease gain (or increase loss) on future dispositions of certain capital assets to the extent tax basis is allocated to those capital assets. The Partnership has entered into a tax receivable agreement with the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships whereby the corporate taxpayers have agreed to pay to the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships involved in any exchange transaction 85% of the amount of cash tax savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state and local income tax or foreign or franchise tax that the corporate taxpayers realize as a result of these increases in tax basis and, in limited cases, transfers or prior increases in tax basis. The corporate taxpayers expect to benefit from the remaining 15% of cash tax savings, if any, in income tax they realize. Payments under the tax receivable agreement will be based on the tax reporting positions that the Partnership will determine. The corporate taxpayers will not be reimbursed for any payments previously made under the tax receivable agreement if a tax basis increase is successfully challenged by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Partnership records an increase in deferred tax assets for the estimated income tax effects of the increases in tax basis based on enacted federal and state tax rates at the date of the exchange. To the extent that the Partnership estimates that the corporate taxpayers will not realize the full benefit represented by the deferred tax asset, based on an analysis that will consider, among other things, its expectation of future earnings, the Partnership will reduce the deferred tax asset with a valuation allowance and will assess the probability that the related liability owed under the tax receivable agreement will be paid. The Partnership records 85% of the estimated realizable tax benefit (which is the recorded deferred tax asset less any recorded valuation allowance) as an increase to the liability due under the tax receivable agreement, which is included in due to affiliates in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The remaining 15% of the estimated realizable tax benefit is initially recorded as an increase to the Partnership's partners' capital.

All of the effects to the deferred tax asset of changes in any of the Partnership's estimates after the tax year of the exchange will be reflected in the provision for income taxes. Similarly, the effect of subsequent changes in the enacted tax rates will be reflected in the provision for income taxes.

**Non-controlling Interests**

Non-controlling interests in consolidated entities represent the component of equity in consolidated entities held by third-party investors. These interests are adjusted for general partner allocations and by subscriptions and redemptions in hedge

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funds which occur during the reporting period. Any change in ownership of a subsidiary while the controlling financial interest is retained is accounted for as an equity transaction between the controlling and non-controlling interests. Transaction costs incurred in connection with such changes in ownership of a subsidiary are recorded as a direct charge to partners' capital.

Non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings relate to the ownership interests of the other limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. The Partnership, through wholly-owned subsidiaries, is the sole general partner of Carlyle Holdings. Accordingly, the Partnership consolidates Carlyle Holdings into its consolidated financial statements, and the other ownership interests in Carlyle Holdings are reflected as non-controlling interests in the Partnership's consolidated financial statements. Any change to the Partnership's ownership interest in Carlyle Holdings while it retains the controlling financial interest in Carlyle Holdings is accounted for as a transaction within partners' capital as a reallocation of ownership interests in Carlyle Holdings.

**Earnings Per Common Unit**

The Partnership computes earnings per common unit in accordance with ASC 260, *Earnings Per Share* ("ASC 260"). Basic earnings per common unit is calculated by dividing net income (loss) attributable to the common units of the Partnership by the weighted-average number of common units outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per common unit reflects the assumed conversion of all dilutive securities. Net income (loss) attributable to the common units excludes net income (loss) and dividends attributable to any participating securities under the two-class method of ASC 260.

**Investments**

Investments include (i) the Partnership's ownership interests (typically general partner interests) in the Funds, (ii) strategic investments made by the Partnership (both of which are accounted for as equity method investments), (iii) the investments held by the Consolidated Funds (which are presented at fair value in the Partnership's consolidated financial statements), and (iv) certain credit-oriented investments, including investments in the CLOs (which are accounted for as trading securities).

The valuation procedures utilized for investments of the Funds vary depending on the nature of the investment. The fair value of investments in publicly-traded securities is based on the closing price of the security with adjustments to reflect appropriate discounts if the securities are subject to restrictions.

The fair value of non-equity securities or other investments, which may include instruments that are not listed on an exchange, considers, among other factors, external pricing sources, such as dealer quotes or independent pricing services, recent trading activity or other information that, in the opinion of the Partnership, may not have been reflected in pricing obtained from external sources.

When valuing private securities or assets without readily determinable market prices, the Partnership gives consideration to operating results, financial condition, economic and/or market events, recent sales prices and other pertinent information. These valuation procedures may vary by investment, but include such techniques as comparable public market valuation, comparable acquisition valuation and discounted cash flow analysis. Because of the inherent uncertainty, these estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and it is reasonably possible that the difference could be material. Furthermore, there is no assurance that, upon liquidation, the Partnership will realize the values presented herein.

Upon the sale of a security or other investment, the realized net gain or loss is computed on a weighted average cost basis, with the exception of the investments held by the CLOs, which compute the realized net gain or loss on a first in, first out basis. Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis.

The Partnership accounts for all investments in which it has or is otherwise presumed to have significant influence, including investments in the unconsolidated Funds and strategic investments, using the equity method of accounting. The carrying value of equity-method investments is determined based on amounts invested by the Partnership, adjusted for the equity in earnings or losses of the investee (including performance allocations) allocated based on the respective partnership agreement, less distributions received. The Partnership evaluates its equity method investments for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of such investments may not be recoverable.

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**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash held at banks and cash held for distributions, including investments with original maturities of less than three months when purchased.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents Held at Consolidated Funds**

Cash and cash equivalents held at Consolidated Funds consists of cash and cash equivalents held by the Consolidated Funds, which, although not legally restricted, is not available to fund the general liquidity needs of the Partnership.

**Restricted Cash**

Restricted cash primarily represents cash held by the Partnership's subsidiaries due to certain government regulatory capital requirements as well as certain amounts held on behalf of Carlyle funds.

**Corporate Treasury Investments**

Corporate treasury investments represent investments in U.S. Treasury and government agency obligations, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, other investment grade securities and other investments with original maturities of greater than three months when purchased. These investments are accounted for as trading securities in which changes in the fair value of each investment are recorded through investment income (loss). Any interest earned on debt investments is recorded through interest and other income.

**Derivative Instruments**

The Partnership uses derivative instruments primarily to reduce its exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Derivative instruments are recognized at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets with changes in fair value recognized in the consolidated statements of operations for all derivatives not designated as hedging instruments.

**Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets consist of furniture, fixtures and equipment, leasehold improvements, and computer hardware and software and are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is recognized on a straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives, which for leasehold improvements are the lesser of the lease terms or the life of the asset, and three to seven years for other fixed assets. Fixed assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable.

**Intangible Assets and Goodwill**

The Partnership's intangible assets consist of acquired contractual rights to earn future fee income, including management and advisory fees, customer relationships, and acquired trademarks. Finite-lived intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, which range from four to ten years, and are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable.

Goodwill represents the excess of cost over the identifiable net assets of businesses acquired and is recorded in the functional currency of the acquired entity. Goodwill is recognized as an asset and is reviewed for impairment annually as of October 1st and between annual tests when events and circumstances indicate that impairment may have occurred.

**Deferred Revenue**

Deferred revenue represents management fees and other revenue received prior to the balance sheet date, which has not yet been earned. The increase in the deferred revenue balance for the year ended December 31, 2018 was primarily driven by cash payments received in advance of satisfying the Partnership's performance obligations, partially offset by revenues recognized that were included in the deferred revenue balance at the beginning of the period.



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**Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The Partnership's accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is comprised of foreign currency translation adjustments and gains and losses on defined benefit plans sponsored by AlpInvest. The components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
(Dollars in millions)		
Currency translation adjustments	\$ (79.7)	\$ (68.8)
Unrealized losses on defined benefit plans	(4.6)	(3.9)
Fortitude Re available-for-sale securities	1.0	—
Total	<u>\$ (83.3)</u>	<u>\$ (72.7)</u>

**Foreign Currency Translation**

Non-U.S. dollar denominated assets and liabilities are translated at period-end rates of exchange, and the consolidated statements of operations are translated at rates of exchange in effect throughout the period. Foreign currency gains resulting from transactions outside of the functional currency of an entity of \$1.8 million, \$3.9 million and \$26.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, are included in general, administrative and other expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In August 2018, the SEC adopted amendments to certain disclosure requirements in Securities Act Release No. 33-10532, *Disclosure Update and Simplification*. The amendments became effective on November 5, 2018. Among the amendments is the requirement to present the changes in shareholders' equity in the interim financial statements (either in a separate statement or footnote) in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. The Partnership will include disclosure of the changes in partners' capital in its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q beginning in 2019.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards Adopted as of January 1, 2018

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-7, *Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. ASU 2018-7 aligns the measurement and classification for share-based payments to non-employees with the accounting guidance for share-based payments to employees. Among other requirements, the measurement of non-employee awards will now be fixed at the grant date, rather than remeasured at every reporting date. The guidance is effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2019, however early adoption is permitted. The Partnership adopted this standard retroactive to January 1, 2018 and the impact of this guidance was not material to the financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-1, *Business Combinations (Topic 805) - Clarifying the Definition of a Business*. ASU 2017-01 changes the criteria for determining whether a group of assets acquired is a business. Specifically, when substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets, the assets acquired would not be considered a business. The guidance was effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2018 and is required to be applied prospectively. This guidance will impact the Partnership's analysis of the accounting for any future acquisitions occurring after the date of adoption.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230) - Restricted Cash*. ASU 2016-18 clarifies the presentation of restricted cash in the statement of cash flows by requiring the amounts described as restricted cash be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning of period and end of period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. If cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash are presented separately on the statement of financial position, a reconciliation of these separate line items to the total cash amount included in the statement of cash flows will be required either in the footnotes or on the face of the statement of cash flows. The guidance was effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2018 and ASU 2016-18 requires the guidance to be applied using a retrospective transition method. The Partnership reflected this change in presentation of restricted cash in these financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230) - Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*. ASU 2016-15 clarifies the classification of several discrete cash flow issues, including the

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treatment of cash distributions from equity method investments. The guidance was effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2018 and ASU 2016-15 requires the guidance to be applied using a retrospective transition method. The impact of this guidance was not material to the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards Effective on January 1, 2019

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-2, *Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*. ASU 2018-2 allows a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to partners' capital for stranded effects resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The guidance is effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2019 and the Partnership adopted this guidance on that date. The impact of this guidance was not material to the Partnership.

In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-12, *Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815) - Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities*. ASU 2017-12, among other things, permits hedge accounting for risk components in hedging relationships to now involve nonfinancial risk components and requires an entity to present the earnings effect of the hedging instrument in the same income statement line item in which the earnings effect of the hedge item is reported. The guidance is effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2019 and requires cash flow hedges and net investment hedges existing at the date of adoption to apply a cumulative effect adjustment to eliminate the measurement of ineffectiveness to accumulated other comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to the opening balance of partners' capital as of the beginning of the fiscal year that an entity adopts the guidance. The amended presentation and disclosure guidance is required only prospectively. The Partnership adopted this guidance on January 1, 2019 and the impact was not material.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-2, *Leases (Topic 842)*. ASU 2016-2 requires lessees to recognize virtually all of their leases on the balance sheet by recording a right-of-use asset and a lease liability. The lease liability will be measured at the present value of lease payments and the right-of-use asset will be based on the lease liability value, subject to adjustments. Leases can be classified as either operating leases or finance leases. Operating leases will result in straight-line lease expense, while finance leases will result in front-loaded expense. This guidance is effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2019 and is required to be applied using a modified retrospective method. The Partnership is finalizing implementation activities and expects total assets to increase \$200 - \$250 million and total liabilities to increase \$270 - \$320 million on its consolidated balance sheet upon adoption of this guidance. The Partnership does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on operating results. The Partnership is electing to use the practical expedients available under the transition provisions under which the Partnership would not need to reassess whether an arrangement is or contains a lease, lease classification, and the accounting for initial direct costs. The Partnership is also electing the recent transition option provided by the FASB, which allows entities to not apply ASC 842 in the comparative periods presented in the financial statements in the year of adoption.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards Effective on January 1, 2020

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820) - Disclosure Framework - Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement*. ASU 2018-13 eliminates, adds and modifies certain disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. This guidance is effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2020 and early adoption is permitted. The Partnership is currently assessing the potential impact of this guidance to the fair value disclosures.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-4, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350) - Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*. ASU 2017-04 simplifies an entity's annual goodwill test for impairment by eliminating the requirement to calculate the implied fair value of goodwill, and instead an entity should compare the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. The impairment charge will then be the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. An entity would still have the option to perform a qualitative assessment for a reporting unit to determine if the quantitative impairment test is necessary. The guidance is effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2020 and requires the guidance to be applied using a prospective transition method. Early adoption is permitted. The Partnership does not expect the impact of this guidance to be material.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Accounting for Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326)*. ASU 2016-13 requires an organization to measure all expected credit losses for financial assets held at the reporting date based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Currently, GAAP requires an "incurred loss" methodology that delays recognition until it is probable a loss has been incurred. Under the new standard, the allowance for credit losses must be deducted from the amortized cost of the financial asset to present the net amount expected to be collected.

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The income statement will reflect the measurement of credit losses for newly recognized financial assets as well as the expected increases or decreases of expected credit losses that have taken place during the period. This provision of the guidance requires a modified retrospective transition method and will result in a cumulative-effect adjustment in retained earnings upon adoption. This guidance is effective for the Partnership on January 1, 2020 and early adoption is permitted. The Partnership is currently assessing the potential impact of this guidance.

**3. Acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners**

On December 19, 2018, the Partnership acquired 100% of the equity interests in Apollo Aviation Group, a Miami, Florida-based multi-strategy investment manager that is engaged in commercial aviation aircraft financing and investment and providing investment management services related to the commercial aviation industry. Upon closing, Apollo Aviation Group was renamed Carlyle Aviation Partners, Ltd. ("Carlyle Aviation Partners") and is included in the Partnership's Global Credit business segment. Carlyle Aviation Partners has \$5.8 billion in assets under management with an investor base that is predominantly institutional, including public and private pension funds, family offices and endowments. The purchase price consisted of \$74.5 million in cash. The transaction also included an earn-out of up to \$150.0 million that is payable upon the achievement of certain revenue and earnings performance targets during 2020 through 2025, which will be accounted for as compensation expense. The Partnership consolidated the financial position and results of operations of Carlyle Aviation Partners effective December 19, 2018 and accounted for this transaction as a business combination. In connection with this transaction, the Partnership incurred approximately \$4.3 million of acquisition costs that were recorded as an expense for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The acquisition-date fair value of the consideration transferred for the Carlyle Aviation Partners acquisition, and the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date are as follows (Dollars in millions):

Acquisition-date fair value of consideration transferred		
Cash	\$	74.5
Estimated fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed		
Cash and receivables		11.3
Investments and accrued performance allocations		47.2
Net fixed assets and other assets		2.2
Finite-lived intangible assets - contractual rights		48.0
Goodwill		4.6
Accrued expenses and accrued compensation and benefits		(25.4)
Deferred tax liabilities		(3.7)
Other liabilities		(9.7)
Total	\$	<u>74.5</u>

The finite-lived intangible assets are amortized over a period ranging from four to eight years.

The amount of revenue and earnings of Carlyle Aviation Partners since the acquisition date and the pro forma impact to the Partnership's consolidated financial results for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 as if the acquisition had been consummated as of January 1, 2017, was not significant.

**4. Fair Value Measurement**

The fair value measurement accounting guidance establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework which ranks the observability of market price inputs used in measuring financial instruments at fair value. The observability of inputs is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, the characteristics specific to the financial instrument and the state of the marketplace, including the existence and transparency of transactions between market participants. Financial instruments with readily available quoted prices, or for which fair value can be measured from quoted prices in active markets, will generally have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment applied in determining fair value.

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Financial instruments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed based on the observability of inputs used in the determination of fair values, as follows:

*Level I* – inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices available in active markets for identical instruments as of the reporting date. The type of financial instruments in this category include unrestricted securities, such as equities and derivatives, listed in active markets. The Partnership does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments, even in situations where the Partnership holds a large position and a sale could reasonably impact the quoted price.

*Level II* – inputs to the valuation methodology are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. The types of financial instruments in this category include less liquid and restricted securities listed in active markets, securities traded in other than active markets, government and agency securities, and certain over-the-counter derivatives where the fair value is based on observable inputs.

*Level III* – inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to overall fair value measurement. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. The types of financial instruments in this category include investments in privately-held entities, non-investment grade residual interests in securitizations, collateralized loan obligations, and certain over-the-counter derivatives where the fair value is based on unobservable inputs.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the determination of which category within the fair value hierarchy is appropriate for any given financial instrument is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Partnership's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the financial instrument.

In certain cases, debt and equity securities are valued on the basis of prices from an orderly transaction between market participants provided by reputable dealers or pricing services. In determining the value of a particular investment, pricing services may use certain information with respect to transactions in such investments, quotations from dealers, pricing matrices, market transactions in comparable investments and various relationships between investments.

The following table summarizes the Partnership's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by the above fair value hierarchy levels as of December 31, 2018:

	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total
<b>Assets</b>	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>			
Investments of Consolidated Funds:				
Bonds	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 690.1	\$ 690.1
Loans	—	—	4,596.5	4,596.5
	—	—	5,286.6	5,286.6
Investments in CLOs and other	—	—	446.4	446.4
Corporate treasury investments				
Bonds	—	29.2	—	29.2
Commercial paper and other	—	22.5	—	22.5
	—	51.7	—	51.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 51.7</b>	<b>\$ 5,733.0</b>	<b>\$ 5,784.7</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,840.1	\$ 4,840.1
Contingent consideration	—	—	1.0	1.0
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	1.4	—	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 1.4</b>	<b>\$ 4,841.1</b>	<b>\$ 4,842.5</b>

(1) Senior and subordinated notes issued by CLO vehicles are classified based on the more observable fair value of the CLO financial assets, less (i) the fair value of any beneficial interests held by the Partnership and (ii) the carrying value of any beneficial interests that represent compensation for services.

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The following table summarizes the Partnership's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by the above fair value hierarchy levels as of December 31, 2017:

	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
(Dollars in millions)				
Investments of Consolidated Funds:				
Equity securities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7.9	\$ 7.9
Bonds	—	—	413.4	413.4
Loans	—	—	4,112.7	4,112.7
Other	—	—	0.3	0.3
	—	—	4,534.3	4,534.3
Investments in CLOs and other	—	—	405.4	405.4
Corporate treasury investments				
Bonds	—	194.1	—	194.1
Commercial paper and other	—	182.2	—	182.2
	—	376.3	—	376.3
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	0.4	—	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 376.7</b>	<b>\$ 4,939.7</b>	<b>\$ 5,316.4</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,303.8	\$ 4,303.8
Contingent consideration	—	—	1.0	1.0
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	1.2	—	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 1.2</b>	<b>\$ 4,304.8</b>	<b>\$ 4,306.0</b>

- (1) Senior and subordinated notes issued by CLO vehicles are classified based on the more observable fair value of the CLO financial assets, less (i) the fair value of any beneficial interests held by the Partnership and (ii) the carrying value of any beneficial interests that represent compensation for services.

There were no transfers from Level II to Level I during the year ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Investment professionals with responsibility for the underlying investments are responsible for preparing the investment valuations pursuant to the policies, methodologies and templates prepared by the Partnership's valuation group, which is a team made up of dedicated valuation professionals reporting to the Partnership's chief accounting officer. The valuation group is responsible for maintaining the Partnership's valuation policy and related guidance, templates and systems that are designed to be consistent with the guidance found in ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*. These valuations, inputs and preliminary conclusions are reviewed by the fund accounting teams. The valuations are then reviewed and approved by the respective fund valuation subcommittees, which include the respective fund head(s), segment head, chief financial officer and chief accounting officer, as well as members of the valuation group. The valuation group compiles the aggregate results and significant matters and presents them for review and approval by the global valuation committee, which includes the Partnership's co-executive chairmen of the board, chairman emeritus, co-chief executive officers, chief risk officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, co-chief investment officer and the business segment heads, and observed by the chief compliance officer, the director of internal audit, the Partnership's audit committee and others. Additionally, each quarter a sample of valuations are reviewed by external valuation firms.

In the absence of observable market prices, the Partnership values its investments using valuation methodologies applied on a consistent basis. For some investments little market activity may exist. Management's determination of fair value is then based on the best information available in the circumstances and may incorporate management's own assumptions and involve a significant degree of judgment, taking into consideration a combination of internal and external factors, including the appropriate risk adjustments for non-performance and liquidity risks. Investments for which market prices are not observable include private

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investments in the equity of operating companies and real estate properties, and certain debt positions. The valuation technique for each of these investments is described below:

*Private Equity and Real Estate Investments* – The fair values of private equity investments are determined by reference to projected net earnings, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”), the discounted cash flow method, public market or private transactions, valuations for comparable companies or sales of comparable assets, and other measures which, in many cases, are unaudited at the time received. The methods used to estimate the fair value of real estate investments include the discounted cash flow method and/or capitalization rate (“cap rate”) analysis. Valuations may be derived by reference to observable valuation measures for comparable companies or transactions (e.g., applying a key performance metric of the investment such as EBITDA or net operating income to a relevant valuation multiple or cap rate observed in the range of comparable companies or transactions), adjusted by management for differences between the investment and the referenced comparables, and in some instances by reference to option pricing models or other similar models. Adjustments to observable valuation measures are frequently made upon the initial investment to calibrate the initial investment valuation to industry observable inputs. Such adjustments are made to align the investment to observable industry inputs for differences in size, profitability, projected growth rates, geography and capital structure if applicable. The adjustments are reviewed with each subsequent valuation to assess how the investment has evolved relative to the observable inputs. Additionally, the investment may be subject to certain specific risks and/or development milestones which are also taken into account in the valuation assessment. Option pricing models and similar tools do not currently drive a significant portion of private equity or real estate valuations and are used primarily to value warrants, derivatives, certain restrictions and other atypical investment instruments.

*Credit-Oriented Investments* – The fair values of credit-oriented investments (including corporate treasury investments) are generally determined on the basis of prices between market participants provided by reputable dealers or pricing services. In determining the value of a particular investment, pricing services may use certain information with respect to transactions in such investments, quotations from dealers, pricing matrices, market transactions in comparable investments and various relationships between investments. Specifically, for investments in distressed debt and corporate loans and bonds, the fair values are generally determined by valuations of comparable investments. In some instances, the Partnership may utilize other valuation techniques, including the discounted cash flow method.

*CLO Investments and CLO Loans Payable* – The Partnership measures the financial liabilities of its consolidated CLOs based on the fair value of the financial assets of its consolidated CLOs, as the Partnership believes the fair value of the financial assets are more observable. The fair values of the CLO loan and bond assets are primarily based on quotations from reputable dealers or relevant pricing services. In situations where valuation quotations are unavailable, the assets are valued based on similar securities, market index changes, and other factors. The Partnership corroborates quotations from pricing services either with other available pricing data or with its own models. Generally, the loan and bond assets of the CLOs are not actively traded and are classified as Level III. The fair values of the CLO structured asset positions are determined based on both discounted cash flow analyses and third party quotes. Those analyses consider the position size, liquidity, current financial condition of the CLOs, the third party financing environment, reinvestment rates, recovery lags, discount rates and default forecasts and are compared to broker quotations from market makers and third party dealers.

The Partnership measures the CLO loan payables held by third party beneficial interest holders on the basis of the fair value of the financial assets of the CLO and the beneficial interests held by the Partnership. The Partnership continues to measure the CLO loans payable that it holds at fair value based on both discounted cash flow analyses and third-party quotes, as described above.

*Loans Payable of a Real Estate VIE* – Prior to its deconsolidation in 2017, the Partnership elected the fair value option to measure the loans payable of a real estate VIE at fair value. The fair values of the loans were primarily based on discounted cash flow analyses, which considered the liquidity and current financial condition of the real estate VIE. These loans were classified as Level III.

*Fund Investments* – The Partnership’s investments in external funds are valued based on its proportionate share of the net assets provided by the third party general partners of the underlying fund partnerships based on the most recent available information which typically has a lag of up to 90 days. The terms of the investments generally preclude the ability to redeem the investment. Distributions from these investments will be received as the underlying assets in the funds are liquidated, the timing of which cannot be readily determined.

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The changes in financial instruments measured at fair value for which the Partnership has used Level III inputs to determine fair value are as follows (Dollars in millions):

	Financial Assets Year Ended December 31, 2018					
	Investments of Consolidated Funds				Investments in CLOs and other	Total
	Equity securities	Bonds	Loans	Other		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 7.9	\$ 413.4	\$ 4,112.7	\$ 0.3	\$ 405.4	\$ 4,939.7
Purchases	0.1	706.4	3,017.3	—	78.5	3,802.3
Sales and distributions	(13.7)	(366.6)	(1,400.3)	(0.3)	(39.2)	(1,820.1)
Settlements	—	—	(882.0)	—	—	(882.0)
Realized and unrealized gains (losses), net						
Included in earnings	5.9	(36.2)	(73.2)	—	10.0	(93.5)
Included in other comprehensive income	(0.2)	(26.9)	(178.0)	—	(8.3)	(213.4)
Balance, end of period	\$ —	\$ 690.1	\$ 4,596.5	\$ —	\$ 446.4	\$ 5,733.0
Changes in unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings related to financial assets still held at the reporting date	\$ —	\$ (34.4)	\$ (55.0)	\$ —	\$ 10.0	\$ (79.4)

	Financial Assets Year Ended December 31, 2017					
	Investments of Consolidated Funds				Investments in CLOs and other	Total
	Equity securities	Bonds	Loans	Other		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 10.3	\$ 396.4	\$ 3,485.6	\$ 1.4	\$ 152.6	\$ 4,046.3
Purchases	0.1	280.6	2,594.3	—	255.8	3,130.8
Sales and distributions	(27.0)	(310.9)	(1,223.9)	(3.0)	(28.2)	(1,593.0)
Settlements	—	—	(1,084.1)	—	—	(1,084.1)
Realized and unrealized gains (losses), net						
Included in earnings	23.5	(7.5)	16.6	1.7	12.2	46.5
Included in other comprehensive	1.0	54.8	324.2	0.2	13.0	393.2
Balance, end of period	\$ 7.9	\$ 413.4	\$ 4,112.7	\$ 0.3	\$ 405.4	\$ 4,939.7
Changes in unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings related to financial assets still held at the reporting date	\$ 6.7	\$ (5.0)	\$ 18.5	\$ —	\$ 11.3	\$ 31.5

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Financial Liabilities Year Ended December 31, 2018			
	Loans Payable of Consolidated Funds	Contingent Consideration	Total
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 4,303.8	\$ 1.0	\$ 4,304.8
Borrowings	3,318.1	—	3,318.1
Paydowns	(2,485.7)	(0.1)	(2,485.8)
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses, net			
Included in earnings	(113.2)	0.1	(113.1)
Included in other comprehensive income	(182.9)	—	(182.9)
Balance, end of period	\$ 4,840.1	\$ 1.0	\$ 4,841.1
Changes in unrealized (gains) losses included in earnings related to financial liabilities still held at the reporting date	\$ (93.6)	\$ 0.1	\$ (93.5)

Financial Liabilities Year Ended December 31, 2017				
	Loans Payable of Consolidated Funds	Contingent Consideration	Loans Payable of a consolidated real estate VIE	Total
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 3,866.3	\$ 1.5	\$ 79.4	\$ 3,947.2
Borrowings	2,314.3	—	—	2,314.3
Paydowns	(2,167.1)	(0.7)	(14.3)	(2,182.1)
Deconsolidation of a real estate VIE	—	—	(72.6)	(72.6)
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses, net				
Included in earnings	(61.5)	0.1	3.3	(58.1)
Included in other comprehensive income	351.8	0.1	4.2	356.1
Balance, end of period	\$ 4,303.8	\$ 1.0	\$ —	\$ 4,304.8
Changes in unrealized (gains) losses included in earnings related to financial liabilities still held at the reporting date	\$ (57.0)	\$ 0.1	\$ —	\$ (56.9)

Realized and unrealized gains and losses included in earnings for Level III investments for investments in CLOs and other investments are included in investment income (loss), and such gains and losses for investments of Consolidated Funds and loans payable of the Consolidated Funds are included in net investment gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds in the consolidated statements of operations.

Realized and unrealized gains and losses included in earnings for Level III contingent consideration liabilities are included in other non-operating expense (income), and such gains and losses for loans payable of a real estate VIE are included in interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation in the consolidated statement of operations.

Gains and losses included in other comprehensive income for all Level III financial asset and liabilities are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss, non-controlling interests in consolidated entities and non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings in the consolidated balance sheets.



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The following table summarizes quantitative information about the Partnership's Level III inputs as of December 31, 2018:

<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	Fair Value at December 31, 2018	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Range (Weighted Average)
<b>Assets</b>				
Investments of Consolidated Funds:				
Bonds	\$ 690.1	Consensus Pricing	Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	50 - 104 (94)
Loans	4,596.5	Consensus Pricing	Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	73 - 102 (98)
	<u>5,286.6</u>			
Investments in CLOs and other				
Senior secured notes	392.8	Discounted Cash Flow with Consensus Pricing	Discount Margins (% of Par)	70 - 1,100 (182)
			Default Rates	1% - 3% (2%)
			Recovery Rates	45% - 73% (57%)
			Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	86 - 101 (99)
Subordinated notes and preferred shares	53.6	Discounted Cash Flow with Consensus Pricing	Discount Rate	10% - 12% (11%)
			Default Rates	1% - 3% (2%)
			Recovery Rates	45% - 73% (56%)
			Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	45 - 106 (75)
Total	<u>\$ 5,733.0</u>			
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds:				
Senior secured notes	\$ 4,607.2	Other	N/A	N/A
Subordinated notes and preferred shares	232.9	Discounted Cash Flow with Consensus Pricing	Discount Rates	10% - 12% (11%)
			Default Rates	1% - 3% (2%)
			Recovery Rates	45% - 73% (60%)
			Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	68 - 94 (81)
Contingent consideration	1.0	Other	N/A	N/A
Total	<u>\$ 4,841.1</u>			

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The following table summarizes quantitative information about the Partnership's Level III inputs as of December 31, 2017:

<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	<b>Fair Value at December 31, 2017</b>	<b>Valuation Technique(s)</b>	<b>Unobservable Input(s)</b>	<b>Range (Weighted Average)</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Investments of Consolidated Funds:				
Equity securities	\$ 5.7	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rates	10% - 10% (10%)
	2.2	Consensus Pricing	Indicative Quotes (\$ per share)	0 - 33 (30)
Bonds	413.4	Consensus Pricing	Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	44 - 107 (98)
Loans	4,112.7	Consensus Pricing	Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	64 - 103 (100)
Other	0.3	Counterparty Pricing	Indicative Quotes (% of Notional Amount)	9 - 9 (9)
	<u>4,534.3</u>			
Senior secured notes	357.2	Discounted Cash Flow with Consensus Pricing	Discount Rate	1% - 9% (3%)
			Default Rates	1% - 3% (2%)
			Recovery Rates	50% - 70% (60%)
			Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	98 - 104 (101)
Subordinated notes and preferred shares	48.2	Discounted Cash Flow with Consensus Pricing	Discount Rate	8% - 11% (9%)
			Default Rates	1% - 3% (2%)
			Recovery Rates	50% - 70% (60%)
			Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	63 - 97 (81)
Total	<u>\$ 4,939.7</u>			
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds:				
Senior secured notes <sup>(1)</sup>	4,100.5	Other	N/A	N/A
Subordinated notes and preferred shares <sup>(1)</sup>	26.9	Other	N/A	N/A
	176.4	Discounted Cash Flow with Consensus Pricing	Discount Rates	8% - 11% (10%)
			Default Rates	1% - 3% (2%)
			Recovery Rates	50% - 70% (60%)
			Indicative Quotes (% of Par)	79 - 93 (86)
Contingent consideration	1.0	Other	N/A	N/A
Total	<u>\$ 4,304.8</u>			

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Partnership's investments in equity securities include indicative quotes and discount rates. Significant decreases in indicative quotes in isolation would result in a significantly lower fair value measurement. Significant increases in discount rates in isolation would result in a significantly lower fair value measurement.

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Partnership's investments in bonds and loans are indicative quotes. Significant decreases in indicative quotes in isolation would result in a significantly lower fair value measurement.

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Partnership's investments in CLOs and other investments include discount margins, discount rates, default rates, recovery rates and indicative quotes. Significant decreases in recovery rates or indicative quotes in isolation would result in a significantly lower fair value measurement. Significant increases in discount margins, discount rates or default rates in isolation would result in a significantly lower fair value measurement.

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The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Partnership's loans payable of Consolidated Funds are discount rates, default rates, recovery rates and indicative quotes. Significant increases in discount rates or default rates in isolation would result in a significantly lower fair value measurement. Significant decreases in recovery rates or indicative quotes in isolation would result in a significantly lower fair value measurement.

5. Investments

Investments consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Accrued performance allocations	\$ 3,480.0	\$ 3,664.3
Principal equity method investments, excluding performance allocations	1,765.8	1,218.4
Principal investments in CLOs and other	451.7	405.9
Total investments	<u>\$ 5,697.5</u>	<u>\$ 5,288.6</u>

Accrued Performance Allocations

The components of accrued performance allocations are as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 1,990.2	\$ 2,272.4
Real Assets	654.2	656.7
Global Credit	99.3	50.6
Investment Solutions	736.3	684.6
Total	<u>\$ 3,480.0</u>	<u>\$ 3,664.3</u>

Approximately 24% and 19% of accrued performance allocations at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, are related to Carlyle Partners VI, L.P., one of the Partnership's Corporate Private Equity funds.

Accrued performance allocations are shown gross of the Partnership's accrued performance allocations and incentive fee-related compensation (see Note 8), and accrued giveback obligations, which are separately presented in the consolidated balance sheets. The components of the accrued giveback obligations are as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Corporate Private Equity	\$ (5.0)	\$ (8.7)
Real Assets	(58.2)	(58.1)
Total	<u>\$ (63.2)</u>	<u>\$ (66.8)</u>

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**Principal Equity-Method Investments, Excluding Performance Allocations**

The Partnership's equity method investments include its fund investments in Corporate Private Equity, Real Assets, Global Credit, and Investment Solutions typically as general partner interests, and its strategic investments in NGP (included within Real Assets) and Fortitude Re (included within Global Credit), which are not consolidated. Investments are related to the following segments:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 374.7	\$ 369.5
Real Assets	770.0	775.1
Global Credit	545.0	23.0
Investment Solutions	76.1	50.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,765.8</b>	<b>\$ 1,218.4</b>

The summarized financial information of the Partnership's equity method investees from the date of initial investment is as follows (Dollars in millions):

	Corporate Private Equity			Real Assets			Global Credit			Investment Solutions			Aggregate Totals		
	For the Year Ended December 31,			For the Year Ended December 31,			For the Year Ended December 31,			For the Year Ended December 31,			For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
<b>Statement of operations information</b>															
Investment income	\$ 561.7	\$ 630.8	\$ 532.2	\$ 722.2	\$ 230.4	\$ 679.5	\$ 319.5	\$ 267.7	\$ 167.4	\$ 46.1	\$ 78.6	\$ 107.2	\$ 1,649.5	\$ 1,207.5	\$ 1,486.3
Expenses	865.1	553.3	597.1	582.4	572.4	544.3	145.5	118.8	95.1	672.6	665.5	493.0	2,265.6	1,910.0	1,729.5
Net investment income (loss)	(303.4)	77.5	(64.9)	139.8	(342.0)	135.2	174.0	148.9	72.3	(626.5)	(586.9)	(385.8)	(616.1)	(702.5)	(243.2)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	4,395.5	9,587.4	2,906.8	1,873.6	2,605.6	2,184.2	174.3	(51.5)	(504.6)	3,243.2	2,676.3	2,360.2	9,686.6	14,817.8	6,946.6
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 4,092.1</u>	<u>\$ 9,664.9</u>	<u>\$ 2,841.9</u>	<u>\$ 2,013.4</u>	<u>\$ 2,263.6</u>	<u>\$ 2,319.4</u>	<u>\$ 348.3</u>	<u>\$ 97.4</u>	<u>\$ (432.3)</u>	<u>\$ 2,616.7</u>	<u>\$ 2,089.4</u>	<u>\$ 1,974.4</u>	<u>\$ 9,070.5</u>	<u>\$ 14,115.3</u>	<u>\$ 6,703.4</u>

	Corporate Private Equity		Real Assets		Global Credit		Investment Solutions		Aggregate Totals	
	As of December 31,		As of December 31,		As of December 31,		As of December 31,		As of December 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
<b>Balance sheet information</b>										
Investments	\$ 46,448.0	\$ 42,129.8	\$ 27,717.9	\$ 24,352.0	\$ 45,131.5	\$ 3,873.5	\$ 17,333.9	\$ 16,155.4	\$ 136,631.3	\$ 86,510.7
Total assets	\$ 48,045.2	\$ 44,987.0	\$ 29,141.5	\$ 25,894.9	\$ 46,055.6	\$ 4,050.0	\$ 17,411.5	\$ 16,402.5	\$ 140,653.8	\$ 91,334.4
Debt	\$ 5,444.1	\$ 2,141.8	\$ 3,093.1	\$ 2,633.0	\$ 738.4	\$ 508.1	\$ 252.8	\$ 135.0	\$ 9,528.4	\$ 5,417.9
Other liabilities	\$ 490.2	\$ 693.2	\$ 278.0	\$ 239.6	\$ 38,383.0	\$ 128.7	\$ 317.0	\$ 379.5	\$ 39,468.2	\$ 1,441.0
Total liabilities	\$ 5,934.3	\$ 2,835.0	\$ 3,371.1	\$ 2,872.6	\$ 39,121.4	\$ 636.8	\$ 569.8	\$ 514.5	\$ 48,996.6	\$ 6,858.9
Partners' capital	\$ 42,110.9	\$ 42,152.0	\$ 25,770.4	\$ 23,022.3	\$ 6,934.2	\$ 3,413.2	\$ 16,841.7	\$ 15,888.0	\$ 91,657.2	\$ 84,475.5

**Strategic Investment in Fortitude Re (f/k/a DSA Re)**

On November 13, 2018, the Partnership acquired a 19.9% interest in Fortitude Group Holdings, LLC ("Fortitude Holdings"), a wholly owned subsidiary of American International Group, Inc. ("AIG") (the "Transaction"). Fortitude Holdings owns 100% of the outstanding common shares of Fortitude Reinsurance Company Ltd., a Bermuda domiciled reinsurer (collectively, "Fortitude Re", f/k/a "DSA Re") established to reinsure a portfolio of AIG's legacy life, annuity and property and casualty liabilities. Fortitude Re had approximately \$35 billion in reserves as of December 31, 2018.

Pursuant to the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, the Partnership entered into a strategic asset management relationship with Fortitude Re pursuant to which Fortitude Re, together with certain AIG-affiliated ceding companies it has

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reinsured, committed to allocate assets in asset management strategies and vehicles of the Partnership and its affiliates. If Fortitude Re, together with AIG and its affiliates, fails to allocate an agreed upon amount of assets to the Partnership's asset management strategies and vehicles within 30 to 36 months of the closing of the transaction, the Partnership may be entitled to certain payments from AIG based on the commitment shortfall and assumed customary fee rates.

The Partnership paid \$381 million in cash at closing and expects to pay up to \$95 million in additional deferred consideration following December 31, 2023. If Fortitude Re is unable to distribute a planned non-pro rata dividend to AIG within 18 months following closing, then the Initial Purchase Price may be adjusted upward by up to \$100 million to account for the increased value of Fortitude Re's equity. AIG has also agreed to a post-closing purchase price adjustment pursuant to which AIG will pay affiliates of the Partnership in respect of certain adverse reserve developments in Fortitude Re's property and casualty insurance business, based on an agreed methodology, that occur on or prior to December 31, 2023, up to the value of the Partnership's investment.

In connection with the Transaction, the Partnership also entered into an operating agreement that governs its rights and obligations as an equity holder of Fortitude Re and entitles the Partnership to customary minority protections contingent upon the Partnership maintaining agreed ownership percentages of Fortitude Re.

The Partnership's investment is accounted for under the equity method of accounting and the investment is included in the Global Credit segment. Separately, income from the assets to be managed by the Partnership is included in the segment of the relevant investment fund.

As of December 31, 2018, the Partnership's investment in Fortitude Re is \$460.2 million. The Partnership's earnings from its investment for the period from closing to December 31, 2018 were \$57.9 million, inclusive of \$46.2 million of unrealized gains related to change in the fair value of embedded derivatives related to certain reinsurance contracts included in Fortitude Re's U.S. GAAP financial statements. Modified coinsurance is subject to the general accounting principles for hedging, specifically the guidance originally issued as Derivatives Implementation Group Issue No. B36: *Embedded Derivatives: Modified Coinsurance Agreements and Debt Instruments That Incorporate Credit Risk Exposures That Are Unrelated or Only Partially Related to the Creditworthiness of the Obligor under Those Instruments* ("DIG B36"). The Partnership incurred approximately \$17.9 million in transaction costs, which are included in the carrying value of the investment.

**Strategic Investment in NGP**

The Partnership has equity interests in NGP Management Company, L.L.C. ("NGP Management"), the general partners of certain carry funds advised by NGP, and principal investments in certain NGP funds. The Partnership accounts for its investments in NGP under the equity method of accounting, and includes these investments in the Real Assets segment. These interests entitle the Partnership to an allocation of income equal to 55.0% of the management fee-related revenues of NGP Management which serves as the investment advisor to certain NGP funds as well as 47.5% of the performance allocations received by certain current and future NGP fund general partners.

The Partnership's investments in NGP as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 are as follows:

	As of	
	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Investment in NGP Management	\$ 394.6	\$ 397.7
Investments in NGP general partners - accrued performance allocations	151.0	143.2
Principal investments in NGP funds	77.6	67.9
Total investments in NGP	<u>\$ 623.2</u>	<u>\$ 608.8</u>

*Investment in NGP Management.* The Partnership's equity interests in NGP Management entitle the Partnership to an allocation of income equal to 55.0% of the management fee-related revenues of NGP Management, which serves as the investment advisor to the NGP Energy Funds. Management fees are generally calculated as 1.0% to 2.0% of the limited partners' commitments during the fund's investment period, and 0.6% to 2.0% based on the lower of cost or fair market value of invested

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capital following the expiration or termination of the investment period. Management fee-related revenues from NGP Management are primarily driven by NGP XII, NGP XI and NGP X during the year ended December 31, 2018, and NGP XI and NGP X during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

The Partnership records investment income (loss) for its equity income allocation from NGP management fee-related revenues, and also records its share of any allocated expenses from NGP Management, expenses associated with the compensatory elements of the strategic investment, and the amortization of the basis differences related to the definitive-lived identifiable intangible assets of NGP Management. The net investment earnings (loss) recognized in the Partnership's consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Management fee-related revenues from NGP Management	\$ 96.0	\$ 80.5	\$ 80.7
Expenses related to the investment in NGP Management	(13.1)	(54.0)	(16.0)
Amortization of basis differences from the investment in NGP Management	(7.1)	(8.5)	(55.2)
Net investment income from NGP Management	<u>\$ 75.8</u>	<u>\$ 18.0</u>	<u>\$ 9.5</u>

The difference between the Partnership's remaining carrying value of its investment and its share of the underlying net assets of the investee was \$14.2 million, \$21.3 million and \$29.8 million as of December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively; these differences are amortized over a period of 10 years from the initial investment date.

*Investment in the General Partners of NGP Carry Funds.* The Partnership's investment in the general partners of the NGP Carry Funds entitle it to 47.5% of the performance allocations received by certain current and future NGP fund general partners. The Partnership records investment income for its equity income allocation from these performance allocations. The Partnership recognized net investment earnings related to these performance allocations in its consolidated statements of operations of \$7.9 million, \$98.4 million and \$44.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

*Principal Investments in NGP Funds.* The Partnership also holds principal investments in the NGP Carry Funds. The Partnership recognized net investment earnings (loss) related to principal investment income in its consolidated statements of operations of \$12.1 million and \$9.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The net investment loss related to principal investment income for the year ended December 31, 2018 was not significant.

**Principal Investments in CLOs and Other Investments**

Principal investments in CLOs and other investments as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 primarily consisted of \$451.7 million and \$405.9 million, respectively, of investments in CLO senior and subordinated notes and derivative instruments.

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**Investment Income (Loss)**

The components of investment income (loss) are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
<b>Performance allocations</b>			
Realized	\$ 693.8	\$ 1,062.8	\$ 1,093.1
Unrealized	(70.9)	995.8	(377.7)
	<b>622.9</b>	<b>2,058.6</b>	<b>715.4</b>
<b>Principal investment income from equity method investments (excluding performance allocations)</b>			
Realized	122.9	68.1	110.4
Unrealized	66.4	158.3	40.2
	<b>189.3</b>	<b>226.4</b>	<b>150.6</b>
<b>Principal investment income (loss) from investments in CLOs and other investments</b>			
Realized	1.5	2.3	2.2
Unrealized	(4.5)	3.3	7.4
	<b>(3.0)</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<b>Other investment income</b>			
Realized	—	—	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 809.2</b>	<b>\$ 2,290.6</b>	<b>\$ 875.9</b>

The performance allocations included in revenues are derived from the following segments:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)			
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 291.4	\$ 1,629.6	\$ 289.6
Real Assets	148.4	265.2	321.1
Global Credit	9.1	21.3	1.0
Investment Solutions	174.0	142.5	103.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 622.9</b>	<b>\$ 2,058.6</b>	<b>\$ 715.4</b>

Approximately 32%, or \$201.7 million, of performance allocations for the year ended December 31, 2018 are related to the following funds along with total revenue recognized (total revenue includes performance allocations, fund management fees, and principal investment income):

- Carlyle Partners VI, L.P. (Corporate Private Equity segment) - \$277.0 million,
- Carlyle Asia Partners IV, L.P. (Corporate Private Equity segment) - \$(208.0) million,
- Carlyle Realty Partners VII, L.P. (Real Assets segment) - \$173.9 million,
- Carlyle Europe Partners IV, L.P. (Corporate Private Equity segment) - \$140.4 million,
- Carlyle International Energy Partners, L.P. (Real Assets segment) - \$122.7 million,
- Carlyle Partners V, L.P. (Corporate Private Equity segment) - \$87.2 million, and
- Carlyle Realty Partners V, L.P. (Real Assets segment) - \$(58.0) million.

Approximately 62%, or \$1,273.2 million, of performance allocations for the year ended December 31, 2017 are related to the following funds along with total revenue recognized (total revenue includes performance allocations, fund management fees, and principal investment income):

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- Carlyle Partners V, L.P. (Corporate Private Equity segment) - \$335.1 million,
- Carlyle Partners VI, L.P. (Corporate Private Equity segment) - \$844.5 million, and
- Carlyle Asia Partners IV, L.P. (Corporate Private Equity segment) - \$381.8 million.

Approximately 30%, or \$214.2 million, of performance allocations for the year ended December 31, 2016 are related to the following funds along with total revenue recognized (total revenue includes performance allocations, fund management fees, and principal investment income):

- Carlyle Partners V, L.P. (Corporate Private Equity segment) - \$194.4 million, and
- Carlyle Realty Partners VII, L.P. (Real Assets segment) - \$138.7 million.

Carlyle's principal investment income (loss) from its equity-method investments consists of:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 22.9	\$ 64.8	\$ 51.8
Real Assets	102.1	151.7	101.2
Global Credit	55.8	1.7	(3.8)
Investment Solutions	8.5	8.2	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 189.3</b>	<b>\$ 226.4</b>	<b>\$ 150.6</b>

Investments of Consolidated Funds

The Partnership consolidates the financial positions and results of operations of certain CLOs in which it is the primary beneficiary. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Partnership formed seven new CLOs for which the Partnership is primary beneficiary of one of those CLOs. As of December 31, 2018, the total assets of the CLO included in the Partnership's consolidated financial statements were approximately \$499.9 million.

The following table presents a summary of the investments held by the Consolidated Funds. Investments held by the Consolidated Funds do not represent the investments of all Carlyle sponsored funds. The table below presents investments as a percentage of investments of Consolidated Funds:

Geographic Region/Instrument Type/ Industry Description or Investment Strategy	Fair Value		Percentage of Investments of Consolidated Funds	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)			
<b>United States</b>				
Assets of the CLOs:				
Bonds	\$ 75.3	\$ 36.6	1.42%	0.81%
Equity	—	2.2	—%	0.05%
Loans	1,621.3	1,644.4	30.67%	36.27%
Total assets of the CLOs (cost of \$1,720.4 and \$1,661.1 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)	1,696.6	1,683.2	32.09%	37.13%
<b>Total United States</b>	<b>\$ 1,696.6</b>	<b>\$ 1,683.2</b>	<b>32.09%</b>	<b>37.13%</b>



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<b>Europe</b>				
Equity securities:				
Other	—	\$ 5.7	—%	0.13%
Total equity securities (cost of \$0.1 and \$28.1 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)	—	5.7	—%	0.13%
Assets of the CLOs:				
Bonds	610.3	368.5	11.54%	8.13%
Loans	2,804.1	2,369.9	53.04%	52.26%
Other	—	0.3	—%	—%
Total assets of the CLOs (cost of \$3,483.2 and \$2,745.1 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)	3,414.4	2,738.7	64.58%	60.39%
<b>Total Europe</b>	<b>\$ 3,414.4</b>	<b>\$ 2,744.4</b>	<b>64.58%</b>	<b>60.52%</b>
<b>Global</b>				
Assets of the CLOs:				
Bonds	\$ 4.5	\$ 8.3	0.09%	0.18%
Loans	171.1	98.4	3.24%	2.17%
Total assets of the CLOs (cost of \$176.4 and \$107.7 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)	175.6	106.7	3.33%	2.35%
<b>Total Global</b>	<b>\$ 175.6</b>	<b>\$ 106.7</b>	<b>3.33%</b>	<b>2.35%</b>
<b>Total investments of Consolidated Funds (cost of \$5,380.1 and \$4,542.0 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)</b>	<b>\$ 5,286.6</b>	<b>\$ 4,534.3</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

There were no individual investments with a fair value greater than five percent of the Partnership's total assets for any period presented.

**Interest and Other Income of Consolidated Funds**

The components of interest and other income of Consolidated Funds are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Interest income from investments	\$ 207.2	\$ 167.3	\$ 140.4
Other income	7.3	10.4	26.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 214.5</b>	<b>\$ 177.7</b>	<b>\$ 166.9</b>

**Net Investment Gains (Losses) of Consolidated Funds**

Net investment gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds include net realized gains (losses) from sales of investments and unrealized gains (losses) resulting from changes in fair value of the Consolidated Funds' investments. The components of net investment gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Gains (losses) from investments of Consolidated Funds	\$ (108.8)	\$ 27.0	\$ 51.7
Gains (losses) from liabilities of CLOs	113.3	61.4	(40.5)
Gains on other assets of CLOs	—	—	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4.5</b>	<b>\$ 88.4</b>	<b>\$ 13.1</b>

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The following table presents realized and unrealized gains (losses) earned from investments of the Consolidated Funds:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Realized gains (losses)	\$ (4.9)	\$ (54.0)	\$ (33.4)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses)	(103.9)	81.0	85.1
Total	<u>\$ (108.8)</u>	<u>\$ 27.0</u>	<u>\$ 51.7</u>

6. Intangible Assets and Goodwill

The following table summarizes the carrying amount of intangible assets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Acquired contractual rights	\$ 104.1	\$ 81.4
Acquired trademarks	1.1	1.2
Accumulated amortization	(43.2)	(57.8)
Finite-lived intangible assets, net	62.0	24.8
Goodwill	15.3	11.1
Intangible assets, net	<u>\$ 77.3</u>	<u>\$ 35.9</u>

As of December 31, 2018, goodwill consisted of \$4.6 million associated with the Partnership's Global Credit segment in connection with the Partnership's acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners. Refer to Note 3 for information related to this acquisition. The remaining \$10.7 million of goodwill is associated with the Partnership's Investment Solutions segment. As of December 31, 2017, all of the \$11.1 million of goodwill was associated with the Partnership's Investment Solutions segment.

As discussed in Note 2, the Partnership reviews its intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. No impairment losses were recorded during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

The fair value determinations were based on a probability-weighted discounted cash flow model. These fair value measurements were based on significant inputs not observable in the market (primarily discount rates ranging from 10% to 20%) and thus represented Level III measurements as defined in the accounting guidance for fair value measurements.

Intangible asset amortization expense was \$10.0 million, \$10.1 million and \$42.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and is included in general, administrative, and other expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

The following table summarizes the expected amortization expense for 2019 through 2023 and thereafter (Dollars in millions):

2019	\$	15.6
2020		14.6
2021		10.1
2022		6.1
2023		3.9
Thereafter		11.7
	<u>\$</u>	<u>62.0</u>

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7. Borrowings

The Partnership borrows and enters into credit agreements for its general operating and investment purposes. The Partnership's debt obligations consist of the following (Dollars in millions):

	As of December 31,			
	2018		2017	
	Borrowing Outstanding	Carrying Value	Borrowing Outstanding	Carrying Value
Senior Credit Facility Term Loan Due 5/05/2020	\$ 25.0	\$ 24.9	\$ 25.0	\$ 24.8
CLO Term Loans (See below)	309.9	309.9	294.5	294.5
3.875% Senior Notes Due 2/01/2023	250.0	249.0	500.0	497.6
5.625% Senior Notes Due 3/30/2043	600.0	600.7	600.0	600.7
5.650% Senior Notes Due 9/15/2048	350.0	345.7	—	—
Promissory Note Due 1/01/2022	—	—	108.8	108.8
Promissory Notes Due 7/15/2019	20.2	20.2	47.2	47.2
Total debt obligations	\$ 1,555.1	\$ 1,550.4	\$ 1,575.5	\$ 1,573.6

Senior Credit Facility

As of December 31, 2018, the senior credit facility included \$25.0 million in a term loan and \$750.0 million in a revolving credit facility. As of December 31, 2018, the term loan and revolving credit facility were scheduled to mature on May 5, 2020, and principal amounts outstanding under the term loan and revolving credit facility accrued interest, at the option of the borrowers, either (a) at an alternate base rate plus an applicable margin not to exceed 0.50%, or (b) at LIBOR plus an applicable margin not to exceed 1.50% (at December 31, 2018, the interest rate was 3.60%). There was no amount outstanding under the revolving credit facility at December 31, 2018. Interest expense under the senior credit facility was not significant for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016. The fair value of the outstanding balances of the term loan and revolving credit facility at December 31, 2018 and 2017 approximated par value based on current market rates for similar debt instruments and are classified as Level III within the fair value hierarchy.

In 2017, the Partnership borrowed and repaid in full \$250.0 million against the \$750.0 million revolving credit facility.

On February 11, 2019, the Partnership entered into an amendment and restatement of the senior credit facility. In connection with the amendment and restatement, the size of the revolving credit facility increased from \$750.0 million to \$775.0 million, the outstanding \$25.0 million term loan was repaid, and the maturity date was extended to February 11, 2024.

Global Credit Revolving Credit Facility

On December 17, 2018, certain subsidiaries of the Partnership established a \$250.0 million revolving line of credit, primarily intended to support certain lending activities within the Global Credit segment. The credit facility includes a \$125.0 million line of credit with a one-year term, and a \$125.0 million line of credit with a three-year term. Principal amounts outstanding under the facility accrue interest, at the option of the borrowers, either (a) at an alternate base rate plus an applicable margin not to exceed 1.00%, or (b) at the Eurocurrency rate plus an applicable margin, not to exceed 2.00% (at December 31, 2018, the interest rate was 6.50%).

The Partnership has made no borrowings under the facility during the period from December 17, 2018 through December 31, 2018, and there was no amount outstanding under the facility as of December 31, 2018.

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## CLO Term Loans

For certain CLOs, the Partnership finances a portion of its investment in the CLOs through the proceeds received from term loans with financial institutions. The Partnership's outstanding CLO term loans consist of the following (Dollars in millions):

Formation Date	Borrowing Outstanding December 31, 2018	Borrowing Outstanding December 31, 2017	Maturity Date (1)	Interest Rate as of December 31, 2018	
June 7, 2016	\$ —	\$ 20.6	July 15, 2027	N/A	(2)
February 28, 2017	77.0	74.3	November 17, 2031	2.33%	(3)
April 19, 2017	22.9	22.8	April 22, 2031	4.40%	(4) (15)
June 28, 2017	23.0	23.1	July 22, 2031	4.39%	(5) (15)
July 20, 2017	24.4	24.4	April 21, 2027	4.01%	(6) (15)
August 2, 2017	22.8	22.8	July 23, 2029	4.28%	(7) (15)
August 2, 2017	19.9	20.9	August 3, 2022	1.75%	(8)
August 14, 2017	22.5	22.6	August 15, 2030	4.46%	(9) (15)
November 30, 2017	22.7	22.7	January 16, 2030	4.17%	(10) (15)
December 6, 2017	19.1	19.1	October 16, 2030	4.08%	(11) (15)
December 7, 2017	21.1	21.2	January 19, 2029	3.81%	(12) (15)
January 30, 2018	19.2	—	January 22, 2030	4.09%	(13) (15)
March 1, 2018	15.3	—	January 15, 2031	3.99%	(14) (15)
	<u>\$ 309.9</u>	<u>\$ 294.5</u>			

(1) Maturity date is earlier of date indicated or the date that the CLO is dissolved.

(2) Note paid off in third quarter of 2018.

(3) Original borrowing of €67.2 million; incurs interest at EURIBOR plus applicable margins as defined in the agreement.

(4) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.932%.

(5) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.923%.

(6) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.536%.

(7) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.808%.

(8) Original borrowing of €17.4 million; incurs interest at EURIBOR plus 1.75% and has full recourse to the Partnership.

(9) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.848%.

(10) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.7312%.

(11) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.647%.

(12) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.365%.

(13) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.624%.

(14) Incurs interest at LIBOR plus 1.552%.

(15) Term loan issued under master credit agreement.

The CLO term loans are secured by the Partnership's investments in the respective CLO, have a general unsecured interest in the Carlyle entity that manages the CLO, and generally do not have recourse to any other Carlyle entity. Interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$10.5 million, \$4.0 million, and \$0.3 million, respectively. The fair value of the outstanding balance of the CLO term loans at December 31, 2018 and 2017 approximated par value based on current market rates for similar debt instruments. These CLO term loans are classified as Level III within the fair value hierarchy.

*European CLO Financing - February 28, 2017*

On February 28, 2017, a subsidiary of the Partnership entered into a financing agreement with several financial institutions under which these financial institutions provided a €67.2 million term loan (\$77.0 million at December 31, 2018) to the Partnership. This term loan is secured by the Partnership's investments in the retained notes in certain European CLOs that were formed in 2014 and 2015. This term loan will mature on the earlier of September 21, 2029 or the date that the certain

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European CLO retained notes have been redeemed. The Partnership may prepay the term loan in whole or in part at any time after the third anniversary of the date of issuance without penalty. Prepayment of the term loan within the first three years will incur a penalty based on the prepayment amount. Interest on this term loan accrues at EURIBOR plus applicable margins (2.33% at December 31, 2018).

*Master Credit Agreement - Term Loans*

In January 2017, the Partnership entered into a master credit agreement with a financial institution under which the financial institution expects to provide term loans to the Partnership for the purchase of eligible interests in CLOs. This agreement will terminate in January 2020. Any term loan issued under this master credit agreement is secured by the Partnership's investment in the respective CLO as well as any senior management fee and subordinated management fee payable by each CLO. Any term loan bears interest at LIBOR plus a weighted average spread over LIBOR on the CLO notes and an applicable margin. Interest is due quarterly.

**3.875% Senior Notes**

In January 2013, an indirect finance subsidiary of the Partnership issued \$500.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.875% senior notes due February 1, 2023 at 99.966% of par. Interest is payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1, beginning August 1, 2013. This subsidiary may redeem the senior notes in whole at any time or in part from time to time at a price equal to the greater of 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed and the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on any notes being redeemed discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at the Treasury rate plus 30 basis points plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amounts being redeemed to the redemption date.

In September 2018, the Partnership completed a tender offer to re-purchase \$250.0 million in aggregate principal amount of its 3.875% Senior Notes due 2023. As a result of this repurchase, the Partnership recognized \$6.9 million of costs in interest expense and \$0.9 million of costs in general, administrative and other expenses upon early extinguishment of the debt.

Interest expense on the notes was \$17.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 and \$19.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the fair value of the notes, including accrued interest, was approximately \$255.5 million and \$520.4 million, respectively, based on indicative quotes. The notes are classified as Level II within the fair value hierarchy.

**5.625% Senior Notes**

In March 2013, an indirect finance subsidiary of the Partnership issued \$400.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.625% senior notes due March 30, 2043 at 99.583% of par. Interest is payable semi-annually on March 30 and September 30, beginning September 30, 2013. This subsidiary may redeem the senior notes in whole at any time or in part from time to time at a price equal to the greater of 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed and the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on any notes being redeemed discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at the Treasury rate plus 40 basis points plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amounts being redeemed to the redemption date.

In March 2014, an indirect finance subsidiary of the Partnership issued \$200.0 million of 5.625% Senior Notes due March 30, 2043 at 104.315% of par. These notes were issued as additional 5.625% Senior Notes and will be treated as a single class with the already outstanding \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of these senior notes.

Interest expense on the notes was \$33.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the fair value of the notes, including accrued interest, was approximately \$604.1 million and \$696.3 million, respectively, based on indicative quotes. The notes are classified as Level II within the fair value hierarchy.

**5.650% Senior Notes**

In September 2018, an indirect finance subsidiary of the Partnership issued \$350.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.650% senior notes due September 15, 2048 at 99.914% of par. Interest is payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15, beginning March 15, 2019. This subsidiary may redeem the senior notes in whole at any time or in part, from time to time, at a price equal to the accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amounts being redeemed to the redemption date and the greater of 100% of (1) the principal amount of the notes being redeemed and (2) the sum of the present values of the

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remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on any notes being redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at the Treasury rate plus 40 basis points.

Interest expense on the notes was \$5.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018. At December 31, 2018, the fair value of the notes, including accrued interest, was approximately \$354.4 million, based on indicative quotes. The notes are classified as Level II within the fair value hierarchy.

**Promissory Notes**

*Promissory Note Due January 1, 2022*

On January 1, 2016, the Partnership issued a \$120.0 million promissory note to BNRI as a result of a contingent consideration arrangement entered into in 2012 between the Partnership and BNRI as part of the Partnership's strategic investment in NGP (see Note 5). Interest on the promissory note accrues at the three month LIBOR plus 2.50%. In September 2018, the Partnership prepaid the \$108.8 million outstanding promissory note, plus \$1.2 million of accrued and unpaid interest. Interest expense on the promissory note was not significant for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016. The fair value of the outstanding balance of the promissory note at December 31, 2017 approximated par value based on current markets for similar debt instruments and was classified as Level III within the fair value hierarchy.

*Promissory Notes Due July 15, 2019*

In June 2017, as part of the settlement with investors in two commodities investment vehicles managed by an affiliate of the Partnership (disclosed in Note 9), the Partnership issued a series of promissory notes, aggregating to \$53.9 million, to the investors of these commodities investment vehicles. Interest on these promissory notes accrues at the three month LIBOR plus 2% (4.44% at December 31, 2018). The Partnership may prepay these promissory notes in whole or in part at any time without penalty. Through December 31, 2018, the Partnership repaid \$33.7 million of these promissory notes. Accordingly, \$20.2 million of these promissory notes are outstanding at December 31, 2018. These promissory notes are scheduled to mature on July 15, 2019. Interest expense on these promissory notes was not significant for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. The fair value of the outstanding balance of these promissory notes at December 31, 2018 approximated par value based on current market rates for similar debt instruments and is classified as Level III within the fair value hierarchy.

**Debt Covenants**

The Partnership is subject to various financial covenants under its loan agreements including, among other items, maintenance of a minimum amount of management fee-earning assets. The Partnership is also subject to various non-financial covenants under its loan agreements and the indentures governing its senior notes. The Partnership was in compliance with all financial and non-financial covenants under its various loan agreements as of December 31, 2018.

**Loans Payable of Consolidated Funds**

Loans payable of Consolidated Funds primarily represent amounts due to holders of debt securities issued by the CLOs. Several of the CLOs issued preferred shares representing the most subordinated interest, however these tranches are mandatorily redeemable upon the maturity dates of the senior secured loans payable, and as a result have been classified as liabilities and are included in loans payable of Consolidated Funds in the consolidated balance sheets.

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the following borrowings were outstanding, which includes preferred shares classified as liabilities (Dollars in millions):

	As of December 31, 2018			
	Borrowing Outstanding	Fair Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Weighted Average Remaining Maturity in Years
Senior secured notes	\$ 4,723.4	\$ 4,607.2	1.94%	10.70
Subordinated notes, preferred shares, and other	178.5	232.9	N/A (a)	9.95
Total	\$ 4,901.9	\$ 4,840.1		

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As of December 31, 2017

	Borrowing Outstanding	Fair Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Weighted Average Remaining Maturity in Years
Senior secured notes	\$ 4,128.3	\$ 4,100.5	2.16%	11.44
Subordinated notes, preferred shares, and other	195.2	203.3	N/A (a)	9.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,323.5</b>	<b>\$ 4,303.8</b>		

(a) The subordinated notes and preferred shares do not have contractual interest rates, but instead receive distributions from the excess cash flows of the CLOs.

Loans payable of the CLOs are collateralized by the assets held by the CLOs and the assets of one CLO may not be used to satisfy the liabilities of another. This collateral consisted of cash and cash equivalents, corporate loans, corporate bonds and other securities. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the fair value of the CLO assets was \$5.5 billion and \$4.9 billion, respectively.

### 8. Accrued Compensation and Benefits

Accrued compensation and benefits consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Accrued performance allocations and incentive fee-related compensation	\$ 1,843.6	\$ 1,894.8
Accrued bonuses	246.8	202.6
Employment-based contingent cash consideration	0.8	—
Other	131.1	125.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,222.3</b>	<b>\$ 2,222.6</b>

The following table presents realized and unrealized performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Realized	\$ 363.8	\$ 520.7	\$ 580.5
Unrealized	12.5	467.6	(227.4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 376.3</b>	<b>\$ 988.3</b>	<b>\$ 353.1</b>

Certain employees of AlpInvest are covered by defined benefit pension plans sponsored by AlpInvest. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the benefit obligation of those pension plans totaled approximately \$73.8 million and \$73.4 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the fair value of the plans' assets was approximately \$53.8 million and \$56.3 million, respectively. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership recognized a liability of \$20.0 million and \$17.1 million, respectively, representing the funded status of the plans, which was included in accrued compensation and benefits in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, the net periodic benefit cost recognized was \$3.1 million, \$4.2 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, which is included in cash-based compensation and benefits expense (for the service cost component) and other non-operating expenses (for non-service cost components) in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. No other employees of the Partnership are covered by defined benefit pension plans.

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## 9. Commitments and Contingencies

## Capital Commitments

The Partnership and its unconsolidated affiliates have unfunded commitments to entities within the following segments as of December 31, 2018 (Dollars in millions):

	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>
Corporate Private Equity	\$ 2,479.6
Real Assets	987.2
Global Credit	452.4
Investment Solutions	130.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,049.2</b>

Of the \$4.0 billion of unfunded commitments, approximately \$3.5 billion is subscribed individually by senior Carlyle professionals, advisors and other professionals, with the balance funded directly by the Partnership. In addition to these unfunded commitments, the Partnership may from time to time exercise its right to purchase additional interests in its investment funds that become available in the ordinary course of their operations. Additionally, as of December 31, 2018 certain subsidiaries of the Partnership have \$104.8 million in commitments related to the origination and syndication of loans and securities under the Carlyle Capital Solutions platform. In February 2019, these loans and securities were sold to third-party investors and the Partnership's commitment was extinguished.

## Guaranteed Loans

On August 4, 2001, the Partnership entered into an agreement with a financial institution pursuant to which the Partnership is the guarantor on a credit facility for eligible employees investing in Carlyle sponsored funds. This credit facility renews on an annual basis, allowing for annual incremental borrowings up to an aggregate of \$11.3 million, and accrues interest at the lower of the prime rate, as defined, or three-month LIBOR plus 3%, reset quarterly (5.41% weighted-average rate at December 31, 2018). As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, approximately \$10.3 million and \$13.3 million, respectively, were outstanding under the credit facility and payable by the employees. The amount funded by the Partnership under this guarantee as of December 31, 2018 was not material. The Partnership believes the likelihood of any material funding under this guarantee to be remote. The fair value of this guarantee is not significant to the consolidated financial statements.

Certain consolidated subsidiaries of the Partnership are the guarantor of revolving credit facilities for certain funds in the Investment Solutions segment. The guarantee is limited to the lesser of the total amount drawn under the credit facilities or the NAV of the guarantor subsidiaries, which was approximately \$16.2 million as of December 31, 2018. The outstanding balances are secured by uncalled capital commitments from the underlying funds and the Partnership believes the likelihood of any material funding under this guarantee to be remote.

## Contingent Obligations (Giveback)

A liability for potential repayment of previously received performance allocations of \$63.2 million at December 31, 2018, is shown as accrued giveback obligations in the consolidated balance sheets, representing the giveback obligation that would need to be paid if the funds were liquidated at their current fair values at December 31, 2018. However, the ultimate giveback obligation, if any, generally is not paid until the end of a fund's life or earlier if the giveback becomes fixed and early payment is agreed upon by the fund's partners (see Note 2). The Partnership has recorded \$1.4 million and \$5.1 million of unbilled receivables from former and current employees and senior Carlyle professionals as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, related to giveback obligations, which are included in due from affiliates and other receivables, net in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The receivables are collateralized by investments made by individual senior Carlyle professionals and employees in Carlyle-sponsored funds. In addition, \$176.1 million and \$247.6 million have been withheld from distributions of carried interest to senior Carlyle professionals and employees for potential giveback obligations as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Such amounts are held on behalf of the respective current and former Carlyle employees to satisfy any givebacks they may owe and are held by entities not included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Current and former senior Carlyle professionals and employees are personally responsible for their giveback obligations. As of December 31, 2018, approximately \$36.0 million of the Partnership's accrued giveback obligation is the



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responsibility of various current and former senior Carlyle professionals and other limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, and the net accrued giveback obligation attributable to Carlyle Holdings is \$27.2 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Partnership paid \$98.4 million to satisfy giveback obligations related to two of its Real Assets funds. Approximately \$67.1 million of these obligations was paid by current and former senior Carlyle professionals and \$31.3 million by Carlyle Holdings.

If, at December 31, 2018, all of the investments held by the Partnership's Funds were deemed worthless, a possibility that management views as remote, the amount of realized and distributed carried interest subject to potential giveback would be \$0.5 billion, on an after-tax basis where applicable.

**Leases**

The Partnership leases office space in various countries around the world and maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C., where in June 2018, the Partnership entered into an amended non-cancelable lease agreement expiring on March 31, 2030. In connection with the amended lease for the Washington, D.C. office, the Partnership exercised an option to terminate its office lease in Arlington, Virginia at the end of 2019. The Partnership will be relocating one of its New York City offices in late 2020 to new office space in Midtown New York. The new lease was signed in July 2018 and expires in 2036. In connection with this new lease, the Partnership incurred a charge of \$63.5 million (including transaction costs) during the year ended December 31, 2018 related to the assignment of an existing office lease in New York City. The charge is expected to be paid over approximately 15 years beginning in 2021. This charge was accounted for as a lease incentive, and is included in deferred rent payable as of December 31, 2018. Office leases in other locations expire in various years from 2018 through 2032. These leases are accounted for as operating leases. Rent expense was approximately \$51.3 million, \$56.6 million and \$55.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and is included in general, administrative and other expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

The future minimum commitments for the leases are as follows (Dollars in millions):

2019	\$	60.5
2020		54.2
2021		56.3
2022		66.4
2023		62.2
Thereafter		546.8
	\$	<u>846.4</u>

The Partnership records contractual escalating minimum lease payments on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Deferred rent payable under the leases was \$125.2 million and \$62.9 million as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and is included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

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**Legal Matters**

In the ordinary course of business, the Partnership is a party to litigation, investigations, inquiries, employment-related matters, disputes and other potential claims. Certain of these matters are described below. The Partnership is not currently able to estimate the reasonably possible amount of loss or range of loss, in excess of amounts accrued, for the matters that have not been resolved. The Partnership does not believe it is probable that the outcome of any existing litigation, investigations, disputes or other potential claims will materially affect the Partnership or these financial statements in excess of amounts accrued. The Partnership believes that the matters described below are without merit.

Along with many other companies and individuals in the financial sector, the Partnership and Carlyle Mezzanine Partners, L.P. ("CMP") are named as defendants in *Foy v. Austin Capital*, a case filed in June 2009 in state court in New Mexico, which purports to be a *qui tam* suit on behalf of the State of New Mexico under the state Fraud Against Taxpayers Act ("FATA"). The suit alleges that investment decisions by New Mexico public investment funds were improperly influenced by campaign contributions and payments to politically connected placement agents. The plaintiffs seek, among other things, actual damages for lost income, rescission of the investment transactions described in the complaint and disgorgement of all fees received. In September 2017, the Court dismissed the lawsuit and the plaintiffs then filed an appeal seeking to reverse that decision. That appeal is pending. The Attorney General may also pursue its own recovery from the defendants in the action.

Carlyle Capital Corporation Limited ("CCC") was a fund sponsored by the Partnership that invested in AAA-rated residential mortgage backed securities on a highly leveraged basis. In March of 2008, amidst turmoil throughout the mortgage markets and money markets, CCC filed for insolvency protection in Guernsey. The Guernsey liquidators who took control of CCC in March 2008 filed a suit on July 7, 2010 against the Partnership, certain of its affiliates and the former directors of CCC in the Royal Court of Guernsey seeking more than \$1.0 billion in damages in a case styled *Carlyle Capital Corporation Limited v. Conway et al.* On September 4, 2017, the Royal Court of Guernsey ruled that the Partnership and Directors of CCC acted reasonably and appropriately in the management and governance of CCC and that none of the Partnership, its affiliates or former directors of CCC had any liability. In December 2017, the plaintiff filed a notice of appeal of the trial court decision. A hearing before the Guernsey appellate court took place from October 8 through October 18, 2018. It is unclear whether the appellate court will affirm or reverse the trial court decision. In December 2017, the Partnership received approximately \$29.8 million from the plaintiff as a deposit towards its obligations to reimburse the Partnership for legal fees and expenses incurred to defend against the claims, but such amount is subject to adjustment pending a final determination of the correct reimbursement amount and the ultimate outcome of the appeal process.

Cobalt International Energy, Inc. ("Cobalt") was a portfolio company owned by two of our Legacy Energy funds and funds advised by certain other private equity sponsors. Cobalt filed for bankruptcy protection on December 14, 2017. A federal securities class action against Cobalt (*In re Cobalt International Energy, Inc. Securities Litigation*) was filed in November 2014 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, seeking monetary damages and alleging that Cobalt and its directors made misrepresentations in certain of Cobalt's securities offering filings relating to: (i) the value of oil reserves in Angola for which Cobalt had acquired drilling concessions, and (ii) its compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act regarding its operations in Angola and a U.S. government investigation regarding the same. The securities class action also named as co-defendants certain securities underwriters and the five private equity sponsors of Cobalt, including Riverstone and the Partnership. The class action alleged that the Partnership has liability as a "control person" for the alleged misrepresentations in Cobalt's securities offerings as well as insider trading liability. The federal court dismissed the insider trading claim against the Partnership. On February 13, 2019, the district court approved a settlement between the lead plaintiffs in the securities class action and various parties, including the Partnership, under which all claims against the Partnership were released without any requirement for the Partnership to make any financial contribution towards the settlement. In addition to the class action in federal court, a class action claim was also filed in Texas state court in Houston (*Ira Gaines v. Joseph Bryant, et al.*) on similar grounds, alleging derivative claims that Cobalt and the private equity sponsors breached their fiduciary duties by engaging in insider trading. On May 9, 2018, the Plan Administrator for Cobalt filed a Notice of Nonsuit with Prejudice, dismissing all claims in the case (including the claim against the Partnership) with prejudice. The court ordered the nonsuit of all claims in an order entered the same day.

A Luxembourg subsidiary of CEREP I, a real estate fund, has been involved since 2010 in a tax dispute with the French authorities relating to whether gain from the sale of an investment was taxable in France. In April 2015, the French tax court issued an opinion in this matter adverse to CEREP I, holding the Luxembourg subsidiary of CEREP I liable for approximately €105 million (including interest accrued since the beginning of the tax dispute). CEREP I paid approximately €30 million of the tax obligations and the Partnership paid the remaining approximately €75 million in its capacity as a guarantor. The Partnership appealed the decision of the French tax court. In December 2017, the French appellate court

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reversed the earlier tax court opinion and awarded the Partnership a refund of the full €105 million of tax and penalties (inclusive of amounts paid by CEREP I) and awarded interest on the refund of €12.5 million, before tax. On February 22, 2018 the French tax authorities appealed the appellate court decision and on October 2, 2018, CEREP I filed its appellate brief. The parties are awaiting a hearing on the appeal. The Partnership has not recognized income in respect of the refund as of December 31, 2018, pending a final determination on the current appeal. The full amount of the refund is held at CEREP I and its subsidiaries. As CEREP I is a consolidated fund, the refund of €117.5 million is recorded in our assets and liabilities of consolidated funds as of December 31, 2018.

The Partnership currently is and expects to continue to be, from time to time, subject to examinations, formal and informal inquiries and investigations by various U.S. and non-U.S. governmental and regulatory agencies, including but not limited to, the SEC, Department of Justice, state attorneys general, FINRA, National Futures Association and the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority. The Partnership routinely cooperates with such examinations, inquiries and investigations, and they may result in the commencement of civil, criminal, or administrative or other proceedings against the Partnership or its personnel. For example, among various other requests for information, the SEC has requested information about: (i) the Partnership's historical practices relating to the acceleration of monitoring fees received from certain of the Partnership's funds' portfolio companies, and (ii) the Partnership's relationship with a third-party investment adviser to a registered investment company that has invested in various investment funds sponsored by the Partnership. The Partnership is cooperating fully with the SEC's inquiries.

During 2017, the Partnership entered into settlement and purchase agreements with investors in a hedge fund and two structured finance vehicles managed by Vermillion related to investments of approximately \$400 million in petroleum commodities that the Partnership believes were misappropriated by third parties outside the U.S. In total, the Partnership paid \$265 million (\$165 million of which was paid in 2017 with the remaining \$100 million paid in 2016) to fully resolve all claims related to these matters, and issued promissory notes in the aggregate amount of \$54 million to repurchase the investors' interests in the two structured finance vehicles. In connection with these settlements, the Partnership acquired certain rights to recoveries from certain marine cargo insurance policies and is continuing to undertake efforts to obtain reimbursement for the misappropriation of petroleum. There is no assurance that the Partnership will be successful in any of its ongoing recovery efforts and the Partnership will not recognize any amounts in respect of such recoveries until such amounts are probable of payment. However, during the fourth quarter 2018, we reached an agreement with the primary underwriters in the marine cargo insurance policies for \$55 million, of which the Partnership recognized approximately \$32 million in insurance proceeds during the year ended December 31, 2018, with the remaining proceeds to be distributed to former investors. In total, the Partnership has recognized approximately \$209 million in insurance proceeds related to these settlements (\$177 million of which was recognized in 2017).

It is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of all pending investigations and legal proceedings and employment-related matters, and some of the matters discussed above involve claims for potentially large and/or indeterminate amounts of damages. Based on information known by management, management does not believe that as of the date of this filing the final resolutions of the matters above will have a material effect upon the Partnership's consolidated financial statements. However, given the potentially large and/or indeterminate amounts of damages sought in certain of these matters and the inherent unpredictability of investigations and litigations, it is possible that an adverse outcome in certain matters could, from time to time, have a material effect on the Partnership's financial results in any particular period.

The Partnership accrues an estimated loss contingency liability when it is probable that such a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. As of December 31, 2018, the Partnership had recorded liabilities aggregating to approximately \$35 million for litigation-related contingencies, regulatory examinations and inquiries, and other matters. The Partnership evaluates its outstanding legal and regulatory proceedings and other matters each quarter to assess its loss contingency accruals, and makes adjustments in such accruals, upwards or downward, as appropriate, based on management's best judgment after consultation with counsel. There is no assurance that the Partnership's accruals for loss contingencies will not need to be adjusted in the future or that, in light of the uncertainties involved in such matters, the ultimate resolution of these matters will not significantly exceed the accruals that the Partnership has recorded.

**Transaction with Claren Road**

On December 12, 2016, the Partnership signed an agreement with the founders of Claren Road Asset Management, LLC and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Claren Road") to transfer all of the Partnership's 63% ownership interest in Claren Road to its founders. As a result of the transaction, the Partnership was also relieved of all of its obligations under the 2010

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acquisition agreement, including any potential future obligations thereunder. This transaction closed on January 31, 2017. The Partnership recorded additional cash-based compensation and benefits expense of approximately \$25.0 million in the year ended December 31, 2016 associated with the transfer of the interests to Claren Road in addition to the disposition of approximately \$4.4 million of intangible assets and approximately \$10.8 million of potential future obligations. The remaining income before provision for income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2016 was not material. Claren Road was part of the Partnership's Global Credit segment.

**Transaction with ESG**

On October 31, 2016, the Partnership closed a transaction with the founders of Emerging Sovereign Group and its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, "ESG") and transferred the Partnership's 55% ownership interest in ESG to its founders. Prior to the transaction closing, the carrying value of the contingent consideration liability for the Partnership's obligation to purchase the 45% ownership interest in 2020 (or after) was \$49.5 million (substantially all of which was included in accrued compensation and benefits in the consolidated balance sheet) and the Partnership also had \$22.4 million of intangible assets and \$28.0 million of goodwill related to its 2011 acquisition of its 55% ownership interest in ESG as of October 31, 2016, all of which was disposed of upon the transaction closing. ESG's income before provision for income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2016 was not material to the Partnership's consolidated financial statements. There was no material gain or loss associated with the transfer of the interests to ESG. ESG was part of the Partnership's Global Credit segment.

**Indemnifications**

In the normal course of business, the Partnership and its subsidiaries enter into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and provide general indemnifications. The Partnership's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Partnership that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Partnership believes the risk of material loss to be remote.

**Risks and Uncertainties**

Carlyle's funds seek investment opportunities that offer the possibility of attaining substantial capital appreciation. Certain events particular to each industry in which the underlying investees conduct their operations, as well as general economic conditions, may have a significant negative impact on the Partnership's investments and profitability. Such events are beyond the Partnership's control, and the likelihood that they may occur and the effect on the Partnership cannot be predicted.

Furthermore, certain of the funds' investments are made in private companies and there are generally no public markets for the underlying securities at the current time. The funds' ability to liquidate their publicly-traded investments are often subject to limitations, including discounts that may be required to be taken on quoted prices due to the number of shares being sold. The funds' ability to liquidate their investments and realize value is subject to significant limitations and uncertainties, including among others currency fluctuations and natural disasters.

The Partnership and the funds make investments outside of the United States. Investments outside the United States may be subject to less developed bankruptcy, corporate, partnership and other laws (which may have the effect of disregarding or otherwise circumventing the limited liability structures potentially causing the actions or liabilities of one fund or a portfolio company to adversely impact the Partnership or an unrelated fund or portfolio company). Non-U.S. investments are subject to the same risks associated with the Partnership's U.S. investments as well as additional risks, such as fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, unexpected changes in regulatory requirements, heightened risk of political and economic instability, difficulties in managing non-U.S. investments, potentially adverse tax consequences and the burden of complying with a wide variety of foreign laws.

Furthermore, Carlyle is exposed to economic risk concentrations related to certain large investments as well as concentrations of investments in certain industries and geographies.

Additionally, the Partnership encounters credit risk. Credit risk is the risk of default by a counterparty in the Partnership's investments in debt securities, loans, leases and derivatives that result from a borrower's, lessee's or derivative counterparty's inability or unwillingness to make required or expected payments.

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The Partnership considers cash, cash equivalents, securities, receivables, equity method investments, accounts payable, accrued expenses, other liabilities, loans, senior notes, assets and liabilities of Consolidated Funds and contingent and other consideration for acquisitions to be its financial instruments. Except for the senior notes, the carrying amounts reported in the consolidated balance sheets for these financial instruments equal or closely approximate their fair values. The fair value of the senior notes is disclosed in Note 7.

**10. Related Party Transactions**

**Due from Affiliates and Other Receivables, Net**

The Partnership had the following due from affiliates and other receivables at December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Accrued incentive fees	\$ 7.1	\$ 6.3
Unbilled receivable for giveback obligations from current and former employees	1.4	5.1
Notes receivable and accrued interest from affiliates	14.4	22.8
Management fee, reimbursable expenses and other receivables from unconsolidated funds and affiliates, net	418.2	229.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 441.1</b>	<b>\$ 263.4</b>

Notes receivable represent loans that the Partnership has provided to certain unconsolidated funds to meet short-term obligations to purchase investments. Reimbursable expenses and other receivables from certain of the unconsolidated funds and portfolio companies relate to management fees receivable from limited partners, advisory fees receivable and expenses paid on behalf of these entities. These costs represent costs related to the pursuit of actual or proposed investments, professional fees and expenses associated with the acquisition, holding and disposition of the investments. The affiliates are obligated at the discretion of the Partnership to reimburse the expenses. Based on management's determination, the Partnership accrues and charges interest on amounts due from affiliate accounts at interest rates ranging up to 7.50% as of December 31, 2018. The accrued and charged interest to the affiliates was not significant for any period presented.

These receivables are assessed regularly for collectability and amounts determined to be uncollectible are charged directly to general, administrative and other expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. A corresponding allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded and such amounts were not significant for any period presented.

**Due to Affiliates**

The Partnership had the following due to affiliates balances at December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Due to non-consolidated affiliates	\$ 27.6	\$ 75.7
Performance-based contingent cash consideration related to acquisitions	—	37.5
Amounts owed under the tax receivable agreement	101.9	94.0
Other	44.5	22.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 174.0</b>	<b>\$ 229.9</b>

The Partnership has recorded obligations for amounts due to certain of its affiliates. The Partnership periodically offsets expenses it has paid on behalf of its affiliates against these obligations. The amount owed under the tax receivable agreement is related primarily to the acquisition by the Partnership of Carlyle Holdings partnership units in June 2015 and March 2014, respectively, the exchange in May 2012 by CalPERS of its Carlyle Holdings partnership units for Partnership common units, as well as certain unit exchanges by senior Carlyle professionals which began in the second quarter of 2017 (see Note 14).

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**Other Related Party Transactions**

In the normal course of business, the Partnership has made use of aircraft owned by entities controlled by senior Carlyle professionals. The senior Carlyle professionals paid for their purchases of the aircraft and bear all operating, personnel and maintenance costs associated with their operation for personal use. Payment by the Partnership for the business use of these aircraft by senior Carlyle professionals and other employees, which is made at market rates, totaled \$8.4 million, \$5.4 million and \$4.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These fees are included in general, administrative, and other expenses in the consolidated statements of operations.

Senior Carlyle professionals and employees are permitted to participate in co-investment entities that invest in Carlyle funds or alongside Carlyle funds. In many cases, participation is limited by law to individuals who qualify under applicable legal requirements. These co-investment entities generally do not require senior Carlyle professionals and employees to pay management or performance allocations, however, Carlyle professionals and employees are required to pay their portion of partnership expenses.

Carried interest income from the funds can be distributed to senior Carlyle professionals and employees on a current basis, but is subject to repayment by the subsidiary of the Partnership that acts as general partner of the fund in the event that certain specified return thresholds are not ultimately achieved. The senior Carlyle professionals and certain other investment professionals have personally guaranteed, subject to certain limitations, the obligation of these subsidiaries in respect of this general partner obligation. Such guarantees are several and not joint and are limited to a particular individual's distributions received.

The Partnership does business with some of its portfolio companies; all such arrangements are on a negotiated basis.

Substantially all revenue is earned from affiliates of Carlyle.

**11. Income Taxes**

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Act") was enacted. The Act included numerous changes in existing tax law, including a permanent reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%. The rate reduction took effect on January 1, 2018. As a result of the reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate, the Partnership revalued its deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2017 using the newly enacted rate. The revaluation resulted in the recognition of additional provision for income taxes of approximately \$113.0 million in the year ended December 31, 2017. In addition, the Partnership's tax receivable agreement liability was reduced by approximately \$71.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2017 due to the reduction in expected future benefits owed to the limited partners of Carlyle Holdings resulting from the decrease in the federal corporate income tax rate. The reduction in the tax receivable agreement liability resulting from the Act was included in other non-operating income in the consolidated statements of operations. The SEC Staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 ("SAB 118") on December 22, 2017, which allowed for reporting provisional amounts during a measurement period until the evaluation was complete. The Partnership assessed the impact of the Act on its consolidated financial statements at December 31, 2018 and believes the material provisions have been properly considered. The measurement period under SAB 118 is closed as of December 22, 2018. The Partnership will continue to evaluate the impact of any future authoritative guidance under the Act.

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The provision for income taxes consists of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
<b>Current</b>			
Federal income tax	\$ 2.5	\$ (6.2)	\$ 0.4
State and local income tax	0.2	(0.2)	(0.4)
Foreign income tax	40.6	38.8	34.9
Subtotal	43.3	32.4	34.9
<b>Deferred</b>			
Federal income tax	(13.4)	106.2	(9.8)
State and local income tax	(1.7)	(2.7)	(1.3)
Foreign income tax	3.1	(11.0)	6.2
Subtotal	(12.0)	92.5	(4.9)
<b>Total provision for income taxes</b>	<b>\$ 31.3</b>	<b>\$ 124.9</b>	<b>\$ 30.0</b>

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences that may exist between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse.

A summary of the tax effects of the temporary differences is as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>		
Federal foreign tax credit	\$ 11.9	\$ 11.9
Federal net operating loss carry forward	25.5	22.8
State net operating loss carry forwards	9.7	11.8
Capital loss carry forward	9.9	—
Tax basis goodwill and intangibles	105.1	98.2
Depreciation and amortization	14.0	16.6
Deferred restricted common unit compensation	14.7	9.4
Accrued compensation	43.5	31.0
Basis difference in investments	8.9	24.4
Other	44.6	24.3
Deferred tax assets before valuation allowance	287.8	250.4
Valuation allowance	(28.7)	(27.3)
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<b>\$ 259.1</b>	<b>\$ 223.1</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities <sup>(1)</sup></b>		
Intangible assets	\$ 3.7	\$ 4.8
Unrealized appreciation on investments	125.3	121.0
Other	—	2.5
<b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 129.0</b>	<b>\$ 128.3</b>
<b>Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>\$ 130.1</b>	<b>\$ 94.8</b>

(1) As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, \$64.7 million and \$52.7 million, respectively, of deferred tax liabilities were offset and presented as a single deferred tax asset amount on the Partnership's balance sheet as these deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to the same jurisdiction.

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As of December 31, 2018, the Partnership has a federal net operating loss carry forward of approximately \$121.5 million (of which \$6.1 million was generated in 2018) and cumulative net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$230.4 million for separate state tax jurisdictions, which will be available to offset future taxable income. If not used, a portion of the federal and state carry forwards will expire in 2035 and years forward and 2020 and years forward, respectively. The federal net operating loss generated in 2018 may be utilized up to 80% of taxable income in any tax year and are available for indefinite carry forward. As of December 31, 2018, the Partnership has a capital loss carry forward of approximately \$41.1 million which will be available to offset future capital gain. If not used, a portion of the capital loss carry forwards will expire in 2023 and 2024, respectively. As of December 31, 2018, the Partnership had a federal foreign tax credit (“FTC”) carryforward of \$11.9 million. The FTCs are related to taxes paid in various foreign jurisdictions and if not utilized a portion will expire in 2023 and years forward.

The Partnership had \$194.4 million and \$170.4 million in deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. These deferred tax assets resulted primarily from future amortization of tax basis intangible assets generated from exchanges covered by the Tax Receivable Agreement (see Note 2) and acquisitions by the Partnership and temporary differences between the financial statement and tax bases of depreciation on fixed assets and accrued compensation on lower-tier partnerships. The realization of the deferred tax assets is dependent on the Partnership’s future taxable income before deductions related to the establishment of its deferred tax assets. The deferred tax asset balance is comprised of a portion that would be realized in connection with future ordinary income and a portion that would be realized in connection with future capital gains.

The Partnership evaluated various sources of evidence in determining the ultimate realizability of its deferred tax assets including the character and timing of projected future taxable income. During 2018 and 2017, a Partnership entity subject to entity level income tax in certain states incurred a significant tax loss. Management evaluated specific factors associated with the realizability of its net operating losses and the entity’s deferred tax assets and determined that it is more likely than not that the Partnership will not realize these tax assets. Additionally, the Partnership determined that a portion of the US federal FTC carryforward earned in 2013 and forward will not ultimately be realized due to federal limitations on FTC utilization. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Partnership has established a valuation allowance of \$28.7 million and \$27.3 million, respectively, for these items. For all other deferred tax assets, the Partnership has concluded it is more likely than not that they will be realized and that a valuation allowance is not needed at December 31, 2018.

The Partnership had deferred tax liabilities of \$64.3 million and \$75.6 million at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, which primarily relate to unrealized appreciation on the Partnership’s investments in the Netherlands. Deferred tax liabilities related to unrealized appreciation were also recorded for outside tax basis differences as a result of the Partnership’s investment in Carlyle Holdings. The deferred tax liabilities related to intangible assets were recorded as part of the Partnership’s business acquisitions.

The Partnership’s income tax expense was \$31.3 million, \$124.9 million and \$30.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The following table reconciles the provision for income taxes to the U.S. Federal statutory tax rate:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
Statutory U.S. federal income tax rate	21.00 %	35.00 %	35.00 %
Income passed through to common unitholders and non-controlling interest holders <sup>(1)</sup>	(20.85)%	(31.55)%	(40.00)%
Reduction in U.S. corporate tax rate	— %	7.77 %	— %
Unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units and other compensation	0.54 %	1.45 %	36.74 %
Foreign income taxes	8.25 %	0.12 %	28.75 %
State and local income taxes	(0.63)%	(0.19)%	(6.70)%
Valuation allowance impacting provision for income taxes	0.24 %	0.07 %	16.84 %
Other adjustments	0.14 %	(1.64)%	(4.40)%
Effective income tax rate <sup>(2)</sup>	8.69 %	11.03 %	66.23 %

(1) The Partnership is organized as a series of pass through entities pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code. As such, the Partnership is not responsible for the tax liability due on certain income earned during the year. Such income is taxed at the unitholder and non-controlling interest holder level, and any income tax is the responsibility of the unitholders and is paid at that level.



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- (2) The effective income tax rate is calculated on income before provision for income taxes. The effective tax rate is impacted by a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, changes in the sources of income or loss during the period and whether such income or loss is attributable to the Partnership's taxable subsidiaries.

Under U.S. GAAP for income taxes, the amount of tax benefit to be recognized is the amount of benefit that is "more likely than not" to be sustained upon examination. The Partnership has recorded a liability for uncertain tax positions of \$13.1 million and \$12.3 million as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, which is reflected in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. These balances include \$4.2 million and \$3.4 million as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, related to interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions. If recognized, \$13.1 million of uncertain tax positions would be recorded as a reduction in the provision for income taxes. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits, exclusive of penalties and interest, is as follows:

	As of December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Balance at January 1	\$ 8.9	\$ 13.0	\$ 13.1
Additions for tax positions of prior years	0.2	1.6	1.3
Reductions due to lapse of statute of limitations	(0.2)	(5.7)	(1.4)
Balance at December 31	<u>\$ 8.9</u>	<u>\$ 8.9</u>	<u>\$ 13.0</u>

In the normal course of business, the Partnership is subject to examination by federal and certain state, local and foreign tax regulators. With a few exceptions, as of December 31, 2018, the Partnership's U.S. federal income tax returns for the years 2015 through 2017 are open under the normal three years statute of limitations and therefore subject to examination. State and local tax returns are generally subject to audit from 2013 to 2017. Foreign tax returns are generally subject to audit from 2011 to 2017. Certain of the Partnership's affiliates are currently under audit by federal, state and foreign tax authorities.

The Partnership does not believe that the outcome of these audits will require it to record reserves for uncertain tax positions or that the outcome will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements. The Partnership does not believe that it has any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly increase or decrease within the next twelve months.

## 12. Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Entities

The components of the Partnership's non-controlling interests in consolidated entities are as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(Dollars in millions)	
Non-Carlyle interests in Consolidated Funds	\$ 1.2	\$ 13.3
Non-Carlyle interests in majority-owned subsidiaries	337.1	386.5
Non-controlling interest in carried interest, giveback obligations and cash held for carried interest distributions	(14.1)	4.9
Non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	<u>\$ 324.2</u>	<u>\$ 404.7</u>

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The components of the Partnership's non-controlling interests in income of consolidated entities are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Non-Carlyle interests in Consolidated Funds	\$ (5.3)	\$ 12.0	\$ 17.1
Non-Carlyle interests in majority-owned subsidiaries	36.4	41.3	(8.6)
Non-controlling interest in carried interest, giveback obligations and cash held for carried interest distributions	2.8	19.2	32.3
Net income attributable to other non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	33.9	72.5	40.8
Net income attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	—	—	0.2
Non-controlling interests in income of consolidated entities	<u>\$ 33.9</u>	<u>\$ 72.5</u>	<u>\$ 41.0</u>

13. Earnings Per Common Unit

Basic and diluted net income (loss) per common unit are calculated as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2018		Year Ended December 31, 2017		Year Ended December 31, 2016	
	Basic	Diluted	Basic	Diluted	Basic	Diluted
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. common unitholders	\$ 92,900,000	\$ 92,900,000	\$ 238,100,000	\$ 238,100,000	\$ 6,400,000	\$ 6,400,000
Incremental net income (loss) from assumed exchange of Carlyle Holdings Partnership units	—	—	—	—	—	(32,100,000)
Net income (loss) attributable to common units	<u>\$ 92,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 92,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 238,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 238,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,400,000</u>	<u>\$ (25,700,000)</u>
Weighted-average common units outstanding	104,198,089	113,389,443	92,136,959	100,082,548	82,714,178	308,522,990
Net income (loss) per common unit	<u>\$ 0.89</u>	<u>\$ 0.82</u>	<u>\$ 2.58</u>	<u>\$ 2.38</u>	<u>\$ 0.08</u>	<u>\$ (0.08)</u>

The weighted-average common units outstanding, basic and diluted, are calculated as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2018		Year Ended December 31, 2017		Year Ended December 31, 2016	
	Basic	Diluted	Basic	Diluted	Basic	Diluted
The Carlyle Group L.P. weighted-average common units outstanding	104,198,089	104,198,089	92,136,959	92,136,959	82,714,178	82,714,178
Unvested deferred restricted common units	—	8,336,661	—	7,347,645	—	3,331,282
Contingently issuable Carlyle Holdings Partnership units and common units	—	854,693	—	597,944	—	—
Weighted-average vested Carlyle Holdings Partnership units	—	—	—	—	—	222,183,911
Unvested Carlyle Holdings Partnership units	—	—	—	—	—	293,619
Weighted-average common units outstanding	<u>104,198,089</u>	<u>113,389,443</u>	<u>92,136,959</u>	<u>100,082,548</u>	<u>82,714,178</u>	<u>308,522,990</u>

The Carlyle Group L.P. weighted-average common units outstanding includes vested deferred restricted common units and common units associated with acquisitions that have been earned for which issuance of the related common units is deferred until future periods.

The Partnership applies the treasury stock method to determine the dilutive weighted-average common units represented by the unvested deferred restricted common units. Also included in the determination of dilutive weighted-average common units are issuable and contingently issuable Carlyle Holdings partnership units and common units associated with the Partnership's acquisitions, strategic investments in NGP and performance-vesting deferred restricted common units. For purposes of determining the dilutive weighted-average common units, it is assumed that December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 represent the end of the contingency period.

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The Partnership applies the “if-converted” method to the vested Carlyle Holdings partnership units to determine the dilutive weighted-average common units outstanding. The Partnership applies the treasury stock method to the unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units and the “if-converted” method on the resulting number of additional Carlyle Holdings partnership units to determine the dilutive weighted-average common units represented by the unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units.

In computing the dilutive effect that the exchange of Carlyle Holdings partnership units would have on earnings per common unit, the Partnership considered that net income available to holders of common units would decrease due to the elimination of non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings (including any tax impact). Based on these calculations, 230,266,308 of vested Carlyle Holdings partnership units and 2,140,224 of unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units for the year ended December 31, 2018 were antidilutive, and therefore have been excluded.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, 227,275,453 of vested Carlyle Holdings partnership units and 2,579,831 of unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units were antidilutive, and therefore have been excluded.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, 222,183,911 of vested Carlyle Holdings partnership units and 293,619 of unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units were dilutive. As a result, the net loss of non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings associated with this assumed exchange of \$(32.1) million for the year ended December 31, 2016 has been included in net income (loss) attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. for purposes of the dilutive earnings per common unit calculation.

On August 1, 2013, as part of acquiring the remaining 40% interests in Alpinvest, the Partnership issued 914,087 common units that are subject to vesting conditions. The common units participate immediately in any Partnership distributions. Under ASC 260, these common units are considered participating securities and are required to be included in the computation of earnings per common unit pursuant to the two-class method. As of December 31, 2017, 7,782 of these common units remained unvested. These common units vested on January 1, 2018 and there were no unvested common units as of December 31, 2018.

## 14. Equity

### Preferred Unit Issuance

On September 13, 2017, the Partnership issued 16,000,000 of 5.875% Series A Preferred Units (the “Preferred Units”) for gross proceeds of \$400.0 million, or \$387.5 million, net of issuance costs and expenses. The Partnership plans to use the net proceeds from the sale of the Preferred Units for general corporate purposes, including to fund investments.

Distributions on the Preferred Units will be payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15 of each year, beginning on December 15, 2017, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership, at a rate per annum of 5.875%. Distributions on the Preferred Units are discretionary and non-cumulative.

Subject to certain exceptions, unless distributions have been declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment on the Preferred Units for a quarterly distribution period, during the remainder of that distribution period, the Partnership may not repurchase any common units or any other units that are junior in rank to the Preferred Units and the Partnership may not declare or pay or set apart payment for distributions on any common or junior units for the remainder of that distribution period, other than (i) distributions of tax distribution amounts received from Carlyle Holdings in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships as in effect on the date the Preferred Units were first issued, (ii) the net unit settlement of equity-based awards granted under The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Equity Incentive Plan”) (or any successor or any similar plan) in order to satisfy associated tax obligations, or (iii) distributions paid in junior units or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase other units or with proceeds from the substantially concurrent sale of junior units. These restrictions are not applicable during the period from original issue date to, but excluding, December 15, 2017.

The Preferred Units may be redeemed at the Partnership’s option, in whole or in part, at any time on or after September 15, 2022 at a price of \$25.00 per Preferred Unit, plus declared and unpaid distributions to, but excluding, the redemption date, without payment of any undeclared distributions. Holders of the Preferred Units have no right to require the redemption of the Preferred Units and there is no maturity date.

If a change of control event or tax redemption event occurs prior to September 15, 2022, the Partnership may, at its option, redeem the Preferred Units, in whole but not in part, upon at least 30 days’ notice, within 60 days of the occurrence of

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such change in control event or such tax redemption event, as applicable, at a price of \$25.25 per Preferred Unit, plus declared and unpaid distributions to, but excluding, the redemption date, without payment of any undeclared distributions. If (i) a change of control event occurs (whether before, on or after September 15, 2022) and (ii) the Partnership does not give notice prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> day following the change in control event to redeem all the outstanding Preferred Units, the distribution rate per annum on the Preferred Units will increase by 5.00%, beginning on the 31<sup>st</sup> day following such change in control event.

If a rating agency event occurs prior to September 15, 2022, the Partnership may, at its option, redeem the Preferred Units, in whole but not in part, upon at least 30 days' notice, within 60 days of the occurrence of such rating agency event, as applicable, at a price of \$25.50 per Preferred Unit, plus declared and unpaid distributions to, but excluding, the redemption date, without payment of any undeclared distributions.

The Preferred Units are not convertible into common units or any other class or series of interests or any other security. Holders of the Preferred Units will generally have no voting rights and have none of the voting rights given to holders of the Partnership's common units, except as otherwise provided in the Partnership's limited partnership agreement.

#### Unit Repurchase Program

In February 2016, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units. Under this unit repurchase program, units may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. The Partnership expects that the majority of repurchases under this program will be done via open market transactions. The timing and actual number of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price, and economic and market conditions. This unit repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Partnership paid an aggregate of \$107.5 million to repurchase and retire 4,947,385 units with all of the repurchases done via open market and brokered transactions. Since inception of this program, the Partnership has paid an aggregate of \$166.6 million to repurchase and retire 8,643,274 units.

In December 2018, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units, inclusive of amounts remaining under the February 2016 repurchase program. Under this new unit repurchase program, which is effective January 1, 2019, units may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. We expect that the majority of repurchases under this program will be done via open market and brokered transactions. The timing and actual number of common units and/or Carlyle Holdings units repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price, and economic and market conditions. This unit repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date.

#### Quarterly Unit Exchange Program

Beginning in the second quarter of 2017, current and former senior Carlyle professionals are able to exchange their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units on a quarterly basis, subject to the terms of the Exchange Agreement. During the year ended December 31, 2018, current and former senior Carlyle professionals exchanged 3,836,022 Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units, resulting in a reallocation of capital of \$26.8 million from non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings to partners' capital and accumulated other comprehensive loss. None of Carlyle's named executive officers participated in the quarterly unit exchange.

#### Distributions

The table below presents information regarding the quarterly distributions on the common units, which were made at the sole discretion of the general partner of the Partnership. Because certain wholly owned subsidiaries of the Partnership must pay taxes and make payments under the tax receivable agreement, the amounts ultimately distributed to the common unitholders may be less, on a per unit basis, than the amounts distributed by the Carlyle Holdings partnerships to the other limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships in respect of their Carlyle Holdings partnership units.

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Distribution Record Date	Distribution Payment Date	Distribution per Common Unit	Distribution to Common Unitholders
(Dollars in millions, except per unit data)			
May 15, 2017	May 22, 2017	\$ 0.10	\$ 9.0
August 14, 2017	August 21, 2017	0.42	40.3
November 10, 2017	November 16, 2017	0.56	55.1
February 20, 2018	February 27, 2018	0.33	33.2
Total 2017 Distribution Year		\$ 1.41	\$ 137.6
May 11, 2018	May 17, 2018	0.27	27.8
August 13, 2018	August 17, 2018	0.22	23.3
November 13, 2018	November 20, 2018	0.42	45.5
February 19, 2019	February 26, 2019	0.43	47.5
Total 2018 Distribution Year		\$ 1.34	\$ 144.1

The general partner will take into account general economic and business conditions, as well as the Partnership's strategic plans and prospects, business and investment opportunities, financial condition and obligations, legal, tax and regulatory restrictions, other constraints on the payment of distributions by the Partnership to its common unitholders or by subsidiaries to the Partnership, and other such factors as the general partner may deem relevant.

Under the Delaware Limited Partnership Act, the Partnership may not make a distribution to a partner if after the distribution all of the Partnership's liabilities, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interest and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specific property of the partnership, would exceed the fair value of the Partnership's assets. If the Partnership were to make such an impermissible distribution, any limited partner who received a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution was in violation of the Delaware Limited Partnership Act would be liable to the Partnership for the amount of the distribution for three years. In addition, the terms of the Partnership's credit facility provide certain limits on our ability to make distributions.

## 15. Equity-Based Compensation

In May 2012, Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., the general partner of the Partnership, adopted The Equity Incentive Plan. The Equity Incentive Plan is a source of equity-based awards permitting the Partnership to grant to Carlyle employees, directors of the Partnership's general partner and consultants non-qualified options, unit appreciation rights, common units, restricted common units, deferred restricted common units, phantom restricted common units and other awards based on the Partnership's common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units. The total number of the Partnership's common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units which were initially available for grant under the Equity Incentive Plan was 30,450,000. The Equity Incentive Plan contains a provision which automatically increases the number of the Partnership's common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units available for grant based on a pre-determined formula; this increase occurs annually on January 1. As of January 1, 2019, pursuant to the formula, the total number of the Partnership's common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units available for grant under the Equity Incentive Plan was 33,872,427.

### *Unvested Partnership Common Units*

On August 1, 2013, the Partnership acquired the remaining 40% equity interest in AlpInvest. As part of the transaction, the Partnership issued 914,087 common units to AlpInvest sellers who are employees of the Partnership that are subject to vesting conditions. These common units were unvested at grant and vest over a period of up to five years. The unvested common units are accounted for as equity-based compensation in accordance with ASC Topic 718, *Compensation – Stock Compensation* ("ASC 718"). The grant-date fair value of the unvested common units is charged to equity-based compensation on a straight-line basis over the required service period. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Partnership recorded \$0.2 million and \$1.6 million in equity-based compensation expense associated with these awards, respectively. The remaining unvested common units vested on January 1, 2018 and the equity-based compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 was not significant.

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*Unvested Carlyle Holdings Partnership Units*

Unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units are held by senior Carlyle professionals and other individuals engaged in Carlyle's business and generally vest ratably over a six-year period. The unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units are accounted for as equity-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718. The grant-date fair value of the unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units are charged to equity-based compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the required service period. The Partnership recorded equity-based compensation expense associated with these awards of \$55.8 million, \$166.4 million and \$183.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. No tax benefits have been recorded related to the unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units, as the vesting of these units does not result in a tax deduction to the corporate taxpayers.

In connection with the Partnership's investment in NGP Management in December 2012, the Partnership issued 996,572 Carlyle Holdings partnership units to ECM Capital, L.P. which vested ratably over a period of five years. The Partnership also issued 597,944 Carlyle Holdings partnership units to ECM Capital, L.P. that vested in 2017. The expense for these awards was recognized as a reduction to the Partnership's investment income in NGP Management over the relevant service period.

As of December 31, 2018, the total unrecognized equity-based compensation expense related to unvested Carlyle Holdings partnership units is not significant and is expected to be recognized within the next year.

*Deferred Restricted Common Units*

The deferred restricted common units are unvested when granted and vest ratably over a service period, which ranges up to six years. The grant-date fair value of the deferred restricted common units granted to Carlyle's employees is charged to equity-based compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the required service period. Additionally, the calculation of the expense assumes a per unit discount that ranges from 0% to 40.0%, as these unvested awards do not participate in any Partnership distributions. The Partnership recorded compensation expense of \$184.0 million, \$153.7 million and \$149.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, with \$16.6 million, \$13.6 million and \$17.2 million of corresponding deferred tax benefits, respectively. A portion of the accumulated deferred tax asset associated with equity-based compensation expense was reclassified as a current tax benefit due to units vesting during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016. Equity-based compensation expense generates deferred tax assets, which are realized when the units vest. The net impact of additional deferred tax assets due to equity-based compensation expense less the reduction to the deferred tax assets for units that vested was \$2.3 million and \$4.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 2016, respectively. The net impact of additional deferred tax assets was not significant for the year ended December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2018, the total unrecognized equity-based compensation expense related to unvested deferred restricted common units is \$226.1 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average term of 2.6 years.

The expense associated with the deferred restricted common units granted to NGP personnel are recognized as a reduction of the Partnership's investment income in NGP Management. Equity-based awards issued to non-employees, including non-employee directors and consultants, are recognized as general, administrative and other expenses. The grant-date fair value of deferred restricted common units granted to non-employees is charged to expense on a straight-line basis over the vesting period date. Equity-based awards that require the satisfaction of future service criteria are recognized over the relevant service period. The expense for equity-based awards issued to non-employees was \$6.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 and was not significant for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

The vesting of deferred restricted common units creates taxable income for the Partnership's employees in certain jurisdictions. Accordingly, the employees may elect to engage the Partnership's equity plan service provider to sell sufficient common units and generate proceeds to cover their minimum tax obligations.

In 2018, the Partnership granted approximately 12.9 million deferred restricted common units across a significant number of the Partnership's employees. The total estimated grant-date fair value of these awards was approximately \$270.0 million. The awards vest generally over a period of 12 to 60 months.

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A summary of the status of the Partnership's non-vested equity-based awards as of December 31, 2018 and a summary of changes from December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2018, are presented below:

Unvested Units	Carlyle Holdings		The Carlyle Group, L.P.					
	Partnership Units	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value	Equity Settled Awards			Cash Settled Awards		
			Deferred Restricted Common Units	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value	Unvested Common Units	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value	Phantom Units	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance, December 31, 2015	26,819,112	\$ 22.18	18,420,434	\$ 24.62	766,991	\$ 27.41	6,741	\$ 34.58
Granted	—	\$ —	6,730,159	\$ 11.30	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Vested	8,830,325	\$ 22.11	7,007,857	\$ 25.14	728,080	\$ 27.71	3,480	\$ 34.45
Forfeited	748,787	\$ 22.00	1,436,816	\$ 22.91	—	\$ —	741	\$ 34.39
Balance, December 31, 2016	17,240,000	\$ 22.22	16,705,920	\$ 19.21	38,911	\$ 21.67	2,520	\$ 34.81
Granted	—	\$ —	8,260,455	\$ 14.17	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Vested	8,707,671	\$ 22.40	8,864,747	\$ 19.63	31,129	\$ 21.53	2,520	\$ 34.81
Forfeited	437,314	\$ 22.00	582,037	\$ 19.62	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Balance, December 31, 2017	8,095,015	\$ 22.03	15,519,591	\$ 16.25	7,782	\$ 22.22	—	\$ —
Granted	—	\$ —	12,907,610	\$ 20.83	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Vested	8,085,628	\$ 22.02	8,665,497	\$ 17.42	7,782	\$ 22.22	—	\$ —
Forfeited	—	\$ —	638,004	\$ 16.57	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Balance, December 31, 2018	9,387	\$ 28.26	19,123,700	\$ 18.73	—	\$ —	—	\$ —

16. Deconsolidation of a Real Estate Development Company

The Partnership, indirectly through certain Carlyle real estate investment funds, had an investment in Urbplan Desenvolvimento Urbano S.A. ("Urbplan"), a Brazilian residential subdivision and land development company. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Partnership disposed of its interests in Urbplan in a transaction with a third party. The third party acquired operational control and all of the economic interests in Urbplan in the transaction. Since the Partnership is no longer the primary beneficiary of Urbplan, Urbplan was deconsolidated from the Partnership's financial results. The Partnership recorded a pre-tax loss upon deconsolidation of \$65 million during the third quarter of 2017, which includes the impact of deconsolidation, the terms of the transaction with the third party and related reserves. The loss is recorded in interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation in the consolidated statements of operations. Excluding the effect of this transaction, Urbplan's income before provision for income taxes prior to the transaction was not material to the Partnership's consolidated financial statements.

The Partnership concluded that Urbplan was a VIE as of September 30, 2013 because Urbplan's equity investment at risk was not sufficient to permit it to finance its activities without additional financial support. The Partnership also concluded that it was the primary beneficiary of Urbplan. As such, the Partnership began consolidating Urbplan into its consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2013. Due to the timing and availability of financial information from Urbplan, the Partnership consolidated the financial position and results of operations of Urbplan on a financial reporting lag of 90 days. The assets and liabilities of Urbplan were held in legal entities separate from the Partnership; the Partnership did not guarantee or assume any obligation for repayment of Urbplan's liabilities nor were the assets of Urbplan available to meet the liquidity requirements of the Partnership.

Urbplan is party to various litigation, government investigations and proceedings, including disputes with creditors and customers. The Partnership does not believe it is probable that the outcome of any Urbplan litigation, disputes or other potential claims will materially affect the Partnership or these consolidated financial statements.

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The revenues and expenses recognized in the Partnership's consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, related to Urbplan were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in millions)		
Revenue of a real estate VIE:		
Land development services	\$ 104.6	\$ 69.3
Investment income	4.4	25.8
	<u>\$ 109.0</u>	<u>\$ 95.1</u>
Interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation:		
Costs of products sold and services rendered	\$ 64.4	\$ 31.3
Interest expense	18.5	51.4
Change in fair value of loans payable	(6.6)	(17.6)
Compensation and benefits	2.8	8.5
G&A and other expenses	58.9	134.0
Loss on deconsolidation	64.5	—
	<u>\$ 202.5</u>	<u>\$ 207.6</u>

The following is a summary of the significant classifications of revenues and expenses of Urbplan:

*Revenue of a real estate VIE* – This balance consisted primarily of amounts earned for land development services using the completed contract method and investment income earned on Urbplan's investments. Under the completed contract method of accounting, revenue was not recorded until the period in which the land development services contract is completed.

*Interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation* – This balance consisted primarily of interest expense on Urbplan's borrowings, general and administrative expenses, compensation and benefits, costs associated with land development services, and the loss incurred upon the deconsolidation of Urbplan in the third quarter of 2017. Also included in this caption was the change in the Partnership's estimate of the fair value of Urbplan's loans payable during the period. Interest expense was recorded on Urbplan's borrowings at variable rates as defined. Costs related to Urbplan's land development services activities were capitalized until the services are complete. Costs associated with advertising, marketing and other selling activities were expensed when incurred.

## 17. Segment Reporting

Carlyle conducts its operations through four reportable segments:

*Corporate Private Equity* – The Corporate Private Equity segment is comprised of the Partnership's operations that advise a diverse group of funds that invest in buyout and growth capital transactions that focus on either a particular geography or a particular industry.

*Real Assets* – The Real Assets segment is comprised of the Partnership's operations that advise U.S. and international funds focused on real estate, infrastructure, energy and renewable energy transactions.

*Global Credit* – The Global Credit segment advises a group of funds that pursue investment opportunities across various types of credit, including loans & structured credit, direct lending, opportunistic credit, energy credit, distressed credit and aviation finance.

*Investment Solutions* – The Investment Solutions segment advises global private equity fund of funds programs and related co-investment and secondary activities through AlpInvest. This segment also includes Metropolitan, a global manager of real estate fund of funds and related co-investment and secondary activities.

The Partnership's reportable business segments are differentiated by their various investment focuses and strategies. Overhead costs are generally allocated based on cash-based compensation and benefits expense for each segment. The



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Partnership includes adjustments to reflect the Partnership's 63% economic interest in Claren Road (through January 2017) and 55% interest in ESG (through June 2016). The Partnership's earnings from its investment in NGP are presented in the respective operating captions within the Real Assets segment. The net income or loss from the consolidation of Urbplan allocable to the Partnership (after consideration of amounts allocable to non-controlling interests) is presented within principal investment income in the Real Assets segment until the third quarter of 2017 when Urbplan was deconsolidated from the Partnership's financial results (see Note 16).

*Distributable Earnings.* Distributable Earnings, or "DE," is a key performance benchmark used in our industry and is evaluated regularly by management in making resource deployment and compensation decisions and in assessing performance of the Partnership's four reportable segments. Management also uses DE in budgeting, forecasting, and the overall management of the Partnership's segments. Management believes that reporting DE is helpful to understanding the Partnership's business and that investors should review the same supplemental financial measure that management uses to analyze the Partnership's segment performance. DE is intended to show the amount of net realized earnings without the effects of consolidation of the Consolidated Funds. DE is derived from the Partnership's segment reported results and is used to assess performance and determine amounts potentially available for distribution from Carlyle Holdings to its unitholders.

Distributable Earnings differs from income (loss) before provision for income taxes computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP in that it includes certain tax expenses associated with performance revenues (comprised of performance allocations and incentive fees), and does not include unrealized performance allocations and related compensation expense, unrealized principal investment income, equity-based compensation expense, net income (loss) attributable to non-Carlyle interests in consolidated entities, or charges (credits) related to Carlyle corporate actions and non-recurring items. Charges (credits) related to Carlyle corporate actions and non-recurring items include: charges associated with acquisitions or strategic investments, changes in the tax receivable agreement liability, amortization and any impairment charges associated with acquired intangible assets, transaction costs associated with acquisitions, charges associated with earnouts and contingent consideration including gains and losses associated with the estimated fair value of contingent consideration issued in conjunction with acquisitions or strategic investments, gains and losses from the retirement of debt, charges associated with contract terminations and employee severance. Management believes the inclusion or exclusion of these items provides investors with a meaningful indication of the Partnership's core operating performance.

*Fee Related Earnings.* Fee Related Earnings, or "FRE," is used to assess the ability of the business to cover direct base compensation and operating expenses from total fee revenues. FRE differs from income (loss) before provision for income taxes computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP in that it adjusts for the items included in the calculation of DE and also adjusts DE to exclude net realized performance revenues, realized principal investment income, net interest (interest income less interest expense), and certain general, administrative and other expenses when the timing of any future payment is uncertain.

In connection with a change to the Partnership's chief operating decision makers, management has reevaluated the manner in which it makes operational and resource deployment decisions and assesses the overall performance of the Partnership's business. Effective with the three months ended December 31, 2018, DE and FRE are the performance measures for the Partnership's profitability used by management in making operational and resource deployment decisions. Previously, Economic Income ("EI") was also a key performance measure. The key distinction between DE and EI is that DE reflects the earnings of the Partnership excluding unrealized performance revenues and related compensation expense, and unrealized principal investment income.

In connection with this modification, segment information as of December 31, 2017 and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 has been presented in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to conform to the Partnership's current segment presentation for comparability purposes. Consequently, this information will be different from the historical segment financial results reported by the Partnership in its reports filed with the SEC.

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The following tables present the financial data for the Partnership's four reportable segments as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018:

	December 31, 2018 and the Year Then Ended				
	Corporate Private Equity	Real Assets	Global Credit	Investment Solutions	Total
(Dollars in millions)					
<b>Segment Revenues</b>					
Fund level fee revenues					
Fund management fees	\$ 634.1	\$ 317.9	\$ 243.0	\$ 166.8	\$ 1,361.8
Portfolio advisory fees, net and other	21.1	4.5	5.1	0.4	31.1
Transaction fees, net	26.7	4.4	1.0	—	32.1
Total fund level fee revenues	681.9	326.8	249.1	167.2	1,425.0
Realized performance revenues	415.9	150.3	9.8	106.4	682.4
Realized principal investment income (loss)	26.6	13.5	7.9	0.1	48.1
Interest income	9.3	4.4	15.3	1.4	30.4
Total revenues	1,133.7	495.0	282.1	275.1	2,185.9
<b>Segment Expenses</b>					
Compensation and benefits					
Cash-based compensation and benefits	373.2	135.1	140.4	92.0	740.7
Realized performance revenues related compensation	195.3	66.6	4.5	96.3	362.7
Total compensation and benefits	568.5	201.7	144.9	188.3	1,103.4
General, administrative, and other indirect expenses	167.6	64.1	30.5	36.6	298.8
Depreciation and amortization expense	17.3	6.8	6.3	4.7	35.1
Interest expense	29.9	15.3	22.9	6.6	74.7
Total expenses	783.3	287.9	204.6	236.2	1,512.0
<b>Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 350.4</b>	<b>\$ 207.1</b>	<b>\$ 77.5</b>	<b>\$ 38.9</b>	<b>\$ 673.9</b>
(-) Realized net performance revenues	220.6	83.7	5.3	10.1	319.7
(-) Realized principal investment income (loss)	26.6	13.5	7.9	0.1	48.1
(+) Net interest	20.6	10.9	7.6	5.2	44.3
<b>(=) Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 123.8</b>	<b>\$ 120.8</b>	<b>\$ 71.9</b>	<b>\$ 33.9</b>	<b>\$ 350.4</b>
Segment assets as of December 31, 2018	\$ 2,980.0	\$ 1,738.8	\$ 1,702.9	\$ 1,049.0	\$ 7,470.7

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The following tables present the financial data for the Partnership's four reportable segments as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017:

	December 31, 2017 and the Year Then Ended				
	Corporate Private Equity	Real Assets	Global Credit	Investment Solutions	Total
(Dollars in millions)					
<b>Segment Revenues</b>					
Fund level fee revenues					
Fund management fees	\$ 471.0	\$ 263.6	\$ 191.5	\$ 154.9	\$ 1,081.0
Portfolio advisory fees, net and other	21.2	3.0	7.5	0.4	32.1
Transaction fees, net	22.4	4.5	—	—	26.9
Total fund level fee revenues	514.6	271.1	199.0	155.3	1,140.0
Realized performance revenues	831.5	92.0	75.4	86.4	1,085.3
Realized principal investment income (loss)	25.4	(63.2)	11.9	0.1	(25.8)
Interest income	5.5	3.0	7.1	1.1	16.7
Total revenues	1,377.0	302.9	293.4	242.9	2,216.2
<b>Segment Expenses</b>					
Compensation and benefits					
Cash-based compensation and benefits	340.7	128.1	104.5	84.7	658.0
Realized performance revenues related compensation	372.9	41.6	35.0	83.2	532.7
Total compensation and benefits	713.6	169.7	139.5	167.9	1,190.7
General, administrative, and other indirect expenses	132.3	84.3	7.4	34.9	258.9
Depreciation and amortization expense	15.3	7.1	5.1	3.6	31.1
Interest expense	27.9	17.0	14.5	6.1	65.5
Total expenses	889.1	278.1	166.5	212.5	1,546.2
<b>Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 487.9</b>	<b>\$ 24.8</b>	<b>\$ 126.9</b>	<b>\$ 30.4</b>	<b>\$ 670.0</b>
(-) Realized net performance revenues	458.6	50.4	40.4	3.2	552.6
(-) Realized principal investment income (loss)	25.4	(63.2)	11.9	0.1	(25.8)
(+) Net interest	22.4	14.0	7.4	5.0	48.8
<b>(=) Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 26.3</b>	<b>\$ 51.6</b>	<b>\$ 82.0</b>	<b>\$ 32.1</b>	<b>\$ 192.0</b>
Segment assets as of December 31, 2017	\$ 3,644.6	\$ 1,946.3	\$ 881.0	\$ 1,071.2	\$ 7,543.1

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The following tables present the financial data for the Partnership's four reportable segments for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	Year Ended December 31, 2016				
	Corporate Private Equity	Real Assets	Global Credit	Investment Solutions	Total
	(Dollars in millions)				
<b>Segment Revenues</b>					
Fund level fee revenues					
Fund management fees	\$ 498.9	\$ 251.1	\$ 195.5	\$ 140.3	\$ 1,085.8
Portfolio advisory fees, net and other	20.5	1.8	5.8	1.3	29.4
Transaction fees, net	31.2	—	—	—	31.2
Total fund level fee revenues	550.6	252.9	201.3	141.6	1,146.4
Realized performance revenues	1,060.5	53.1	36.6	65.6	1,215.8
Realized principal investment income (loss)	60.3	(20.6)	5.1	0.1	44.9
Interest income	3.4	1.7	4.7	0.4	10.2
Total revenues	1,674.8	287.1	247.7	207.7	2,417.3
<b>Segment Expenses</b>					
Compensation and benefits					
Cash-based compensation	289.6	111.2	120.0	80.5	601.3
Realized performance revenue related compensation	472.1	37.6	17.6	63.2	590.5
Total compensation and benefits	761.7	148.8	137.6	143.7	1,191.8
General, administrative, and other indirect expenses	131.9	67.1	250.0	34.5	483.5
Depreciation and amortization expense	13.6	5.9	6.2	3.3	29.0
Interest expense	28.2	16.0	11.3	5.8	61.3
Total expenses	935.4	237.8	405.1	187.3	1,765.6
<b>Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 739.4</b>	<b>\$ 49.3</b>	<b>\$ (157.4)</b>	<b>\$ 20.4</b>	<b>\$ 651.7</b>
(-) Realized net performance revenues	588.4	15.5	19.0	2.4	625.3
(-) Realized principal investment income (loss)	60.3	(20.6)	5.1	0.1	44.9
(+) Net interest	24.8	14.3	6.6	5.4	51.1
<b>(=) Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 115.5</b>	<b>\$ 68.7</b>	<b>\$ (174.9)</b>	<b>\$ 23.3</b>	<b>\$ 32.6</b>

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The following tables reconcile the Total Segments to the Partnership's Total Assets and Income Before Provision for Income Taxes as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	December 31, 2018 and the Year then Ended			
	Total Reportable Segments	Consolidated Funds	Reconciling Items	Carlyle Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)			
Revenues	\$ 2,185.9	\$ 214.5	\$ 26.8 (a)	\$ 2,427.2
Expenses	\$ 1,512.0	\$ 213.3	\$ 346.2 (b)	\$ 2,071.5
Other income	\$ —	\$ 4.5	\$ — (c)	\$ 4.5
Distributable earnings	\$ 673.9	\$ 5.7	\$ (319.4) (d)	\$ 360.2
Total assets	\$ 7,470.7	\$ 5,669.5	\$ (226.0) (e)	\$ 12,914.2

	December 31, 2017 and the Year then Ended			
	Total Reportable Segments	Consolidated Funds	Reconciling Items	Carlyle Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)			
Revenues	\$ 2,216.2	\$ 177.7	\$ 1,282.3 (a)	\$ 3,676.2
Expenses	\$ 1,546.2	\$ 240.4	\$ 845.7 (b)	\$ 2,632.3
Other income	\$ —	\$ 123.5	\$ (35.1) (c)	\$ 88.4
Distributable earnings	\$ 670.0	\$ 60.8	\$ 401.5 (d)	\$ 1,132.3
Total assets	\$ 7,543.1	\$ 4,962.7	\$ (225.2) (e)	\$ 12,280.6

The following table reconciles the Total Segments to the Partnership's Income Before Provision for Income Taxes for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	Year Ended December 31, 2016			
	Total Reportable Segments	Consolidated Funds	Reconciling Items	Carlyle Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)			
Revenues	\$ 2,417.3	\$ 166.9	\$ (309.9) (a)	\$ 2,274.3
Expenses	\$ 1,765.6	\$ 153.1	\$ 323.4 (b)	\$ 2,242.1
Other income	\$ —	\$ 13.1	\$ — (c)	\$ 13.1
Distributable earnings	\$ 651.7	\$ 26.9	\$ (633.3) (d)	\$ 45.3

- (a) The Revenues adjustment principally represents unrealized performance revenues, unrealized principal investment income, revenues earned from the Consolidated Funds that were eliminated in consolidation to arrive at the Partnership's total revenues, adjustments for amounts attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities, adjustments related to expenses associated with the investments in NGP Management and its affiliates that are included in operating captions or are excluded from the segment results, adjustments to reflect the reimbursement of certain costs incurred on behalf of Carlyle funds on a net basis, adjustments to reflect the Partnership's share of Urbplan's net losses as a component of principal investment income until Urbplan was deconsolidated during the third quarter of 2017, the inclusion of tax expenses associated with certain performance revenues, and adjustments to reflect the Partnership's ownership interests in Claren Road (through January 2017) and ESG (through June 2016) that were included in Revenues in the Partnership's segment reporting.

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The following table reconciles the total segments fund level fee revenue to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure, the Partnership's consolidated fund management fees, for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(Dollars in millions)		
Total Reportable Segments - Fund level fee revenues	\$ 1,425.0	\$ 1,140.0	\$ 1,146.4
Adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	(153.0)	(113.1)	(70.3)
Carlyle Consolidated - Fund management fees	<u>\$ 1,272.0</u>	<u>\$ 1,026.9</u>	<u>\$ 1,076.1</u>

(1) Adjustments represent the reclassification of NGP management fees from principal investment income, the reclassification of certain incentive fees from business development companies, management fees earned from consolidated CLOs which were eliminated in consolidation to arrive at the Partnership's fund management fees, and the reclassification of certain amounts included in portfolio advisory fees, net and other in the segment results that are included in interest and other income in the U.S. GAAP results.

- (b) The Expenses adjustment represents the elimination of intercompany expenses of the Consolidated Funds payable to the Partnership, the inclusion of equity-based compensation, certain tax expenses associated with realized performance revenues related compensation, and unrealized performance revenues related compensation, adjustments related to expenses associated with the investment in NGP Management that are included in operating captions, adjustments to reflect the reimbursement of certain costs incurred on behalf of Carlyle funds on a net basis, adjustments to reflect the Partnership's share of Urbplan's net losses as a component of principal investment income until Urbplan was deconsolidated during 2017, changes in the tax receivable agreement liability, charges and credits associated with Carlyle corporate actions and non-recurring items and adjustments to reflect the Partnership's economic interests in Claren Road (through January 2017) and ESG (through June 2016) as detailed below (Dollars in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
Unrealized performance revenues related compensation	\$ 7.4	\$ 464.4	\$ (232.5)
Equity-based compensation	252.2	365.1	343.0
Acquisition related charges and amortization of intangibles and impairment	22.3	35.7	94.2
Other non-operating (income) expense	1.1	(71.4)	(11.2)
Tax expense associated with performance revenues related compensation	(6.2)	(8.4)	(6.0)
Non-Carlyle economic interests in acquired business and other adjustments to present certain costs on a net-basis	34.3	114.9	149.9
Reserve for litigation and contingencies	—	(25.0)	—
Lease assignment and termination costs	66.9	—	—
Debt extinguishment costs	7.8	—	—
Severance and other adjustments	9.1	13.2	10.6
Elimination of expenses of Consolidated Funds	<u>(48.7)</u>	<u>(42.8)</u>	<u>(24.6)</u>
	<u>\$ 346.2</u>	<u>\$ 845.7</u>	<u>\$ 323.4</u>

- (c) The Other Income (Loss) adjustment results from the Consolidated Funds which were eliminated in consolidation to arrive at the Partnership's total Other Income (Loss).

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(d) The following table is a reconciliation of Income Before Provision for Income Taxes to Distributable Earnings and to Fee Related Earnings (Dollars in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
<b>Income before provision for income taxes</b>	<b>\$ 360.2</b>	<b>\$ 1,132.3</b>	<b>\$ 45.3</b>
Adjustments:			
Net unrealized performance revenues <sup>(2)</sup>	50.2	(625.2)	231.6
Unrealized principal investment income <sup>(2)</sup>	(48.8)	(73.0)	(5.4)
Adjusted unrealized principal investment income from investment in Fortitude Re	(11.7)	—	—
Equity-based compensation	252.2	365.1	343.0
Acquisition related charges and amortization of intangibles and impairment	22.3	35.7	94.2
Other non-operating (income) expense <sup>(1)</sup>	1.1	(71.4)	(11.2)
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in Consolidated entities	(33.9)	(72.5)	(41.0)
Tax expense associated with performance revenues	(1.5)	(9.2)	(15.1)
Reserve for litigation and contingencies	—	(25.0)	—
Lease assignment and termination costs	66.9	—	—
Debt extinguishment costs	7.8	—	—
Severance and other adjustments	9.1	13.2	10.3
<b>Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 673.9</b>	<b>\$ 670.0</b>	<b>\$ 651.7</b>
Realized performance revenues, net of related compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	319.7	552.6	625.3
Realized principal investment income (loss) <sup>(2)</sup>	48.1	(25.8)	44.9
Net interest	44.3	48.8	51.1
<b>Fee Related Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 350.4</b>	<b>\$ 192.0</b>	<b>\$ 32.6</b>

(1) Included in other non-operating (income) expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 is a \$71.5 million adjustment for the revaluation of the tax receivable agreement liability as result of the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

(2) See reconciliation to most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure below:

	Year Ended December 31, 2018		
	Carlyle Consolidated	Adjustments <sup>(3)</sup>	Total Reportable Segments
	(Dollars in millions)		
Performance revenues	\$ 622.9	\$ 59.5	\$ 682.4
Performance revenues related compensation expense	376.3	(13.6)	362.7
Net performance revenues	\$ 246.6	\$ 73.1	\$ 319.7
Principal investment income (loss)	\$ 186.3	\$ (138.2)	\$ 48.1
	Year Ended December 31, 2017		
	Carlyle Consolidated	Adjustments <sup>(3)</sup>	Total Reportable Segments
	(Dollars in millions)		
Performance revenues	\$ 2,058.6	\$ (973.3)	\$ 1,085.3
Performance revenues related compensation expense	988.3	(455.6)	532.7
Net performance revenues	\$ 1,070.3	\$ (517.7)	\$ 552.6
Principal investment income (loss)	\$ 232.0	\$ (257.8)	\$ (25.8)

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	Year Ended December 31, 2016		
	Carlyle Consolidated	Adjustments <sup>(3)</sup>	Total Reportable Segments
	(Dollars in millions)		
Performance revenues	\$ 715.4	\$ 500.4	\$ 1,215.8
Performance revenues related compensation expense	353.1	237.4	590.5
Net performance revenues	\$ 362.3	\$ 263.0	\$ 625.3
Principal investment income (loss)	\$ 160.5	\$ (115.6)	\$ 44.9

(3) Adjustments to performance revenues and principal investment income (loss) relate to (i) unrealized performance allocations net of related compensation expense and unrealized principal investment income, which are excluded from our segment results, (ii) amounts earned from the Consolidated Funds, which were eliminated in the U.S. GAAP consolidation but were included in the segment results, (iii) amounts attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities, which were excluded from the segment results (iv) the reclassification of NGP performance revenues, which are included in principal investment income in the U.S. GAAP financial statements, (v) the reclassification of certain incentive fees from business development companies, which are included in fund management fees in the segment results, and (vi) the reclassification of certain tax expenses associated with performance revenues. Adjustments to principal investment income (loss) also include the reclassification of earnings for the investments in NGP Management and its affiliates to the appropriate operating captions for the segment results, the exclusion of charges associated with the investment in NGP Management and its affiliates that are excluded from the segment results, adjustments to reflect the Partnership's share of Urbplan's net losses as investment losses for the segment results until Urbplan was deconsolidated during the third quarter of 2017. Adjustments are also included in these financial statement captions to reflect the Partnership's economic interest in Claren Road (through January 2017) and ESG (through June 2016).

(e) The Total Assets adjustment represents the addition of the assets of the Consolidated Funds that were eliminated in consolidation to arrive at the Partnership's total assets.



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Information by Geographic Location

Carlyle primarily transacts business in the United States and a significant amount of its revenues are generated domestically. The Partnership has established investment vehicles whose primary focus is making investments in specified geographical locations. The tables below present consolidated revenues and assets based on the geographical focus of the associated investment vehicle.

	Total Revenues		Total Assets	
	Share	%	Share	%
(Dollars in millions)				
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2018</b>				
Americas <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,596.0	66 %	\$ 5,555.9	43%
EMEA <sup>(2)</sup>	875.5	36 %	6,791.6	53%
Asia-Pacific <sup>(3)</sup>	(44.3)	(2)%	566.7	4%
Total	\$ 2,427.2	100 %	\$ 12,914.2	100%

	Total Revenues		Total Assets	
	Share	%	Share	%
(Dollars in millions)				
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2017</b>				
Americas <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2,299.0	62%	\$ 5,033.5	41%
EMEA <sup>(2)</sup>	837.6	23%	6,085.6	50%
Asia-Pacific <sup>(3)</sup>	539.6	15%	1,161.5	9%
Total	\$ 3,676.2	100%	\$ 12,280.6	100%

	Total Revenues		Total Assets	
	Share	%	Share	%
(Dollars in millions)				
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2016</b>				
Americas <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,473.5	65%	\$ 5,048.7	50%
EMEA <sup>(2)</sup>	615.1	27%	4,245.1	43%
Asia-Pacific <sup>(3)</sup>	185.7	8%	679.2	7%
Total	\$ 2,274.3	100%	\$ 9,973.0	100%

(1) Relates to investment vehicles whose primary focus is the United States, Mexico or South America.

(2) Relates to investment vehicles whose primary focus is Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

(3) Relates to investment vehicles whose primary focus is Asia, including China, Japan, India and Australia.

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18. Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

Unaudited quarterly information for each of the three months in the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 are presented below.

	Three Months Ended			
	March 31, 2018	June 30, 2018	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2018
	(Dollars in millions)			
Revenues	\$ 702.8	\$ 893.6	\$ 679.1	\$ 151.7
Expenses	579.3	653.7	615.6	222.9
Other income (loss)	2.0	12.9	(2.9)	(7.5)
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	\$ 125.5	\$ 252.8	\$ 60.6	\$ (78.7)
Net income (loss)	\$ 117.7	\$ 241.2	\$ 43.2	\$ (73.2)
Net income (loss) attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. common unitholders	\$ 33.8	\$ 63.5	\$ 11.6	\$ (16.0)
Net income (loss) attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. per common unit <sup>(1)</sup>				
Basic	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.11	\$ (0.15)
Diluted	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.10	\$ (0.15)
Distributions declared per common unit <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.42

	Three Months Ended			
	March 31, 2017	June 30, 2017	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2017
	(Dollars in millions)			
Revenues	\$ 1,120.1	\$ 908.4	\$ 639.9	\$ 1,007.8
Expenses	809.5	705.4	492.6	624.8
Other income	17.1	40.7	18.6	12.0
Income before provision for income taxes	\$ 327.7	\$ 243.7	\$ 165.9	\$ 395.0
Net income	\$ 321.9	\$ 230.5	\$ 167.2	\$ 287.8
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. common unitholders	\$ 83.0	\$ 57.6	\$ 44.6	\$ 52.9
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. per common unit <sup>(1)</sup>				
Basic	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.53
Diluted	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.49
Distributions declared per common unit <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.56

(1) The sum of the quarterly earnings per common unit amounts may not equal the total for the year due to the effects of rounding and dilution.

(2) Distributions declared reflects the calendar date of the declaration of each distribution.

19. Subsequent Events

**Distributions**

In February 2019, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership declared a distribution of \$0.43 per common unit to common unitholders of record at the close of business on February 15, 2019, payable on February 26, 2019.

In February 2019, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the Partnership declared a distribution for the first quarter of 2019 of \$0.367188 per preferred unit to preferred unitholders of record at the close of business on March 1, 2019, payable on March 15, 2019. See Note 14 for more information on the preferred units.

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20. Supplemental Financial Information

The following supplemental financial information illustrates the consolidating effects of the Consolidated Funds on the Partnership's financial position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 and results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016. The supplemental statement of cash flows is presented without effects of the Consolidated Funds.

	As of December 31, 2018			
	Consolidated Operating Entities	Consolidated Funds	Eliminations	Consolidated
(Dollars in millions)				
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 629.6	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 629.6
Cash and cash equivalents held at Consolidated Funds	—	247.5	—	247.5
Restricted cash	8.7	—	—	8.7
Corporate treasury investments	51.7	—	—	51.7
Investments, including performance allocations of \$3,480.0 million	5,917.8	—	(220.3)	5,697.5
Investments of Consolidated Funds	—	5,286.6	—	5,286.6
Due from affiliates and other receivables, net	446.8	—	(5.7)	441.1
Due from affiliates and other receivables of Consolidated Funds, net	—	135.4	—	135.4
Fixed assets, net	95.1	—	—	95.1
Deposits and other	49.3	—	—	49.3
Intangible assets, net	77.3	—	—	77.3
Deferred tax assets	194.4	—	—	194.4
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,470.7</b>	<b>\$ 5,669.5</b>	<b>\$ (226.0)</b>	<b>\$ 12,914.2</b>
<b>Liabilities and partners' capital</b>				
Debt obligations	\$ 1,550.4	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,550.4
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds	—	4,840.1	—	4,840.1
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	442.2	—	—	442.2
Accrued compensation and benefits	2,222.3	—	—	2,222.3
Due to affiliates	174.0	—	—	174.0
Deferred revenue	111.3	—	—	111.3
Deferred tax liabilities	64.3	—	—	64.3
Other liabilities of Consolidated Funds	—	610.1	—	610.1
Accrued giveback obligations	63.2	—	—	63.2
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,627.7</b>	<b>5,450.2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10,077.9</b>
Series A preferred units	387.5	—	—	387.5
Partners' capital	673.4	68.2	(68.2)	673.4
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(80.7)	1.1	(3.7)	(83.3)
Non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	323.0	1.2	—	324.2
Non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	1,539.8	148.8	(154.1)	1,534.5
<b>Total partners' capital</b>	<b>2,843.0</b>	<b>219.3</b>	<b>(226.0)</b>	<b>2,836.3</b>
<b>Total liabilities and partners' capital</b>	<b>\$ 7,470.7</b>	<b>\$ 5,669.5</b>	<b>\$ (226.0)</b>	<b>\$ 12,914.2</b>

	As of December 31, 2017			
	Consolidated Operating Entities	Consolidated Funds	Eliminations	Consolidated
(Dollars in millions)				
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,000.1	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,000.1
Cash and cash equivalents held at Consolidated Funds	—	377.6	—	377.6
Restricted cash	28.7	—	—	28.7
Corporate treasury investments	376.3	—	—	376.3
Investments, including performance allocations of \$3,664.3 million	5,508.5	—	(219.9)	5,288.6
Investments of Consolidated Funds	—	4,534.3	—	4,534.3
Due from affiliates and other receivables, net	268.7	—	(5.3)	263.4
Due from affiliates and other receivables of Consolidated Funds, net	—	50.8	—	50.8
Fixed assets, net	100.4	—	—	100.4

Deposits and other	54.1	—	—	54.1
Intangible assets, net	35.9	—	—	35.9
Deferred tax assets	170.4	—	—	170.4
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,543.1</u>	<u>\$ 4,962.7</u>	<u>\$ (225.2)</u>	<u>\$ 12,280.6</u>
<b>Liabilities and partners' capital</b>				
Debt obligations	\$ 1,573.6	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,573.6
Loans payable of Consolidated Funds	—	4,303.8	—	4,303.8
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	355.1	—	—	355.1
Accrued compensation and benefits	2,222.6	—	—	2,222.6
Due to affiliates	229.9	—	—	229.9
Deferred revenue	82.1	—	—	82.1
Deferred tax liabilities	75.6	—	—	75.6
Other liabilities of Consolidated Funds	—	422.1	—	422.1
Accrued giveback obligations	66.8	—	—	66.8
Total liabilities	<u>4,605.7</u>	<u>4,725.9</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>9,331.6</u>
Series A preferred units	387.5	—	—	387.5
Partners' capital	701.8	62.8	(62.8)	701.8
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(72.2)	4.1	(4.6)	(72.7)
Non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	391.4	13.3	—	404.7
Non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	1,528.9	156.6	(157.8)	1,527.7
Total partners' capital	<u>2,937.4</u>	<u>236.8</u>	<u>(225.2)</u>	<u>2,949.0</u>
Total liabilities and partners' capital	<u>\$ 7,543.1</u>	<u>\$ 4,962.7</u>	<u>\$ (225.2)</u>	<u>\$ 12,280.6</u>

**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	<b>Consolidated Operating Entities</b>	<b>Consolidated Funds</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fund management fees	\$ 1,296.4	\$ —	\$ (24.4)	\$ 1,272.0
Incentive fees	31.3	—	(1.1)	30.2
Investment income				
Performance allocations	622.9	—	—	622.9
Principal investment income	193.8	—	(7.5)	186.3
Total investment income	<u>816.7</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(7.5)</u>	<u>809.2</u>
Interest and other income	128.0	—	(26.7)	101.3
Interest and other income of Consolidated Funds	—	214.5	—	214.5
Total revenues	<u>2,272.4</u>	<u>214.5</u>	<u>(59.7)</u>	<u>2,427.2</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Compensation and benefits				
Cash-based compensation and benefits	746.7	—	—	746.7
Equity-based compensation	239.9	—	—	239.9
Performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation	376.3	—	—	376.3
Total compensation and benefits	<u>1,362.9</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,362.9</u>
General, administrative and other expenses	460.7	—	—	460.7
Interest	82.2	—	—	82.2
Interest and other expenses of Consolidated Funds	—	213.3	(48.7)	164.6
Other non-operating expense	1.1	—	—	1.1
Total expenses	<u>1,906.9</u>	<u>213.3</u>	<u>(48.7)</u>	<u>2,071.5</u>
<b>Other income</b>				
Net investment gains of Consolidated Funds	—	4.5	—	4.5
Income before provision for income taxes	365.5	5.7	(11.0)	360.2
Provision for income taxes	31.3	—	—	31.3
Net income	<u>334.2</u>	<u>5.7</u>	<u>(11.0)</u>	<u>328.9</u>
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	39.2	—	(5.3)	33.9
Net income attributable to Carlyle Holdings	295.0	5.7	(5.7)	295.0
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	178.5	—	—	178.5
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P.	116.5	5.7	(5.7)	116.5

Net income attributable to Series A Preferred Unitholders	23.6	—	—	23.6
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. Common Unitholders	\$ 92.9	\$ 5.7	\$ (5.7)	\$ 92.9

**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	<b>Consolidated Operating Entities</b>	<b>Consolidated Funds</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fund management fees	\$ 1,045.4	\$ —	\$ (18.5)	\$ 1,026.9
Incentive fees	37.7	—	(2.4)	35.3
Investment income				
Performance allocations	2,058.6	—	—	2,058.6
Principal investment income	243.8	—	(11.8)	232.0
Total investment income	2,302.4	—	(11.8)	2,290.6
Interest and other income	60.5	—	(23.8)	36.7
Interest and other income of Consolidated Funds	—	177.7	—	177.7
Revenue of a real estate VIE	109.0	—	—	109.0
Total revenues	3,555.0	177.7	(56.5)	3,676.2
<b>Expenses</b>				
Compensation and benefits				
Cash-based compensation and benefits	652.7	—	—	652.7
Equity-based compensation	320.3	—	—	320.3
Performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation	988.3	—	—	988.3
Total compensation and benefits	1,961.3	—	—	1,961.3
General, administrative and other expenses	276.8	—	—	276.8
Interest	65.5	—	—	65.5
Interest and other expenses of Consolidated Funds	—	240.4	(42.8)	197.6
Interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE and loss on deconsolidation	202.5	—	—	202.5
Other non-operating income	(71.4)	—	—	(71.4)
Total expenses	2,434.7	240.4	(42.8)	2,632.3
<b>Other income</b>				
Net investment gains of Consolidated Funds	—	123.5	(35.1)	88.4
Income before provision for income taxes	1,120.3	60.8	(48.8)	1,132.3
Provision for income taxes	124.9	—	—	124.9
Net income	995.4	60.8	(48.8)	1,007.4
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	60.5	—	12.0	72.5
Net income attributable to Carlyle Holdings	934.9	60.8	(60.8)	934.9
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	690.8	—	—	690.8
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P.	\$ 244.1	\$ 60.8	\$ (60.8)	\$ 244.1
Net income attributable to Series A Preferred Unitholders	6.0	—	—	6.0
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. Common Unitholders	\$ 238.1	\$ 60.8	\$ (60.8)	\$ 238.1

**Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	<b>Consolidated Operating Entities</b>	<b>Consolidated Funds</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fund management fees	\$ 1,090.3	\$ —	\$ (14.2)	\$ 1,076.1
Incentive fees	36.6	—	(0.2)	36.4
Investment income				
Performance allocations	715.4	—	—	715.4
Principal investment income	165.5	—	(5.0)	160.5
Total investment income (loss)	880.9	—	(5.0)	875.9
Interest and other income	38.9	—	(15.0)	23.9
Interest and other income of Consolidated Funds	—	166.9	—	166.9
Revenue of a real estate VIE	95.1	—	—	95.1
Total revenues	2,141.8	166.9	(34.4)	2,274.3

<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Compensation and benefits</b>				
Cash-based compensation and benefits	647.1	—	—	647.1
Equity-based compensation	334.6	—	—	334.6
Performance allocations and incentive fee related compensation	353.1	—	—	353.1
<b>Total compensation and benefits</b>	<b>1,334.8</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,334.8</b>
General, administrative and other expenses	521.1	—	—	521.1
Interest	61.3	—	—	61.3
Interest and other expenses of Consolidated Funds	—	153.1	(24.6)	128.5
Interest and other expenses of a real estate VIE	207.6	—	—	207.6
Other non-operating income	(11.2)	—	—	(11.2)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,113.6</b>	<b>153.1</b>	<b>(24.6)</b>	<b>2,242.1</b>
<b>Other income</b>				
Net investment gains of Consolidated Funds	—	13.1	—	13.1
Income before provision for income taxes	28.2	26.9	(9.8)	45.3
Provision for income taxes	30.0	—	—	30.0
Net income (loss)	(1.8)	26.9	(9.8)	15.3
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in consolidated entities	23.9	—	17.1	41.0
Net income (loss) attributable to Carlyle Holdings	(25.7)	26.9	(26.9)	(25.7)
Net loss attributable to non-controlling interests in Carlyle Holdings	(32.1)	—	—	(32.1)
Net income attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P.	\$ 6.4	\$ 26.9	\$ (26.9)	\$ 6.4

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>		
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net income (loss)	\$ 334.2	\$ 995.4	\$ (1.8)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash flows from operating activities:			
Depreciation, amortization, and impairment	46.9	41.3	72.0
Equity-based compensation	239.9	320.3	334.6
Non-cash performance allocations and incentive fees	25.8	(626.8)	199.6
Other non-cash amounts	3.2	(79.8)	(55.8)
Principal investment income	(165.9)	(222.8)	(159.5)
Purchases of investments	(533.8)	(938.6)	(458.3)
Purchase of investment in Fortitude Re	(393.8)	—	—
Proceeds from the sale of investments	916.2	477.6	325.1
Payments of contingent consideration	(37.5)	(22.6)	(82.6)
Change in deferred taxes, net	(19.8)	93.4	(4.4)
Change in due from affiliates and other receivables	(75.0)	(1.1)	(12.4)
Change in receivables and inventory of a real estate VIE	—	(14.5)	29.0
Change in deposits and other	(4.0)	(2.0)	6.1
Change in other assets of a real estate VIE	—	1.6	41.2
Deconsolidation of Claren Road (see Note 9)	—	(23.3)	—
Deconsolidation of Urbplan (see Note 16)	—	14.0	—
Deconsolidation of ESG	—	—	(34.5)
Change in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	78.2	50.5	66.6
Change in accrued compensation and benefits	60.8	(13.7)	6.5
Change in due to affiliates	(35.6)	35.7	(19.3)
Change in other liabilities of a real estate VIE	—	47.9	34.3
Change in deferred revenue	21.4	24.4	18.9
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>461.2</b>	<b>156.9</b>	<b>305.3</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchases of fixed assets, net	(31.3)	(34.0)	(25.4)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(67.8)	—	—
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(99.1)</b>	<b>(34.0)</b>	<b>(25.4)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Borrowings under credit facility	—	250.0	—
Repayments under credit facility	—	(250.0)	—

Issuance of 5.650% senior notes due 2048, net of financing costs	345.7	—	—
Repurchase of 3.875% senior notes due 2023	(255.1)	—	—
Proceeds from debt obligations	40.8	265.6	20.6
Payments on debt obligations	(156.7)	(21.7)	(9.0)
Net payments on loans payable of a real estate VIE	—	(14.3)	(34.5)
Payments of contingent consideration	—	(0.6)	(3.3)
Proceeds from issuance of preferred units	—	387.5	—
Distributions to common unitholders	(129.8)	(118.1)	(140.9)
Distributions to preferred unitholders	(23.6)	(6.0)	—
Distributions to non-controlling interest holders in Carlyle Holdings	(288.8)	(295.6)	(422.6)
Contributions from non-controlling interest holders	31.3	119.2	113.0
Distributions to non-controlling interest holders	(98.9)	(100.8)	(104.2)
Common units repurchased	(107.5)	(0.2)	(58.9)
Change in due to/from affiliates financing activities	(97.1)	(26.4)	53.6
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(739.7)	188.6	(586.2)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(12.9)	33.3	(20.1)
Increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(390.5)	344.8	(326.4)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	1,028.8	684.0	1,010.4
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 638.3	\$ 1,028.8	\$ 684.0
<b>Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 629.6	\$ 1,000.1	\$ 670.9
Restricted cash	8.7	28.7	13.1
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 638.3	\$ 1,028.8	\$ 684.0

## ITEM 9. CHANGES AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

## ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as that term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our co-principal executive officers and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. In designing disclosure controls and procedures, our management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible disclosure controls and procedures. The design of any disclosure controls and procedures also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Our management, with the participation of our co-principal executive officers and principal financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation and subject to the foregoing, our co-principal executive officers and principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to accomplish their objectives at the reasonable assurance level.

### Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2018 that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of The Carlyle Group L.P. and its consolidated subsidiaries (the “Partnership”) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Partnership’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of its co-principal executive and principal financial officers and effected by the Partnership’s Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of its consolidated financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The Partnership’s internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect transactions and dispositions of the Partnership’s assets; provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Partnership are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and the directors; and provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Partnership’s assets that could have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. In addition, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the Partnership’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018 based on the framework established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, management has determined that the Partnership’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018 was effective.



Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has audited the Partnership's consolidated financial statements included in this report on Form 10-K and issued its report on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, which is included herein.

#### **ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

On February 11, 2019, we and certain of our subsidiaries entered into an amendment and restatement of our senior credit facility with the lenders thereto (listed below) and Citibank, N.A. as administrative agent. In connection with the amendment and restatement, we increased the size of our revolving credit facility from \$750.0 million to \$775.0 million, and we repaid in full the remaining \$25.0 million of term loans thereunder. We have the ability to increase the size of our amended revolving credit facility (and/or incur term loans) in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$250.0 million.

The amended revolving credit facility matures on February 11, 2024, which was extended from the prior maturity date of May 5, 2020. Principal amounts outstanding under the amended revolving credit facility accrue interest, at the option of the borrowers, either (a) at an alternate base rate plus an applicable margin not to exceed 0.50% per annum, or (b) at LIBOR plus an applicable margin not to exceed 1.50% per annum. We are also required to pay a quarterly commitment fee on the unused commitments under our revolving credit facility not to exceed 0.20% per annum, as well as certain customary fees for any issued letters of credit.

The amended revolving credit facility is unsecured. We are required to maintain management fee earning assets (as defined in the amended revolving credit facility) of at least \$75.0 billion and a total leverage ratio of less than 3.0 to 1.0, in each case, tested on a quarterly basis. Non-compliance with any of the financial or non-financial covenants without cure or waiver would constitute an event of default under the senior credit facility. An event of default resulting from a breach of certain financial or non-financial covenants may result, at the option of the lenders, in an acceleration of the principal and interest outstanding, and a termination of the revolving credit facility. The senior credit facility also contains other customary events of default, including defaults based on events of bankruptcy and insolvency, nonpayment of principal, interest or fees when due, breach of specified covenants, change in control and material inaccuracy of representations and warranties.

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A and certain of its affiliates act as Joint Lead Arranger and Bookrunner, Syndication Agent and Lender under our amended revolving credit facility; CitiBank N.A. and certain of its affiliates act as Joint Lead Arranger and Bookrunner, Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent and Lender under our Amended revolving credit facility; Credit Suisse Loan Funding LLC and certain of its affiliates act as Joint Lead Arranger and Bookrunner, Syndication Agent and Lender under our amended revolving credit facility; and affiliates of Bank of America, N.A., Barclays Capital Inc., Deutsche Bank AG., Goldman Sachs Bank USA, HSBC Bank USA, N.A., Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A, Societe Generale, UBS AG and Wells Fargo Bank N.A. act as Lenders under our amended revolving credit facility.

Certain of the lenders and/or their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various investment banking, financial advisory, lending and other services in the ordinary course of business for us, the investment funds we manage and our funds' portfolio companies, for which they have received or will receive customary fees and expenses, and in some cases, customary indemnification.

Our balance sheet at December 31, 2018 reflects \$25 million outstanding under our senior credit facility, comprised of \$25.0 million of term loan balance outstanding (which was repaid on February 11, 2019 in connection with the amendment and restatement of our senior credit facility).

### PART III.

#### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

##### Directors and Executive Officers

The following table sets forth the names, ages and positions of the directors and executive officers of our general partner, Carlyle Group Management L.L.C.

Name	Age	Position
Kewsong Lee	53	Co-Chief Executive Officer and Director
Glenn A. Youngkin	52	Co-Chief Executive Officer and Director
Curtis L. Buser	55	Chief Financial Officer
William E. Conway, Jr.	69	Founder, Co-Executive Chairman, Co-Chief Investment Officer and Director
Daniel A. D'Aniello	72	Founder, Chairman Emeritus and Director
David M. Rubenstein	69	Founder, Co-Executive Chairman and Director
Peter J. Clare	53	Co-Chief Investment Officer, Co-Head of U.S. Buyout and Director
Jeffrey W. Ferguson	53	General Counsel
Lawton W. Fitt	65	Director
James H. Hance, Jr.	74	Operating Executive and Director
Janet Hill	71	Director
Dr. Thomas S. Robertson	76	Director
William J. Shaw	73	Director
Anthony Welters	63	Director

*Kewsong Lee.* Mr. Lee is a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Mr. Lee was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective January 1, 2018. Mr. Lee currently serves as Co-Chief Executive Officer of Carlyle. Mr. Lee is Chairman of Carlyle's Executive Group. Previously, Mr. Lee served as Deputy Chief Investment Officer for the Partnership's CPE segment and Head of our Global Credit segment. Prior to joining Carlyle in 2013, Mr. Lee was a partner at Warburg Pincus and a member of the firm's Executive Management Group. During his 21 years at the firm, he led the Consumer, Industrial and Services group, and was actively involved in the firm's financial services efforts, capital markets group and the development of the firm's buyout practice. Mr. Lee serves as President of the Board of the Lincoln Center Theater and serves on Harvard's Business Roundtable and Global Advisory Council. Mr. Lee served as the lead director of Arch Capital Group from 2009 to 2017, and has served on numerous corporate boards including Transdigm, Aramark and Neiman Marcus. He earned his AB in applied mathematics in economics at Harvard College and his MBA from Harvard Business School.

*Glenn A. Youngkin.* Mr. Youngkin is a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Mr. Youngkin was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective January 1, 2018. Mr. Youngkin currently serves as Co-Chief Executive Officer of Carlyle. Mr. Youngkin also serves on Carlyle's Executive Group. Previously, Mr. Youngkin served as President and Chief Operating Officer from May 2015 to December 2017. From June 2014 to May 2015, Mr. Youngkin served as Co-President and Co-Chief Operating Officer. From March 2011 until June 2014, Mr. Youngkin served as Chief Operating Officer. From October 2010 until March 2011, Mr. Youngkin served as Carlyle's interim principal financial officer. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Youngkin was the Global Head of the Industrial Sector investment team. From 2000 to 2005, Mr. Youngkin led Carlyle's buyout activities in the United Kingdom and from 1995 to 2000, he was a member of the U.S. buyout team. Prior to joining Carlyle in 1995, Mr. Youngkin was a management consultant with McKinsey & Company and he also previously worked in the investment banking group at CS First Boston. Mr. Youngkin previously served on the Board of Directors of numerous Carlyle portfolio companies. Mr. Youngkin serves on the boards of various non-profit organizations, including the Board of Governors of the National Cathedral School, the Dean's Advisory Board at Harvard Business School, the Rice Management Company and the Vestry of Holy Trinity Church. Mr. Youngkin is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the American Enterprise Institute's National Council. Mr. Youngkin received a BS in mechanical engineering and a BA in managerial studies from Rice University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School, where he was a Baker Scholar.

*Curtis L. Buser.* Mr. Buser is the Chief Financial Officer of Carlyle and has served in such capacity since December 2014. Mr. Buser also serves on Carlyle's Executive Group. From May 2014 until December 2014, Mr. Buser served as

Carlyle's Interim Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Buser joined Carlyle in 2004 as a managing director and served as the firm's Chief Accounting Officer until May 2014. Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Buser was an audit partner with Ernst & Young, LLP. He began his career with Arthur Andersen in 1985 and was admitted to its partnership in 1997. Mr. Buser graduated from Georgetown University.

*William E. Conway, Jr.* Mr. Conway is a founder and Co-Chief Executive Chairman, Co-Chief Investment Officer and director of Carlyle. Mr. Conway was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective July 18, 2011. Previously, Mr. Conway served as our Co-Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer. Mr. Conway also serves on Carlyle's Executive Group. Prior to forming Carlyle in 1987, Mr. Conway was the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of MCI Communications Corporation ("MCI"). Mr. Conway was a Vice President and Treasurer of MCI from 1981 to 1984. Mr. Conway is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Johns Hopkins Medical Center (where he serves on the executive committee) and the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America. He previously served as chairman and/or director of several public and private companies in which Carlyle had significant investment interests. Mr. Conway received his BA from Dartmouth College and his MBA in finance from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

*Daniel A. D'Aniello.* Mr. D'Aniello is a founder and Chairman Emeritus of Carlyle and was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective July 18, 2011. Previously, Mr. D'Aniello served as Chairman of Carlyle. Mr. D'Aniello also serves on Carlyle's Executive Group. Prior to forming Carlyle in 1987, Mr. D'Aniello was the Vice President for Finance and Development at Marriott Corporation for eight years. Before joining Marriott, Mr. D'Aniello was a financial officer at PepsiCo, Inc. and Trans World Airlines. Mr. D'Aniello served in the United States Navy from 1969 through 1971 during which time he was a Distinguished Naval Graduate of Officer Candidate School, Newport R.I.; a Supply Officer (LTJG) aboard the USS Wasp (CVS 18); and in 2016, Mr. D'Aniello was awarded the designation of Lone Sailor by the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation. Mr. D'Aniello is Co-Chairman of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Research; Co-Chairman of the Institute for Veterans and Military Families; Chairman of the Wolf Trap Foundation of the Performing Arts; a member of the U.S.-China CEO and Former Senior Officials' Dialogue of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; an Advisor to the John Templeton Foundation; a founding Trustee of the Lumen Institute; and a Lifetime Member of the Board of Trustees of Syracuse University, a member of the Chancellor's Council and a member of the Corporate Advisory Council to the Martin J. Whitman School of Management. Mr. D'Aniello previously served as chairman and/or director of several private companies in which Carlyle had significant investment interests. Mr. D'Aniello is a 1968 magna cum laude graduate of Syracuse University, where he was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, and a 1974 graduate of the Harvard Business School, where he was a Teagle Foundation Fellow.

*David M. Rubenstein.* Mr. Rubenstein is a founder and Co-Executive Chairman of Carlyle. He was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective July 18, 2011. Previously, Mr. Rubenstein served as Co-Chief Executive Officer of Carlyle. Mr. Rubenstein also serves on Carlyle's Executive Group. Prior to forming Carlyle in 1987, Mr. Rubenstein practiced law in Washington, D.C. with Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge LLP (now Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP). From 1977 to 1981 Mr. Rubenstein was Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy. From 1975 to 1976, he served as Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments. From 1973 to 1975, Mr. Rubenstein practiced law in New York with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Among other philanthropic endeavors, Mr. Rubenstein is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the Board of Directors or Trustees of The National Gallery of Art, Johns Hopkins Medicine, University of Chicago, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Institute for Advanced Study, the Brookings Institution and the World Economic Forum. Mr. Rubenstein serves as Fellow of the Harvard Corporation and as President of the Economic Club of Washington. Mr. Rubenstein is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Business Council, Chairman of the Harvard Global Advisory Council, Chairman of the Madison Council of the Library of Congress, a member of the Board of Dean's Advisors of the Business School at Harvard, a member of the Advisory Board of the School of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University, and Board of the World Economic Forum Global Shapers Community. Mr. Rubenstein is a magna cum laude graduate of Duke University, where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa. Following Duke, Mr. Rubenstein graduated from The University of Chicago Law School, where he was an editor of *The Law Review*.

*Peter J. Clare.* Mr. Clare is a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Mr. Clare was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective January 1, 2018. Mr. Clare is the Co-Chief Investment Officer of Carlyle and is Co-Head of the U.S. Buyout group. Mr. Clare also serves on Carlyle's Executive Group. Mr. Clare previously served as Deputy Chief Investment Officer of the Partnership's CPE segment. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Clare was based in Hong Kong and was a founding member of the Carlyle Asia Buyout team and continues to serve on the Carlyle Asia Buyout Investment Committee. In 2001 and 2002, Mr. Clare launched Carlyle's initial investments in distressed debt, which led to the creation of Carlyle Strategic Partners. From 2004 to 2011, Mr. Clare served as the Global Head of the Aerospace, Defense & Government

Services sector team. Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Clare was with First City Capital Corporation, a private equity group that invested in buyouts, public equities, distressed bonds and restructurings. Prior to joining First City Capital, he was with the Merchant Banking Group of Prudential-Bache. Mr. Clare is currently a member of the Boards of Directors of Booz Allen Hamilton and several private U.S. buyout portfolio companies. Mr. Clare has previously served on the boards of CommScope, Inc., Pharmaceutical Product Development (PPD) and Signode Industrial. Mr. Clare serves on the Board of Directors of Georgetown University. Mr. Clare is a magna cum laude graduate of Georgetown University and received his MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

*Jeffrey W. Ferguson.* Mr. Ferguson is the General Counsel of Carlyle and has served in such capacity since 1999. Mr. Ferguson also serves on Carlyle's Executive Group. Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Ferguson was an associate with the law firm of Latham & Watkins LLP. Mr. Ferguson received a BA from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He also received his law degree from the University of Virginia, and is admitted to the bars of the District of Columbia and Virginia.

*Lawton W. Fitt.* Ms. Fitt is a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Ms. Fitt was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective May 2, 2012. Ms. Fitt served as Secretary (CEO) of the Royal Academy of Arts in London from October 2002 to March 2005. Prior to that, Ms. Fitt was an investment banker with Goldman Sachs & Co., where she became a partner in 1994 and a managing director in 1996. She retired from Goldman Sachs in 2002. Ms. Fitt is currently a director of Ciena Corporation (where she serves as chair of the audit committee), Micro Focus International (where she serves on the audit committee and nominating committee) and The Progressive Corporation (where she serves as Chairperson, and serves on the executive committee, on the investment and capital committee and chair of the nominating and governance committee). Ms. Fitt is a former director of ARM Holdings PLC and Thomson Reuters. She is a trustee or director of several not-for-profit organizations, including the Goldman Sachs Foundation, the Thomson Reuters Foundation and Human Rights Watch. Ms. Fitt received her bachelor's degree from Brown University and her MBA from the Darden School of the University of Virginia.

*James H. Hance, Jr.* Mr. Hance is an Operating Executive of Carlyle and a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Mr. Hance was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective May 2, 2012. Mr. Hance joined Carlyle in November 2005 and has worked primarily in our Global Credit segment and the financial services sector. Prior to joining Carlyle in 2005, Mr. Hance served as Vice Chairman of Bank of America from 1993 until his retirement on January 31, 2005 and served as Chief Financial Officer from 1988 to 2004. Prior to joining Bank of America, Mr. Hance spent 17 years with Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP). Mr. Hance is currently a director of Acuity Brands Inc. (where he serves on the audit committee and governance committee). Mr. Hance is a former director of Ford Motor Company, Sprint Nextel Corporation, Morgan Stanley, Duke Energy Corporation, Cousins Properties and Parkway, Inc. Mr. Hance serves as Emeritus Trustee on the Board of Trustees at Washington University in St. Louis and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI. Mr. Hance graduated from Westminster College and received an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. He is a certified public accountant.

*Janet Hill.* Ms. Hill is a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Ms. Hill was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective May 2, 2012. Ms. Hill serves as Principal at Hill Family Advisors and a vice president of Hill Ventures, Inc. From 1981 until her retirement in 2010, Ms. Hill served as Vice President of Alexander & Associates, Inc., a corporate consulting firm which she co-owned in Washington, D.C. Ms. Hill is currently a director of Dean Foods Company and Esquire Bank. Ms. Hill is a former director of Wendy's/Arby's Group, Inc., Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Wendy's Company. She serves on the Board of Trustees at Duke University and the Wolf Trap Foundation. Ms. Hill graduated from Wellesley College with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and received a Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics from the Graduate School of the University of Chicago.

*Dr. Thomas S. Robertson.* Dr. Robertson is a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Dr. Robertson was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective May 2, 2012. Dr. Robertson is the Joshua J. Harris Professor of Marketing at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to rejoining Wharton in 2007, Dr. Robertson was special assistant to Emory University's president on issues of international strategy and a founding director of the Institute for Developing Nations established jointly by Emory University and The Carter Center in fall 2006. From 1998 until 2007, Dr. Robertson was Dean of Emory University's Goizueta Business School and, from 1994 until 1998, he was the Sainsbury Professor at, and the Chair of Marketing and Deputy Dean of, the London Business School. From 1971 to 1994, Dr. Robertson was a member of the faculty at the Wharton School, and from 2007 to 2014, was the Dean of the Wharton School. He is a former director of CRA International, Inc. and PRGX Global, Inc. Dr. Robertson graduated from Wayne State University and received his M.A. and Ph.D. in marketing from Northwestern University.

*William J. Shaw.* Mr. Shaw is a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Mr. Shaw was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective May 2, 2012. Mr. Shaw was the Vice Chairman of Marriott International, Inc. until his retirement in March 2011. Prior to becoming Vice Chairman of Marriott, Mr. Shaw served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Marriott from 1997 until 2009. Mr. Shaw joined Marriott in 1974 and held various positions, including Corporate Controller, Corporate Vice President, Senior Vice President-Finance, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and President of Marriott Service Group. Prior to joining Marriott, Mr. Shaw worked at Arthur Andersen & Co. Mr. Shaw is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation, a Director of DiamondRock Hospitality (where he serves on the audit committee, compensation committee and nominating and corporate governance committee) and is a former member of the Board of Trustees of three funds in the American Family of mutual funds from 2009 to 2015. Mr. Shaw serves on the Board of Trustees of the University of Notre Dame and the Board of Trustees of Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. Mr. Shaw graduated from the University of Notre Dame and received an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis.

*Anthony Welters.* Mr. Welters is a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Mr. Welters was elected to the Board of Directors of our general partner effective October 27, 2015. Mr. Welters is Executive Chairman of the Black Ivy Group, LLC. He recently retired as Senior Adviser to the Office of the CEO of UnitedHealth Group having served in such position since April 2014. Prior to this appointment, he was Executive Vice President and a Member of the Office of the CEO of UnitedHealth Group from November 2006 until April 2014. Mr. Welters previously led UHG's Public and Senior Markets Group. Mr. Welters joined UHG in June 2002 upon its acquisition of AmeriChoice, a health care company he founded in 1989. Mr. Welters is currently a director of Loews Corporation (where he serves on the nominating and governance committee). Mr. Welters previously served as a director West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. from 1997 to 2016 and C.R. Bard, Inc. from 1999 to 2017. He is Trustee Emeritus of the Morehouse School of Medicine Board of Trustees, Chairman Emeritus and Trustee of the New York University School of Law, as well as Vice Chairman of the Board of New York University, a Trustee of NYU Langone Medical Center, a trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where he is Chairman of the finance committee, as well as on the Board of the Horatio Alger Association. Mr. Welters is a founding member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Mr. Welters is a graduate of Manhattanville College and received his law degree from New York University School of Law.

There are no family relationships among any of the directors or executive officers of our general partner.

### **Composition of the Board of Directors**

The limited liability company agreement of Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. establishes a Board of Directors that is responsible for the oversight of our business and operations. Our common unitholders have no right to elect the directors of our general partner unless, as determined on January 31 of each year, the total voting power held by holders of the special voting units in The Carlyle Group L.P. (including voting units held by our general partner and its affiliates) in their capacity as such, or otherwise held by then-current or former Carlyle personnel (treating voting units deliverable to such persons pursuant to outstanding equity awards as being held by them), collectively, constitutes less than 10% of the voting power of the outstanding voting units of The Carlyle Group L.P. Unless and until the foregoing voting power condition is satisfied, our general partner's Board of Directors is elected in accordance with its limited liability company agreement, which provides that directors may be appointed and removed by members of our general partner holding a majority in interest of the voting power of the members, which voting power is allocated to each member ratably according to his or her aggregate ownership of our common units and partnership units.

The Carlyle Group L.P. is a limited partnership that is advised by our general partner. As a limited partnership, we are excepted from certain governance rules, which eliminate the requirements that we have a majority of independent directors on our Board of Directors and that we have independent director oversight of executive officer compensation and director nominations. In addition, we are not required to hold annual meetings of our common unitholders.

### **Director Qualifications**

When determining that each of our directors is particularly well-suited to serve on the Board of Directors of our general partner and that each has the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, taken as a whole, to enable our Board of Directors to satisfy its oversight responsibilities effectively, we considered the experience and qualifications of each described above under “— Directors and Executive Officers.”

With regard to:

- Mr. Lee — We considered his business acumen, creative ideas and leadership experience in a variety of senior roles at financial institutions.
- Mr. Youngkin — We considered his leadership and extensive knowledge of our business and operations gained through his years of service at our firm.
- Messrs. Conway, D’Aniello and Rubenstein — We considered that these three individuals are the original founders of our firm, that each has played an integral role in our firm’s successful growth since its founding in 1987, and that each has developed a unique and unparalleled understanding of our business. Finally, we also noted that these three individuals are our largest equity owners and, as a consequence of such alignment of interest with our other equity owners, each has additional motivation to diligently fulfill his oversight responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner.
- Mr. Clare — We considered his extensive investment and leadership experience as a Co-Chief Investment Officer and as a co-head of our U.S. Buyout business.
- Ms. Fitt — We considered her extensive financial background and experience in a distinguished career at Goldman Sachs in the areas of investment banking and risk analysis, including her unique insights into the operation of global capital markets.
- Mr. Hance — We considered his invaluable perspective owing to his experience in various senior leadership roles in the financial services industry, including his role as the Chief Financial Officer of Bank of America Corporation, which included responsibility for financial and accounting matters, as well as his familiarity with our business and operations as an Operating Executive of Carlyle.
- Ms. Hill — We considered her insights into the operations of public companies owing to her experience as a consultant, as well as her familiarity with board responsibilities, oversight and control resulting from her significant experience serving on the boards of directors of various public companies.
- Dr. Robertson — We considered his distinguished career as a professor and Dean of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and his extensive knowledge and expertise in finance and business administration.
- Mr. Shaw — We considered his extensive financial background and public company operating and management experience resulting from his distinguished career in various senior leadership roles at Marriott.
- Mr. Welters — We considered his business acumen and entrepreneurial experience, extensive operating expertise as well as his familiarity with board responsibilities, oversight and control resulting from his significant experience serving on the boards of directors of various public companies.

## **Director Independence**

Because we are a publicly traded limited partnership, the Nasdaq rules do not require our general partner’s board to be made up of a majority of independent directors. However, our general partner’s board has five directors who satisfy the independence and financial literacy requirements of the Nasdaq and the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). These directors are Ms. Fitt, Ms. Hill, Dr. Robertson, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Welters. Based on all the relevant facts and circumstances, the Board of Directors determined that the independent directors have no relationship with us or our general partner that would impair their independence as it is defined in the Nasdaq rules and The Carlyle Group L.P. Governance Policy. To assist it in making its independence determinations, the Board of Directors of our general partner adheres to the following standards in determining independence:

Under any circumstances, a director is not independent if:

- the director is, or has been within the preceding three years, employed by a Carlyle Entity. A Carlyle Entity means the general partner, us and any parent or subsidiary that the general partner or we control and consolidate into the general partner’s or our financial statements, respectively, filed with the SEC, (but not if the general partner or we reflect such entity solely as an investment in these financial statements);

- the director, or an immediate family member of that director, accepted any compensation from a Carlyle Entity in excess of \$120,000 during any period of twelve consecutive months within the three years preceding the determination of independence, other than (i) compensation for director or committee service, (ii) compensation paid to an immediate family member who is an employee (other than an executive officer) of a Carlyle Entity and (iii) benefits under a tax-qualified retirement plan, or non-discretionary compensation;
- the director is an immediate family member of an individual who is, or at any time during the past three years was, employed by us as an executive officer;
- the director is, or has an immediate family member who is, a partner in, or a controlling shareholder or an executive officer of any organization to which a Carlyle Entity made, or from which a Carlyle Entity received, payments for property or services in the current or any of the past three fiscal years that exceed five percent (5%) of the recipient's consolidated gross revenues for that year, or \$200,000, whichever is more, other than the following:
  - payments arising solely from investments in a Carlyle Entity's securities; or
  - payments under non-discretionary charitable contribution matching programs
- the director is, or has an immediate family member who is, employed as an executive officer of another entity where at any time during the past three years any of the executive officers of a Carlyle Entity serve on the compensation committee of such other entity; or
- the director is, or has an immediate family member who is, a current partner of a Carlyle Entity's outside auditor, or was a partner or employee of a Carlyle Entity's outside auditor who worked on a Carlyle Entity's audit at any time during any of the past three years.

The following commercial or charitable relationships will not be considered to be material relationships that would impair a director's independence:

- if the director or an immediate family member of that director serves as an executive officer, director or trustee of a charitable organization, and our annual charitable contributions to that organization (excluding contributions by us under any established matching gift program) are less than the greater of \$200,000 or five percent (5%) of that organization's consolidated gross revenues in its most recent fiscal year, provided, however, that in calculating such amount (i) payments arising solely from investments in the Carlyle Entity's securities and (ii) payments under non-discretionary charitable contribution matching programs shall be excluded; and
- if the director or an immediate family member of that director (or a company for which the director serves as a director or executive officer) invests in or alongside of one or more investment funds or investment companies managed by us or any of our subsidiaries, whether or not fees or other incentive arrangements for us or our subsidiaries are borne by the investing person.

#### **Committees of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. has five standing committees: the audit committee, the conflicts committee, the compensation committee, the executive committee and the nominating and corporate governance committee.

*Audit committee.* Our audit committee consists of Messrs. Shaw (Chairman) and Robertson and Ms. Fitt. The purpose of the audit committee of the Board of Directors of Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. is to provide assistance to the Board of Directors in fulfilling its obligations with respect to matters involving our accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal control and legal compliance functions, including, without limitation, assisting the board of director's oversight of (1) the quality and integrity of our financial statements, (2) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (3) our independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, and (4) the performance of our independent registered public accounting firm and our internal audit function, and directly appointing, retaining, reviewing and terminating our independent registered public accounting firm. The members of our audit committee meet the independence standards and financial literacy requirements for service on an audit committee of a Board of Directors pursuant to the federal securities laws and Nasdaq Listing Rules relating to corporate governance matters. The Board of Directors of our general partner has

determined that Mr. Shaw is an “audit committee financial expert” within the meaning of Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K. The audit committee has a charter which is available on our internet website at <http://ir.carlyle.com>.

*Conflicts committee.* The conflicts committee consists of Ms. Fitt and Ms. Hill, Dr. Robertson and Messrs. Shaw and Welters and is responsible for reviewing specific matters that our general partner’s Board of Directors believes may involve conflicts of interest. The conflicts committee determines if the resolution of any conflict of interest submitted to it is fair and reasonable to us. Any matters approved by the conflicts committee are conclusively deemed to be fair and reasonable to us and not a breach by us of any duties we may owe to our common unitholders. In addition, the conflicts committee may review and approve any related person transactions, other than those that are approved pursuant to our related person policy, as described under “Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions and Director Independence — Statement of Policy Regarding Transactions with Related Persons,” and may establish guidelines or rules to cover specific categories of transactions. The members of the conflicts committee meet the independence standards for service on an audit committee of a Board of Directors pursuant to federal and Nasdaq Listing Rules relating to corporate governance matters.

*Compensation committee.* Our compensation committee is responsible for, among other duties and responsibilities, reviewing and approving all forms of compensation to be provided to, and employment agreements with, our Co-Chief Executive Officers, establishing and reviewing the overall compensation philosophy of the Partnership, and reviewing, approving, and overseeing the administration of our Equity Incentive Plan. The members of our compensation committee are Messrs. Welters (Chairman), Conway, D’Aniello and Rubenstein and Ms. Fitt.

*Executive committee.* The executive committee of the Board of Directors of Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. consists of Messrs. Conway, D’Aniello and Rubenstein. The Board of Directors has generally delegated all of the power and authority of the full Board of Directors to the executive committee to act when the Board of Directors is not in session.

*Nominating & Corporate Governance committee.* Our nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for, among its other duties and responsibilities, identifying candidates qualified to serve on our Board of Directors, reviewing the composition of the Board of Directors and its committees, developing and recommending to the Board of Directors corporate governance principles that are applicable to the Partnership, and overseeing the evolution of the Board of Directors. The members of our nominating and corporate governance committee are Ms. Hill (Chairman), Mr. D’Aniello, Ms. Fitt and Mr. Hance.

#### **Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for Financial Professionals**

We have a Code of Conduct and a Code of Ethics for Financial Professionals, which apply to our principal executive officers, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. Each of these codes is available on our website at <http://ir.carlyle.com>. We intend to disclose any amendment to or waiver of the Code of Conduct and any waiver of our Code of Ethics for Financial Professionals on behalf of an executive officer or director either on our website or in a Form 8-K filing.

#### **Governance Policy**

The Board of Directors of our general partner has a governance policy, which addresses matters such as the Board of Directors’ responsibilities and duties and the Board of Directors’ composition and compensation. The governance policy is available on our website at <http://ir.carlyle.com>.

#### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires the executive officers and directors of our general partner, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of the Partnership’s equity securities, to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership with the SEC and to furnish the Partnership with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. To our knowledge, based solely on our review of the copies of such reports furnished to us or written representations from such persons that they were not required to file a Form 5 to report previously unreported ownership or changes in ownership, we believe that, with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, such persons complied with all such filing requirements.



## ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Compensation Discussion and Analysis

#### *Compensation Philosophy*

Our business as a global asset management firm is dependent on the services of our named executive officers and other key employees. Among other things, we rely on our executive officers to set the strategy for our business and to allocate resources to manage our complex global operations. In addition, we depend on our personnel's ability to find, select and execute investments, oversee and improve portfolio company operations to create value for our investors, find and develop relationships with fund investors and other sources of capital and provide other services that are essential to our success by supporting our investment teams, LP relations group and the corporate infrastructure of our firm. Therefore, it is important that our named executive officers and other key employees are compensated in a manner that motivates them to excel and encourages them to remain with our firm.

Our compensation policy has several primary objectives: (1) establish a clear relationship between performance and compensation, (2) align short-term and long-term incentives with our fund investors and common unitholders, and (3) provide competitive incentive opportunities, with an appropriate balance between short-term and long-term incentives that induce our named executive officers and other key employees to work to achieve the firm's goals and design and execute its strategic plan. We believe that the key to achieving these objectives is an organized, unbiased approach that is well understood, responsive to changes in the industry and the general labor market and, above all, flexible and timely.

Our senior Carlyle professionals (including our named executive officers) and other key employees invest a significant amount of their own capital in or alongside the funds we advise. In addition, certain of these individuals may be allocated a portion of the carried interest or incentive fees payable in respect of our investment funds. We believe that this approach of seeking to align the interests of our named executive officers and other key employees with those of the investors in our funds has been a key contributor to our strong performance and growth. We also believe that significant equity ownership by our named executive officers and other key employees results in the alignment of their interests with those of our common unitholders.

Our compensation program includes significant elements that discourage excessive risk taking and aligns the compensation of our employees with the long-term performance of the firm. For example, notwithstanding the fact that for accounting purposes we accrue compensation for performance allocations related to our carry funds upon appreciation of the valuation of our funds' investments above certain specified threshold return hurdles, we only make cash payments to our employees related to carried interest when profitable investments have been realized and cash is distributed first to the investors in our funds, followed by the firm and only then to employees of the firm. Moreover, if a carry fund fails to achieve specified investment returns due to diminished performance of later investments, a "giveback" obligation may be triggered, whereby carried interest previously distributed by the fund would need to be returned to such fund. Our professionals who receive direct allocations of carried interest at the fund level are personally subject to the "giveback" obligation, pursuant to which they may be required to repay carried interest previously distributed to them, thereby reducing the amount of cash received by such recipients for any such year, which further discourages excessive risk-taking by our employees. Similarly, collateral managers of our structured credit funds are entitled to receive incentive fees from our credit funds that pay incentive fees only when the return on assets under management exceeds certain benchmark returns or other performance targets. In addition, as our professional employees invest their own capital in certain of the funds we manage, their interests are directly aligned with those of our investors. In most cases, these investments represent a significant percentage of our employees' after-tax compensation. This investment further encourages long-term thinking by directly tying their interests to the long-term performance of our business.

Effective January 1, 2018, Kewsong Lee and Glenn Youngkin were appointed as our new Co-Chief Executive Officers (together, the "Co-CEOs") and also became members of our Board of Directors. In connection with their appointments, effective January 1, 2018, Messrs. Conway and Rubenstein transitioned from their prior roles as Co-Chief Executive Officers and became Co-Executive Chairmen of our Board and Mr. D'Aniello became Chairman Emeritus of our Board. Mr. Conway also serves as Co-Chief Investment Officer. Each of Messrs. Conway, D'Aniello and Rubenstein continue to serve as members of our Executive Group. Accordingly, for the year ended December 31, 2018, Kewsong Lee and Glenn A. Youngkin, served as our co-principal executive officers. We refer to our co-principal executive officers during 2018, together with Curtis L. Buser, our Chief Financial Officer and principal financial officer, our founders William E. Conway, Jr. (also our Co-Chief Investment Officer), Daniel A. D'Aniello and David M. Rubenstein, Peter J. Clare, our Co-Chief Investment Officer, and Jeffrey W. Ferguson, our General Counsel, as our "named executive officers."

## **Compensation Committee**

In 2018, executive compensation decisions for our Co-CEOs were made by our compensation committee, which was formed in December 2017, in connection with the appointment of our Co-CEOs. The compensation committee approves all forms of compensation to be provided to, and employment agreements with, our Co-CEOs, establishes and reviews our general compensation philosophy, and reviews, approves and oversees the administration of The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan"). In 2018, our Co-CEOs reviewed and approved compensation for our other executive officers. During 2018, Korn Ferry served as compensation consultant to assist the compensation committee regarding certain new 2019 compensation arrangements for the Co-CEOs, which are described below. Korn Ferry provided market compensation data in order to provide a general understanding of current compensation practices, information on best practices and trends and modeling of various alternative compensation structures. They also worked closely with the compensation committee on determining an appropriate selection of metrics to be used in measuring performance under the incentive plan arrangements.

## **Compensation Elements**

The primary elements of our compensation program for our named executive officers are base salary, annual cash bonuses and long-term incentives, including the ownership of Carlyle Holdings partnership units, deferred restricted common units ("DRUs") and, for certain of our named executive officers, carried interest, equity pool or key executive incentive plan ("KEIP") interests. We believe that the elements of compensation for our named executive officers serve the primary objectives of our compensation program. We periodically review the compensation of our key employees, including our named executive officers, and, from time to time, we may implement new plans or programs or otherwise make changes to the compensation structure relating to current or future key employees, including our named executive officers. In 2018, compensation decisions and decisions regarding the allocation of carried interest to our named executive officers, senior Carlyle professionals and other employees were made by our Co-CEOs and other senior Carlyle professionals and not by our independent directors.

**Base Salary.** For 2018, each of our named executive officers was paid an annual salary of \$275,000. We believe that the base salary of our named executive officers typically should not be the most significant component of total compensation. Our founders determined that this amount was a sufficient minimum base salary for our named executive officers and decided that it should be the same for all named executive officers.

**2018 Annual Co-CEO Bonus.** Pursuant to their respective employment agreements, Messrs. Lee and Youngkin are entitled to an annual cash bonus equal to the distributions per common unit of the Partnership paid with respect to the applicable calendar year multiplied by 2,500,000. For calendar year 2018, our aggregate distribution per common unit of the Partnership was \$1.34 and accordingly, Messrs. Lee and Youngkin each were awarded an annual cash bonus of \$3,350,000, which will be paid in February 2019. See "—Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table—Co-CEO Employment Agreements" below for a description of their respective employment agreements.

**2019 Annual Co-CEO Bonus.** Beginning in 2019, each of the Co-CEOs will have the opportunity to earn a performance-based cash bonus in addition to their existing annual formulaic cash bonus. The performance-based bonus will have a maximum opportunity equal to 50% of the annual formulaic cash bonus earned each fiscal year. Actual amounts earned will be based on the compensation committee's assessment of individual performance goals and objectives to be communicated to the Co-CEOs at the beginning of each fiscal year.

**Annual Discretionary Bonuses.** For 2018, with the exception of our founders and our Co-CEOs, our named executive officers were awarded discretionary bonuses. The discretionary bonuses were \$2,500,000 for Mr. Buser, \$2,750,000 for Mr. Clare and \$1,500,000 for Mr. Ferguson. Due to the strong performance of the firm in 2018, our Co-CEOs determined it was appropriate to pay all of each named executive officer's bonus in cash and no portion of the bonus was deferred and paid in DRUs. For future years, the Co-CEOs may determine to pay a portion of aggregate bonus amounts in DRUs.

The discretionary bonuses for Messrs. Buser, Clare and Ferguson were decided and approved by our Co-CEOs. The specific factors considered in determining the discretionary bonuses for Messrs. Buser, Clare and Ferguson are discussed below. The subjective factors that contributed to the determination of the bonus amounts included an assessment of the performance of Carlyle and the investments of the funds that we advise, the individual performance and contributions of the named executive officer to our business during 2018, the named executive officer's potential to enhance investment returns and contribute to the long-term value of our common units and the named executive officer's

tenure at his level. An overview of the main factors that were considered in determining the annual cash bonuses for 2018 include:

- Achieving strong investment fund performance to create value for our investors;
- Strategically expanding the firm's product offerings for our fund investors;
- Raising approximately \$33.1 billion in new commitments across our platform during 2018;
- Continuing to grow our Global Credit business, including through the acquisition of Carlyle Aviation Partners, Ltd. (formerly Apollo Aviation Group);
- Completing our strategic investment in Fortitude Re;
- Managing our balance sheet, including by extinguishing certain debt obligations and extending our debt maturity in connection with our successful tender offer and issuance of new 5.65% Senior Notes due 2048;
- Driving and overseeing the development of new or improved processes and automation to further enhance the capabilities of our investor services teams; and
- Maintaining disciplined cost control management and accountability for meeting or exceeding our firm operating budget.

Each of Messrs. Buser, Clare and Ferguson provided critical and significant contributions to Carlyle's achievements in 2018. In assessing Mr. Buser's performance, we considered his oversight of our accounting, finance and treasury functions and his leadership role in managing our balance sheet including through our tender offer and senior notes offering, driving and overseeing the development of new or improved processes to further enhance the capabilities of our investor services teams and maintaining disciplined cost control management and accountability for meeting or exceeding our firm operating budget across our global business. In assessing Mr. Clare's performance, we considered his leadership in driving strong investment performance to create value for our investors in his roles as Co-Chief Investment Officer of our firm and Co-Head of our U.S Buyout business. In assessing Mr. Ferguson's performance, we considered his oversight of our global legal and compliance team, his management of our litigation matters and his efforts to address legal and regulatory considerations applicable to our investment advisory business and to our firm as a public company.

*Carried Interest and Incentive Fees.* The general partners of our carry funds typically receive a special residual allocation of income, which we refer to as a carried interest, from our investment funds if investors in such funds achieve a specified threshold return. Similarly, the collateral managers of our structured credit funds are entitled to receive incentive fees from our credit funds if investors in such funds achieve a specified threshold return. While the Carlyle Holdings partnerships own controlling equity interests in these collateral managers and fund general partners, our senior Carlyle professionals and other personnel who work in these operations directly own a portion of the carried interest in these entities or are allocated a portion of the incentive fees, in order to better align their interests with our own and with those of the investors in these funds. We generally seek to concentrate the direct ownership of carried interest in respect of each carry fund and the incentive fees in our structured credit funds among those of our professionals who directly work with that fund so as to align their interests with those of our fund investors and of our firm. Our founders and Mr. Buser do not currently receive allocations of direct carried interest ownership or incentive fees at the fund level. Mr. Youngkin and Mr. Ferguson previously received allocations of direct carried interest ownership at the fund level in respect of certain corporate private equity funds, but neither continues to receive such allocations for subsequent funds. Mr. Lee previously received allocations of direct carried interest and incentive fees, as applicable, at the fund level in respect of certain global credit and corporate private equity funds, but will not continue to receive additional allocations. In his role as Co-Head of U.S. Buyout, Mr. Clare receives allocations of direct carried interest ownership at the fund level in respect of our U.S. Buyout investment funds and he is anticipated to continue to receive such allocations for subsequent funds.

Carried interest, if any, in respect of any particular investment, is only paid in cash when the underlying investment is realized. To the extent any "giveback" obligation is triggered, carried interest previously distributed by the fund would need to be returned to such fund. Our professionals who receive direct allocations of carried interest at the fund level are personally subject to the "giveback" obligation, pursuant to which they may be required to repay carried interest previously distributed to them, thereby reducing the amount of cash received by such recipients for any such year. There is no "giveback" obligation with respect to incentive fees. Because the amount of carried interest and incentive fees payable is directly tied to the realized performance of the underlying investments, we believe this fosters a strong alignment of interests among the investors in those funds and the professionals who are allocated direct carried interest, which also indirectly benefits our unitholders.

The percentage of carried interest owned at the fund level by individual professionals varies by year, by investment fund and, with respect to each carry fund, by investment. Ownership of carried interest by senior Carlyle

professionals and other personnel at the fund level getting carry is also subject to a range of vesting schedules. Vesting is tied to continued employment over specified periods of time, which fosters employment retention and enhances the alignment of interests between our professionals who receive carried interest allocations, the firm and our fund investors.

*Legacy Equity Pool Program.* Prior to our initial public offering in 2012, we facilitated employees sharing in the future potential value of all our investment activities through our equity pool program, which gave participants equity pool units that represented an economic stake in all the investments made in that calendar year. The last equity pool was formed in 2011, prior to our IPO. The equity pool was structured so that in a given year, the equity pool receives a portion of any carried interest proceeds Carlyle earns from all investments made during the respective calendar year. On a semi-annual basis, participants receive cash distributions equivalent to the equity pool unit value times their number of equity pool units. We anticipate that distributions from the equity pools will decline over the next few years as we exit investments in the respective equity pools. Of our named executive officers, only Mr. Youngkin, Mr. Buser, Mr. Clare and Mr. Ferguson previously received equity pool units and each received equity pool distributions in 2018.

*New Carried Interest Pool Program.* In 2019, we are implementing a new program that will provide certain employees with the opportunity to share in the potential future value of our investments made in a calendar year by certain investment funds across our platform. The carried interest pool will be structured so that the applicable annual carried interest pool receives a portion of any carried interest proceeds Carlyle earns from investments made during the applicable calendar year. On an annual basis, participants will receive cash distributions equivalent to the carried interest pool value (comprising distributions received by the pool in respect of investments made during the applicable year) multiplied by the participant's allocation percentage for the respective annual carried interest pool. Once implemented, we anticipate that distributions from the annual carried interest pools will increase over the next few years, in particular for participants who receive allocations in successive annual carried interest pools. Of our named executive officers, we currently anticipate that only Mr. Buser and Mr. Ferguson may be eligible to receive future allocations in the carried interest pool program.

*Key Executive Incentive Program (KEIP).* In March 2014, we adopted a new methodology for determining potential future grants to certain key executives of DRUs and/or common units of the Partnership under the Equity Incentive Plan. The KEIP is intended to be an incentive to participants to align their economic interests with those of our fund investors and our common unitholders, as well as with Carlyle's overall performance. Under the terms of the KEIP, for each applicable calendar year commencing with 2014, when we began the program, we calculate the number of DRUs to be issued to the participating executives based on the carried interest generated by the investment pool composed of the portfolio investments acquired during the calendar year by any of our carry funds. On a semi-annual basis, based on the amount of carried interest distributed during that period (less any funds escrowed to secure giveback obligations during that period) in the investment pool and the participating executive's participation percentage, we calculate a number of DRUs to be granted to such executive for that period by reference to that executive's interest in the investment pool for that period divided by the fair market value of our common units on the relevant grant date. The grant of such DRUs is anticipated to be made on November 1 of each year for carry distributed during the first and second quarters of the calendar year and on May 1 of the following year for carry distributed during the third and fourth quarters of the calendar year, subject in each case to a minimum grant threshold value of \$100,000 for each six-month period. Each DRU grant will vest six months from the grant date.

Mr. Lee received participation percentages in the KEIP for 2015 and 2016 and Mr. Youngkin received participation percentages in the KEIP for 2014, 2015 and 2016. From time to time, additional key executives may be eligible to participate in the KEIP at our discretion. We did not allocate any participation percentages in the KEIP for 2018. On May 1, 2018, we granted Mr. Youngkin 5,857 DRUs, which represent his accrued but unpaid KEIP distributions in the 2014, 2015 and 2016 KEIP as of December 31, 2017. These DRUs vested on November 1, 2018. We anticipate that in May 2019, Mr. Youngkin will be granted DRUs with a value equivalent to \$561,063, which represents his accrued but unpaid KEIP distributions in the 2014, 2015 and 2016 KEIP as of December 31, 2018. Mr. Lee's accrued but unpaid KEIP distributions in the 2015 and 2016 KEIP did not reach the minimum grant threshold value as of December 31, 2018.

#### *Other Equity Grants.*

*Carlyle Holdings Partnership Units.* At the time of the initial public offering, our pre-IPO owners contributed to the Carlyle Holdings partnerships equity interests in our business in exchange for partnership units of Carlyle Holdings. All of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units received by our founders as part of the reorganization were fully vested upon receipt. A portion of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units received by employees other than our founders in exchange for their contribution of interests in the Parent Entities and other interests were subject to vesting, as are certain additional Carlyle Holdings partnership units we have issued subsequent to our IPO in connection with certain acquisitions. As of December 31, 2018, all of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by our named executive officers were fully vested.

*Bonus Holdback DRU Grants.* As part of the annual bonuses awarded to our named executive officers (other than the founders, who do not receive bonuses) for the year ended December 31, 2017, we paid a portion of such bonuses in Bonus Holdback DRUs. On February 1, 2018, Messrs. Lee, Youngkin, Buser, Clare and Ferguson each were granted 5,803 Bonus Holdback DRUs, respectively. These Bonus Holdback DRUs represented 10% of the total bonus amount awarded to each respective named executive officer for services provided in 2017. These Bonus Holdback DRUs will vest on August 1, 2019, 18 months after the grant date. The grant date fair value of these Bonus Holdback DRUs is reflected in the 2018 Summary Compensation Table and in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2018 table. Due to the strong performance of the firm in 2018, our Co-CEOs determined it was appropriate to pay all of each named executive officer's bonus in cash and no portion of the bonus was deferred and paid in DRUs. For future years, the Co-CEOs may determine to pay a portion of aggregate bonus amounts in DRUs.

*Co-CEO Grants.* Pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement and as approved by the Co-CEO Award Committee of our Board of Directors in February 2018, each of our Co-CEOs also received a one-time grant of time-vesting DRUs with respect to 1,250,000 common units of the Partnership and a performance-vesting DRU grant with respect to a target of 1,250,000 common units of the Partnership, in each case under the Equity Incentive Plan. The time-vesting DRUs were approved on February 1, 2018 and the performance-vesting DRUs were approved on February 6, 2018. The time-vesting DRUs generally will vest in equal installments over five years, subject to the continued employment of the Co-CEO. The performance-vesting DRUs generally will vest and settle annually in five equal target installments, subject to the continued employment of the Co-CEO, with the opportunity to earn between 0% and 200% of the target amount of the performance-vesting DRUs based on the level of achievement of specified performance metrics that will be set by our Board of Directors at the beginning of each performance year.

- *Settlement of First Installment of Performance-Vesting DRUs.* In 2019, following the completion of the one-year performance period, we settled the first installment of the performance-vesting DRUs that were granted in 2018. For the fiscal 2018 performance year, the first installment of the performance-vesting DRUs with respect to a target of 250,000 common units vested and settled at the end of the one-year performance period, based on the Partnership's level of achievement against the Fee Related Earnings ("FRE"), Distributable Earnings ("DE") and Fee-Earning Assets Under Management Raised ("FEAUM Raised") targets established by our Board of Directors. Of the total target number of performance DRUs awarded for the fiscal 2018 performance year, 75% vested subject to achievement against the FRE target, 15% vested subject to achievement against the DE target and 10% vested subject to achievement against the FEAUM Raised target. FRE is described under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Key Financial Measures—Non-GAAP Financial Measures—Fee Related Earnings." DE is described under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Key Financial Measures—Non-GAAP Financial Measures—Distributable Earnings." FEAUM Raised represents fee earning capital raised from limited partners and excludes capital commitments made by the firm or through our internal coinvestment program. The achievement factor for each of the fiscal 2018 performance metrics was determined by multiplying the weight attributed to each performance metric by the applicable payout percentage for each metric. The payout percentages were determined by calculating actual achievement against the target amount based on a pre-established scale. The payout percentage for each performance metric would be zero if actual results were less than threshold performance of 80% of target. If actual performance was 80% of target the payout percentage would be 50%; if actual performance was 100% of target the payout percentage would be 100%; and if actual performance reached 120% of target the payout percentage was capped at 200%. Payout percentages for actual performance between the specified threshold levels and target, and between the target and the maximum levels, would be adjusted on a linear basis.

For 2018, the FRE target was \$218 million, the DE target was \$525 million and the FEAUM Raised target was \$30 billion. When assessing performance against the fiscal 2018 target performance metrics, the compensation committee adjusted the actual fiscal year results to exclude the effects of extraordinary, unusual or infrequently occurring events. Specifically, actual FRE results were adjusted down by \$6.2 million to \$344.2 million and actual DE results were adjusted up by \$4.2 million to \$678.1 million, in each case after excluding amounts related to certain insurance recoveries during 2018 and the increase in 2018 compensation expense due to the decision to pay annual bonuses all in cash instead of deferring a portion and paying the deferral in DRUs to be granted following the end of the fiscal year. The FEAUM Raised amount of \$29.2 billion excluded certain commitments included in the more than \$33 billion in new commitments raised across our platform during 2018. Based on these results, the payout percentages and weighted achievement factors for each of the performance metrics were as follows: FRE (200% payout percentage resulting in a weighted achievement factor at 150%); DE (200% payout percentage resulting in a weighted achievement factor at 30%); and FEAUM Raised (93.3% payout percentage resulting in a weighted achievement factor at

9.3%). The weighted achievement factors for each performance metric resulted in a cumulative final weighted achievement factor at 189.3% of target, which resulted in each of the Co-CEOs earning 473,334 common units.

*Second Installment of Performance-Vesting DRUs.* On February 13, 2019, we granted the second installment of the performance-vesting DRUs with respect to a target of 250,000 common units. The performance metrics for the fiscal 2019 performance period are based on the Partnership's level of achievement against FRE, Net Realized Performance Revenues ("NRPR") and FEAUM Raised targets established by our compensation committee. Of the total target number of performance DRUs awarded for the fiscal 2019 performance year, 60% will vest subject to achievement against the FRE target, 20% will vest subject to achievement against the NRPR target and 20% will vest subject to achievement against the FEAUM Raised target. In addition, in order to further align the interests of our Co-CEOs with the long-term interests of our common unitholders, the compensation committee has approved an additional performance condition that will cap the maximum payout percentage at 150% if the volume weighted average price of Carlyle common units is not positive over the specified period. When assessing performance against the applicable prior year performance targets, the compensation committee reserves the ability to adjust the actual fiscal year results to exclude the effects of extraordinary, unusual or infrequently occurring events.

*2019 Additional Performance-Vesting DRU Outperformance Grant.* On February 13, 2019, the compensation committee approved an additional performance-vesting DRU grant for each of the Co-CEOs with respect to a target of 500,000 common units of the Partnership under the Equity Incentive Plan. The additional performance-vesting DRUs generally will vest and settle at the end of the four-year cumulative performance period, subject to the continued employment of the Co-CEO, with the opportunity to earn between 0% and 150% of the target amount of the performance-vesting DRUs based on outperformance against two total shareholder return measures, a relative total shareholder return measure and an absolute total shareholder return measure.

*Annual Discretionary DRU Grants.* As part of our 2017 year-end compensation program, on February 1, 2018, we awarded discretionary DRU grants to Messrs. Lee, Youngkin, Buser, Clare and Ferguson, based on their 2017 performance, leadership, overall responsibilities and expected future contribution to the firm's success. In addition, in connection with his promotion to Co-Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Clare also received an additional one-time discretionary grant of 500,000 DRUs. The size of each DRU grant was approved by our Equity Plan Administrator, which for 2017 was comprised of our three founders.

- *Time-Vested DRU Grants.* On February 1, 2018, our Co-CEOs received a grant of 100,000 DRUs, Mr. Buser received a grant of 113,379 DRUs, Mr. Clare received a grant of 100,000 DRUs and Mr. Ferguson received a grant of 68,028 DRUs. These DRU grants time-vest 40% on August 1, 2019, 30% on August 1, 2020 and 30% on August 1, 2021. The additional one-time DRUs awarded to Mr. Clare vest 25% on February 1, 2019, 25% February 1, 2020, 25% February 1, 2021 and 25% on February 1, 2022. The grant date fair value of these DRUs is reflected for 2018 in the Summary Compensation Table and in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2018 table.
- *Performance DRU Grants.* On February 6, 2018, Mr. Buser received a performance-vesting DRU award with respect to a target of 45,352 common units. Mr. Buser's performance-vesting DRUs vested subject to the Partnership's achievement of the same performance targets and weighting as were applicable to our Co-CEOs as described above under "—Co-CEO Grants—Settlement of First Installment of Performance-Vesting DRUs." Accordingly, the final weighted achievement factor for Mr. Buser's award also was at 189.3% of target, which resulted in him earning 85,867 common units. The grant date fair value of these awards is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table and in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2018 table.

As part of our 2018 year-end compensation program, in February 2019, we awarded discretionary DRU grants to Messrs. Buser and Ferguson based on their 2018 performance, leadership, overall responsibilities and expected future contribution to the firm's success. More specifically, Mr. Buser received his grants due to his strong performance during 2018 as our Chief Financial Officer, including oversight of our accounting, finance and treasury functions and his leadership role in managing our balance sheet including through our tender offer and senior notes offering, driving and overseeing the development of new or improved processes to further enhance the capabilities of our investor services teams and maintaining disciplined cost control management and accountability for meeting or exceeding our firm operating budget across our global business. Mr. Ferguson received his grant due to his strong performance during 2018 as our General Counsel, including his oversight of our global legal and compliance team, his management of our litigation matters and his efforts to address legal and regulatory considerations applicable to our investment advisory business and to our firm as a public company.

- *Time-Vested DRU Grant.* On February 1, 2019, Mr. Buser received a grant of 127,357 time-vesting DRUs. These time-vesting DRUs vest 40% on August 1, 2020, 30% on August 1, 2021 and 30% on August 1, 2022. The grant date fair value of this award will be reflected as a stock award for 2019 in the Summary Compensation Table and in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2019 table in our Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2019.
- *Performance DRU Grants.* On February 13, 2019, Mr. Buser received a grant of 76,414 performance-vesting DRUs and Mr. Ferguson received a grant of 101,885 performance-vesting DRUs. These performance-vesting DRUs will vest subject to the Partnership's achievement of the same performance targets and weightings, and to the additional performance condition that will cap the maximum payout percentage at 150% if the volume weighted average price of Carlyle common units is not positive over the specified period, in each case as will be applicable to the second installment of our Co-CEO performance-vesting DRUs as described above under “—Co-CEO Grants—Second Installment of Performance-Vesting DRUs.” The grant date fair value of these awards will be reflected as stock awards for 2019 in the Summary Compensation Table and in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2019 table in our Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2019

Our founders do not receive DRU awards.

### **Compensation Committee Report**

The compensation committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed and discussed with management the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis and, based on such review and discussion, has determined that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis should be included in this annual report.

*Anthony Welters (Chairman)*

*William E. Conway, Jr.*

*Daniel A. D'Aniello*

*David M. Rubenstein*

*Lawton W. Fitt*

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

Executive compensation decisions for 2017 and prior years were made by our founders. Our founders continue to serve as executive officers of the Partnership following the appointments of Messrs. Youngkin and Lee as our Co-CEOs effective January 1, 2018. In December 2017, our Board of Directors formed a compensation committee consisting of Messrs. Welters (Chairman), Conway, D'Aniello and Rubenstein and Ms. Fitt, and for 2018 executive compensation decisions for our Co-CEOs were made by our compensation committee. For a description of certain transactions between us and the members of our compensation committee, see “Item 13. Certain Relationships, Related Transactions and Director Independence.”

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table presents summary information concerning compensation of our named executive officers during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2018, December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. For our named executive officers who own direct carried interest allocations or allocations of incentive fees at the fund level or who participate in the equity pool program, we have reported in the "All Other Compensation" column amounts that reflect the actual cash distributions received by our named executive officers in respect of such allocations during the relevant year. The Principal Positions referenced below are as of January 1, 2019.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Cash Bonus (\$)(1)	2018 One-Time Stock Awards (\$)(2)	2018 Other Stock Awards (\$)(3)	Stock Awards (\$)(4)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
<b>Kewsong Lee</b>	2018	275,000	3,350,000	24,880,625	7,826,357	32,706,982	251,883 (5)	36,583,865
Co-Chief Executive Officer (co-principal executive officer)								
<b>Glenn A. Youngkin</b>	2018	275,000	3,350,000	24,880,625	7,947,011	32,827,636	795,015 (6)	37,247,651
Co-Chief Executive Officer (co-principal executive officer)	2017	275,000	1,350,000	—	—	246,094	3,704,275 (6)	5,575,369
	2016	275,000	1,350,000	—	—	196,927	3,389,484 (6)	5,211,411
<b>Curtis L. Buser</b>	2018	275,000	2,500,000	—	3,521,968	3,521,968	90,745 (7)	6,387,713
Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	2017	275,000	1,350,000	—	—	2,510,672	132,800 (7)	4,268,472
	2016	275,000	1,170,000	—	—	987,741	132,892 (8)	2,565,633
<b>William E. Conway, Jr.</b>	2018	275,000	—	—	—	—	6,875 (8)	281,875
Founder, Co-Executive Chairman and Co-Chief Investment Officer	2017	275,000	—	—	—	—	6,750 (8)	281,750
	2016	275,000	—	—	—	—	6,625 (8)	281,625
<b>Daniel A. D'Aniello</b>	2018	275,000	—	—	—	—	6,875 (8)	281,875
Founder and Chairman Emeritus	2017	275,000	—	—	—	—	6,750 (8)	281,750
	2016	275,000	—	—	—	—	6,625 (8)	281,625
<b>David M. Rubenstein</b>	2018	275,000	—	—	—	—	6,875 (8)	281,875
Founder and Co-Executive Chairman	2017	275,000	—	—	—	—	6,750 (8)	281,750
	2016	275,000	—	—	—	—	6,625 (8)	281,625
<b>Peter J. Clare</b>	2018	275,000	2,750,000	10,469,250	2,225,857	12,695,107	4,870,653 (9)	20,590,760
Co-Chief Investment Officer and Co-Head of U.S. Buyout								
<b>Jeffrey W. Ferguson</b>	2018	275,000	1,500,000	—	1,556,411	1,556,411	29,564 (10)	3,360,975
General Counsel	2017	275,000	1,350,000	—	—	1,445,387	8,880 (10)	3,079,267
	2016	275,000	1,170,000	—	—	122,533	213,395 (10)	1,780,928

- (1) For 2017 and 2016, the amount shown represents the cash portion of the year-end bonus paid in December of that year, but excludes the portion paid in Bonus Holdback DRUs in February of the following year. As part of the discretionary bonuses for services provided in 2017 and 2016, each of our named executive officers (other than our founders) received 10% of his bonus in a grant of DRUs. The amount shown for Messrs. Lee and Youngkin for 2018 reflects the annual cash bonus awarded to each for 2018 that will be paid in February 2019, which bonus amount is equal to the distributions per common unit of the Partnership paid with respect to calendar year 2018 of \$1.34 per common unit multiplied by 2,500,000.
- (2) Amounts reported for each of Messrs. Lee and Youngkin represent the grant date fair value of the 1,250,000 one-time, time-vesting DRUs granted on February 1, 2018 in connection with their appointment as Co-CEOs. Amount reported for Mr. Clare represents the grant date fair value of the 500,000 one-time, time-vesting DRUs granted on February 1, 2018.
- (3) Amounts reported for 2018 reflect the portion of the 2017 year-end bonus paid in Bonus Holdback DRU awards, which were granted to Messrs. Lee, Youngkin, Buser, Clare and Ferguson on February 1, 2018. The grant-date fair value of the Bonus Holdback DRU awards is computed in accordance with GAAP and differs from the dollar amount of the portion of the 2017 year-end bonus that was held back. Amounts reported also reflect the grant date fair values of a 5,857 DRU award granted to Mr. Youngkin on May 1, 2018 with respect to his accrued KEIP distributions through December 31, 2017 and the annual discretionary DRU awards that were granted to our Co-CEOs and Messrs. Buser, Clare and Ferguson on February 1, 2018, and the performance vesting DRUs granted to Messrs. Lee, Youngkin and Buser on February 6, 2018. The grant date fair values of the performance-vesting DRUs granted to Messrs. Lee, Youngkin and Buser were computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP pertaining to equity-based compensation based upon the probable outcome of the performance conditions as of the grant date. Assuming the highest level of performance achievement as of the grant date, the grant date fair values of the awards would have been: Mr. Lee - \$11,201,000; Mr. Youngkin - \$11,201,000; and Mr. Buser - \$2,031,951.



- (4) This amount represents the aggregate grant date fair value of the DRUs granted in the year shown, computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP pertaining to equity-based compensation. For additional information regarding the determination of grant-date fair value see Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The amounts shown in this column represent the sum of the grant date fair values reported in the 2018 One-Time Stock Awards and 2018 Other Stock Awards columns, as applicable, for 2018.
- (5) This amount represents actual cash distributions received by Mr. Lee in respect of carried interest allocations at the fund level of \$245,008 for 2018 and \$6,875 in 401(k) matching contributions for 2018.
- (6) This amount represents actual cash distributions received by Mr. Youngkin in respect of his direct carried interest allocations at the fund level of \$786,565, \$3,697,525 and \$3,382,859 for 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, \$1,575 received by Mr. Youngkin in respect of his equity pool interest for 2018 and also includes \$6,875, \$6,750, and \$6,625 in 401(k) matching contributions for 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- (7) This amount represents cash distributions of \$83,870, \$126,050 and \$126,267 received by Mr. Buser in respect of his equity pool interest for 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively and also includes \$6,875, \$6,750, and \$6,625 in 401(k) matching contributions for 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- (8) This amount represents our 401(k) matching contributions.
- (9) This amount represents actual cash distributions received by Mr. Clare in respect of direct carried interest allocations at the fund level of \$4,862,203 for 2018, \$1,575 received by Mr. Clare in respect of his equity pool interest for 2018 and also includes \$6,875 in 401(k) matching contributions for 2018.
- (10) This amount represents actual cash distributions received by Mr. Ferguson in respect of direct carried interest allocations at the fund level of \$20,109, \$0 and \$206,770 for 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, \$2,580 and \$1,140 received by Mr. Ferguson in respect of his equity pool interest for 2018 and 2017, respectively and also includes \$6,875, \$6,750 and \$6,625 in 401(k) matching contributions for 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2018

The number of DRUs shown under the column heading “All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units” in the table below represents the aggregate number of unvested DRUs that were granted to the relevant named executive officers in 2018. The dollar amounts shown under the column heading “Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards” in the table below were calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For additional information regarding the determination of grant date fair value, see Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payout under Equity Incentive Plan Awards (1)			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#) (1)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)
		Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)		
<b>Kewsong Lee</b>						
Annual Time-Vesting DRUs	(2)	2/1/2018			100,000	\$ 2,093,850
Bonus Holdback DRUs	(3)	2/1/2018			5,803	\$ 132,007
One Time Co-CEO Time-Vesting DRUs	(4)	2/1/2018			1,250,000	\$ 24,880,625
Co-CEO Performance-Vesting DRUs	(5)	2/6/2018	125,000	250,000	500,000	\$ 5,600,500
<b>Glenn A. Youngkin</b>						
Annual Time-Vesting DRUs	(2)	2/1/2018			100,000	\$ 2,093,850
Bonus Holdback DRUs	(3)	2/1/2018			5,803	\$ 132,007
One Time Co-CEO Time-Vesting DRUs	(4)	2/1/2018			1,250,000	\$ 24,880,625
Co-CEO Performance-Vesting DRUs	(5)	2/6/2018	125,000	250,000	500,000	\$ 5,600,500
KEIP DRUs	(6)	5/1/2018			5,857	\$ 120,654
<b>Curtis L. Buser</b>						
Annual Time-Vesting DRUs	(2)	2/1/2018			113,379	\$ 2,373,986
Bonus Holdback DRUs	(3)	2/1/2018			5,803	\$ 132,007
Performance-Vesting DRUs	(5)	2/6/2018	22,676	45,352	90,704	\$ 1,015,976
<b>William E. Conway, Jr.</b>						
	—	—	—	—	—	\$ —
<b>Daniel A. D'Aniello</b>						
	—	—	—	—	—	\$ —
<b>David M. Rubenstein</b>						
	—	—	—	—	—	\$ —
<b>Peter J. Clare</b>						
Annual Time-Vesting DRUs	(2)	2/1/2018			100,000	\$ 2,093,850
Bonus Holdback DRUs	(3)	2/1/2018			5,803	\$ 132,007
One-Time Time-Vesting DRUs	(7)	2/1/2018			500,000	\$ 10,469,250
<b>Jeffrey W. Ferguson</b>						
Annual Time-Vesting DRUs	(2)	2/1/2018			68,028	\$ 1,424,404
Bonus Holdback DRUs	(3)	2/1/2018			5,803	\$ 132,007

(1) The references to “stock,” “shares” or “units” in this table refer to DRUs.

(2) Represents discretionary DRU grants awarded to Messrs. Lee, Youngkin, Buser, Clare and Ferguson. These DRU grants will vest 40% on August 1, 2019, 30% on August 1, 2020 and 30% on August 1, 2021.

(3) Represents Bonus Holdback DRU grants awarded to Messrs. Lee, Youngkin, Buser, Clare and Ferguson, all of which will vest on August 1, 2019.

(4) Represents one-time Co-CEO time-vesting DRU grants awarded to Messrs. Lee and Youngkin on February 1, 2018 in connection with their appointment as Co-CEOs. These DRU grants will vest 20% on February 1, 2019, 20% on February 1, 2020, 20% on February 1, 2021, 20% on February 1, 2022 and 20% on February 1, 2023.

(5) Represents performance-vesting DRU grants awarded to Messrs. Lee, Youngkin and Buser. The grant date fair value of the performance-vesting DRUs was computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP pertaining to equity-based compensation based upon the probable outcome of the performance conditions as of the grant date.

(6) Represents a DRU grant with respect to Mr. Youngkin's accrued KEIP distributions through December 31, 2017. These DRUs vested on November 1, 2018.

(7) Represents a one-time discretionary DRU grant awarded to Mr. Clare. This DRU grant will vest 25% on February 1, 2019, 25% February 1, 2020, 25% February 1, 2021 and 25% on February 1, 2022.

## **Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table**

### ***Co-CEO Employment Agreements***

Effective on January 1, 2018, in connection with their respective new appointments as Co-Chief Executive Officers, our Board of Directors approved new compensation arrangements for Messrs. Lee and Youngkin and, on October 23, 2017, we entered into new employment agreements with each of Messrs. Lee and Youngkin related to their service as our Co-CEOs. The employment agreements each provide for a five-year term commencing on January 1, 2018 and continuing until December 31, 2022 or until such employment agreement is otherwise terminated in accordance with its terms (the “Term”). Under the employment agreements, each Co-CEO will receive a base salary of \$275,000, which may be increased from time to time by our Board of Directors. In addition, during the Term, each Co-CEO will be eligible to receive an annual cash bonus equal to the distributions per common unit of the Partnership paid with respect to the applicable calendar year multiplied by 2,500,000 (subject to equitable adjustment by our Board of Directors in order to account for distributions, splits, reorganizations, recapitalizations, mergers, consolidations, spin-offs, combinations, exchanges or other similar events; and, following a Change of Control (as defined in the Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, dated as of September 13, 2017), the parties must negotiate and agree to an adjustment such that after the Change of Control the bonus opportunity is no less favorable to the Co-CEO than prior to the Change of Control). The employment agreements also provided for the payment by us of legal fees incurred by the Co-CEOs in connection with the negotiation of the employment agreements. Each of the employment agreements contains specified severance provisions and restrictive covenants that are described below in the section entitled “—Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control.” Pursuant to the employment agreements, the Co-CEOs were also awarded DRU awards that are described above in the section entitled “—Co-CEO Grants—Settlement of First Installment of Performance-Vesting DRUs.” See “—Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control” below for a description of the potential vesting that each of the Co-Chief Executive Officers may be entitled to with respect to the DRU awards in connection with a Change in Control or certain terminations of employment.

### ***Terms of Carlyle Holdings Partnership Units***

Our pre-IPO owners, including certain of our named executive officers, received Carlyle Holdings partnership units in the reorganization in exchange for the contribution of their equity interests in the former Parent Entities and a portion of the equity interests they owned in certain of our operating subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2018, all of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by our named executive officers were fully vested. Each holder of our Carlyle Holdings partnership units who is employed by us will generally be required to hold at least 25% of such units until one year following the termination of active service with us. All vested Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by a holder who is employed by us will be immediately forfeited in the event his or her service is terminated for cause, or if such person materially breaches the non-solicitation provisions of the partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnership agreements.

### ***Equity Incentive Plan Awards***

In connection with our initial public offering, the firm adopted the Equity Incentive Plan, which is a source of new equity-based awards and permits us to grant to our senior Carlyle professionals, employees, directors of our general partner and consultants non-qualified options, unit appreciation rights, common units, restricted common units, DRUs, phantom restricted common units and other awards based on our common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units. Unvested annual discretionary DRUs, Bonus Holdback DRUs and DRUs granted under the KEIP generally will be forfeited upon termination of employment. For a description of the potential vesting that the named executive officers may be entitled to with respect to such DRU awards in connection with a Change of Control (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) or certain terminations of employment see “—Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control” below. In addition, all vested and unvested annual discretionary DRUs and DRUs granted under the KEIP will be immediately forfeited in the event the holder is terminated for cause, or if such person materially breaches any applicable restrictive covenant. For more information regarding these DRUs granted to our named executive officers under the Equity Incentive Plan, including the vesting criteria, see the sections entitled “—Key Executive Incentive Program (KEIP)” and “—Other Equity Awards-Annual Discretionary DRU Grants” above.

### **Outstanding Equity Awards at 2018 Fiscal-Year End**

The following table provides information regarding outstanding unvested equity awards held by our named executive officers as of December 31, 2018. Some of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units received by certain of our named executive officers as a part of the reorganization we effected prior to our initial public offering are subject to

vesting; however, all of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units received by our founders as part of the reorganization were fully vested at issuance. The dollar amounts shown under the column heading “Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested” in the table below were calculated by multiplying the number of unvested DRUs held by the named executive officer by the closing market price of \$15.75 per Carlyle common unit on December 31, 2018, the last trading day of 2018.

	Stock Awards(1)	
	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)
Kewsong Lee (2)	2,200,193	\$ 34,653,040
Glenn A. Youngkin (3)	1,872,228	\$ 29,487,591
Curtis L. Buser (4)	376,669	\$ 5,932,537
William E. Conway, Jr.	—	—
Daniel A. D’Aniello	—	—
David M. Rubenstein	—	—
Peter J. Clare (5)	605,803	\$ 9,541,397
Jeffrey W. Ferguson (6)	146,260	\$ 2,303,595

- (1) The references to “stock,” “shares” or “units” in this table refer to DRUs.
- (2) Mr. Lee’s 2,200,193 units are composed of 98,777 discretionary DRUs which will vest on February 1, 2019; 40,021 discretionary DRUs which will vest on August 1, 2019; 232,258 discretionary DRUs, of which 116,129 will vest on August 1, 2019 and 116,129 will vest on August 1, 2020; 5,803 Bonus Holdback DRUs, all of which will vest on August 1, 2019; 1,250,000 one-time Co-CEO time-vesting DRUs, of which 250,000 will vest on each of February 1, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; 100,000 discretionary DRUs, of which 40,000 will vest on August 1, 2019, 30,000 on August 1, 2020 and 30,000 on August 1, 2021; and 473,334 performance-vesting DRUs that were earned as of the end of the fiscal year based on 2018 performance and that vested on February 13, 2019, the date the compensation committee certified the attainment of the established performance metrics, based on continued service through such date.
- (3) Mr. Youngkin’s 1,872,228 units are composed of 43,091 discretionary DRUs which will vest on August 1, 2019; 1,250,000 one-time Co-CEO time-vesting DRUs, of which 250,000 will vest on each of February 1, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; 100,000 discretionary DRUs, of which 40,000 will vest on August 1, 2019, 30,000 on August 1, 2020 and 30,000 on August 1, 2021; 5,803 Bonus Holdback DRUs, all of which will vest on August 1, 2019; and 473,334 performance-vesting DRUs that were earned as of the end of the fiscal year based on 2018 performance and that vested on February 13, 2019, the date the compensation committee certified the attainment of the established performance metrics, based on continued service through such date.
- (4) Mr. Buser’s 376,669 units are composed of 43,092 discretionary DRUs which will vest of August 1, 2019; 24,012 discretionary DRUs which will vest on August 1, 2019; 104,516 discretionary DRUs, of which 52,258 will vest on August 1, 2019 and 52,258 on August 1, 2020; 5,803 Bonus Holdback DRUs, all of which will vest on August 1, 2019; 113,379 discretionary DRUs, of which 45,352 will vest on August 1, 2019, 34,014 on August 1, 2020 and 34,013 on August 1, 2021; and 85,867 performance-vesting DRUs that were earned as of the end of the fiscal year based on 2018 performance and that vested on February 13, 2019, the date the Co-CEOs certified the attainment of the established performance metrics, based on continued service through such date.
- (5) Mr. Clare’s 605,803 units are composed of 5,803 Bonus Holdback DRUs, all of which will vest on August 1, 2019; 100,000 discretionary DRUs, of which 40,000 will vest on August 1, 2019, 30,000 on August 1, 2020 and 30,000 on August 1, 2021; and 500,000 one-time discretionary DRUs, of which 125,000 will vest on February 1, 2019, 125,000 on February 1, 2020, 125,000 on February 1, 2021 and 125,000 on February 1, 2022.
- (6) Mr. Ferguson’s 146,260 units are composed of 14,364 discretionary DRUs which will vest on August 1, 2019; 58,065 discretionary DRUs, of which 29,033 will vest on August 1, 2019 and 29,032 on August 1, 2020; 5,803 Bonus Holdback DRUs, all of which will vest on August 1, 2019; and 68,028 discretionary DRUs, of which 27,212 will vest on August 1, 2019, 20,408 on August 1, 2020 and 20,408 on August 1, 2021.

### Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2018

As we have never issued any options, our named executive officers had no option exercises during the year ended December 31, 2018. Some of our named executive officers had equity awards vest during the year ended December 31, 2018.

	Stock Awards(1)	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$) (7)
Kewsong Lee (2)	313,766	\$ 7,724,163
Glenn A. Youngkin (3)	37,391	\$ 886,574
Curtis L. Buser (4)	112,656	\$ 2,743,174
William E. Conway, Jr.	—	—
Daniel A. D’Aniello	—	—
David M. Rubenstein	—	—
Peter J. Clare (5)	8,721	\$ 212,356
Jeffrey W. Ferguson (6)	57,675	\$ 1,404,386

(1) The references to “stock”, “shares” or “units” in this table refer to Carlyle common units.

(2) The value for Mr. Lee is based on the value of 98,778 common units received upon the vesting of DRUs on February 1, 2018 and 214,988 common units received upon the vesting of DRUs of August 1, 2018.

(3) The value for Mr. Youngkin is based on the value of 31,534 common units received upon the vesting of DRUs on August 1, 2018 and 5,857 common units received upon the vesting of DRUs of November 1, 2018.

(4) The value for Mr. Buser is based on the value of 112,656 common units received upon the vesting of DRUs on August 1, 2018.

(5) The value for Mr. Clare is based on the value of 8,721 common units received upon the vesting of DRUs on August 1, 2018.

(6) The value for Mr. Ferguson is based on the value of 57,675 common units received upon the vesting of DRUs on August 1, 2018.

(7) The value realized on vesting was calculated by multiplying the number of common units received upon vesting by the closing market price per common unit on the applicable vesting date.

### Pension Benefits for 2018

We do not provide pension benefits to our named executive officers.

### Nonqualified Deferred Compensation for 2018

We do not provide defined contribution plans for the deferral of compensation on a basis that is not tax-qualified.

### Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

Other than as described below, none of our named executive officers are entitled to any additional payments or benefits upon termination of employment, upon a change in control of our company or upon retirement, death or disability.

### Co-Chief Executive Officers

**Severance Arrangements.** The Co-CEO employment agreements provide that, upon a termination of employment by a Co-CEO for Good Reason (as defined in the employment agreements) or by Carlyle without Cause (as defined in the employment agreements), such Co-CEO is entitled to receive cash severance, subject to the execution of a release and compliance with certain restrictive covenants, payable over the 12-month severance period (or, if shorter, through the end of the Term) of a monthly amount equal to annual base salary, Average Annual Bonus (as defined in the employment agreements; the Average Annual Bonus is payable in a lump sum on the later of the scheduled payment day for the annual bonus or the end of the severance period if termination occurs in the first year of the Term rather than over a 12-month period) and 12-months of COBRA premiums divided by the number of months in the severance period. Upon a termination of employment by a Co-CEO for Good Reason or by Carlyle without Cause or in the case of the death or disability of a Co-CEO, such Co-CEO is also entitled to a prorated portion of his annual bonus for the portion of the year of termination during which the Co-CEO was employed and, if terminated after the end of a calendar year and before payment of the annual bonus for such year, the annual bonus for the prior year. If a Co-CEO is terminated for any reason other than Cause after the end of the Term, any annual bonus payment for the fifth year of the Term that has not yet been paid will be paid. Had such a termination of employment occurred on December 31, 2018, the last business day of 2018, each of Messrs. Lee and Youngkin would have been entitled to the following: (1) cash payments equal to the sum of their then-current annual

base salary (\$275,000) and 12-months of COBRA premiums (\$29,231 for Mr. Lee and \$26,581 for Mr. Youngkin, based on 2019 rates), payable in equal monthly installments over a 12-month period, (2) the Average Annual Bonus (\$3,350,000, representing the actual annual cash bonus earned for 2018), payable in a lump-sum and (3) a prorated portion of the actual annual cash bonus for 2018 (\$3,350,000), payable on the scheduled payment date.

*Co-CEO Equity Awards.* The Co-Chief Executive Officer employment agreements provide that, upon a termination of employment by a Co-CEO for Good Reason or by us without Cause, subject to the execution of a release and compliance with certain restrictive covenants, a portion of such Co-CEO's time-vesting and performance-vesting DRUs will vest (at target with respect to performance-vesting DRUs) on the next scheduled vesting date following the date of such termination, in an amount equal to: (1) the amount that would have vested on such vesting date had such Co-CEO remained employed through such date *plus* (2) if such termination occurs in the first four years of the Term, a pro rata portion of the DRUs related to the portion of the year of termination prior to termination (or, if such termination occurs in the January or February prior to the scheduled vesting date in such year, 12 months). Accordingly, had such a termination of employment occurred on December 31, 2018, the last business day of 2018, each of Messrs. Lee and Youngkin would have vested in the following number of DRUs, having the following value based on our closing market price of \$15.75 per Carlyle common unit on December 31, 2018: 1,000,000 DRUs, including 500,000 performance-vesting DRUs at target, with an aggregate value of \$15,750,000.

If a termination of employment by a Co-CEO for Good Reason or by us without Cause occurs following a Change of Control during the Term, then in addition to the DRUs described above, such Co-CEO will vest in another year of DRUs (both time-vesting DRUs and performance-vesting DRUs, at target with respect to performance-vesting DRUs), but in a maximum amount that is not more than the total number of DRUs granted. Accordingly, had such a termination of employment occurred following a Change of Control on December 31, 2018, the last business day of 2018, each of Messrs. Youngkin and Lee would have vested in the following numbers of DRUs having the following values based on our closing market price of \$15.75 per Carlyle common unit on December 31, 2018: 1,500,000 DRUs, including 750,000 performance-vesting DRUs at target, with an aggregate value of \$23,625,500.

Upon the death or disability of a Co-CEO, the time-vesting and performance-vesting DRUs that were granted to such Co-CEO will vest in full (with vesting to occur at the target amount with respect to the performance-vesting DRUs if such termination occurs prior to completion of the performance period or at actual performance if such termination occurs after completion of the performance period but prior to the vesting date) to the extent not yet vested. Had such a termination of employment occurred on December 31, 2018, the last business day of 2018, each of Messrs. Youngkin and Lee would have vested in the following numbers of DRUs, having the following value based on our closing market price of \$15.75 per Carlyle common unit on December 31, 2018: 2,723,334 DRUs, including 1,250,000 time-vested DRUs, 473,334 DRUs representing the actual number of DRUs earned for the 2018 and 1,000,000 performance-vesting DRUs at target, with an aggregate value of \$42,892,511.

Upon a termination of employment of a Co-CEO for Cause, all vested and unvested time-vesting and performance-vesting DRUs of such Co-CEO will be automatically forfeited. If a Co-CEO is terminated for any reason other than Cause after the end of the Term, any time-vesting or performance-vesting DRUs that are not yet vested will continue to vest (based on actual performance for the performance-vesting DRUs).

*Other Equity Awards.* Upon a Change of Control (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) or a termination of employment because of death or disability, any unvested time-vesting DRUs (other than the one-time Co-CEO DRUs) held by Messrs. Youngkin and Lee will automatically be deemed vested as of immediately prior to such occurrence of such change of control or such termination of employment. Had such a change of control or such a termination of employment occurred on December 31, 2018, the last business day of 2018, each of Messrs. Youngkin and Lee would have vested in the following numbers of DRUs, having the following values based on our closing market price of \$15.75 per Carlyle common unit on December 31, 2018: Mr. Lee - 476,859 DRUs with an aggregate value of \$7,510,529 and Mr. Youngkin - 148,894 DRUs with an aggregate value of \$2,345,081).

*Restrictive Covenants.* The Co-Chief Executive Officer employment agreements also include restrictive covenants limiting the Co-CEO's ability to solicit employees of Carlyle for 12 months following the termination of employment (but not past the occurrence of a Change of Control) or compete with Carlyle or solicit its investors for 12 months following a termination of employment (but not past the earlier of the end of the Term or the occurrence of a Change of Control). The Co-CEOs are also subject to confidentiality covenants and may not disclose publicly or discuss our fundraising efforts or the name of any fund vehicle that has not had a final closing with any member of the press. The Co-CEOs and Carlyle are subject to certain cooperation covenants and, during a Co-CEOs employment and for five years following a termination, non-disparagement obligations.

### **Messrs. Buser, Clare and Ferguson**

Upon a Change of Control (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) or a termination of employment because of death or disability, any unvested time-vesting DRUs held by Messrs. Buser, Clare or Ferguson will automatically be deemed vested as of immediately prior to such occurrence of such change of control or such termination of employment. In addition, upon a Change in Control or a termination of employment because of death or disability, any unvested performance-vesting DRUs will vest at target if such change of control or termination occurs prior to completion of the performance period or at actual performance if the change of control or termination occurs after completion of the performance period but prior to the vesting date. Had such a change of control or such a termination of employment occurred on December 31, 2018, the last business day of 2018, each of Messrs. Buser, Clare and Ferguson would have vested in the following numbers of DRUs, having the following values based on our closing market price of \$15.75 per Carlyle common unit on December 31, 2018: Mr. Buser - 376,669 DRUs, including 85,867 performance-vesting DRUs based on actual performance, with an aggregate value of \$5,932,537; Mr. Clare - 605,803 DRUs with an aggregate value of \$9,541,397; and Mr. Ferguson - 146,260 DRUs with an aggregate value of \$2,303,595.

### **Founders' Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreements**

The following is a description of the material terms of the non-competition agreements we have with each of our founders.

*Non-Competition.* Each founder agreed that during the period he is a controlling partner (as defined in the non-competition agreement) and for the period of three years thereafter (the "Restricted Period"), he will not engage in any business or activity that is competitive with our business.

*Non-Solicitation of Carlyle Employees.* Each founder agreed that during the Restricted Period, he will not solicit any of our employees, or employees of our subsidiaries, to leave their employment with us or otherwise terminate or cease or materially modify their relationship with us, or employ or engage any such employee.

*Non-Solicitation of Clients.* In addition, during the Restricted Period, each founder will not solicit any of the investors of the funds we advise to invest in any funds or activities that are competitive with our businesses.

*Confidentiality.* During the Restricted Period, each founder is required to protect and only use "proprietary information" that relates to our business in accordance with strict restrictions placed by us on its use and disclosure. Each founder agreed that during the Restricted Period he will not disclose any of the proprietary information, except (1) as required by his duties on behalf of Carlyle or with our consent or (2) as required by virtue of subpoena, court or governmental agency order or as otherwise required by law or (3) to a court, mediator or arbitrator in connection with any dispute between such founder and us.

*Investment Activities.* During the Restricted Period, each founder has agreed that he will not pursue or otherwise seek to develop any investment opportunities under active consideration by Carlyle.

*Specific Performance.* In the case of any breach of the non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality and investment activity limitation provisions, each founder agrees that we will be entitled to seek equitable relief in the form of specific performance and injunctive relief.

### **Pay Ratio Disclosure**

As required by Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following information regarding the ratio of the total annual compensation for each of our co-principal executive officers to the median of the annual total compensation of all our employees (other than our co-principal executive officers) (the "CEO Pay Ratio"). For 2018, our co-principal executive officers were Messrs. Lee and Youngkin. Our CEO Pay Ratio is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with Item 402(u). However, due to the flexibility afforded by Item 402(u) in calculating the CEO Pay Ratio, our CEO Pay Ratio may not be comparable to the CEO pay ratios presented by other companies.

As of December 31, 2018, we employed more than 1,600 individuals, including 654 investment professionals, located in 31 offices across six continents. In 2017, we identified our median employee using our global employee population as of October 31, 2017. To identify our median employee, we used annual base salary and bonuses earned

(guaranteed and discretionary) in 2017. Application of our consistently applied compensation measure identified eight employees with the same total annual base salary and bonus earned in 2017. Therefore, in order to identify our median employee, we calculated the annual total compensation in accordance with the requirements of the Summary Compensation Table for all eight employees and identified the two middle employees from the even-numbered group. We then selected our median employee from among the two middle employees by reviewing the components of their annual total compensation and selecting the employee whose compensation characteristics more accurately reflected the compensation of a typical employee. We have determined there has been no change in our employee population or employee compensation arrangements during the last completed fiscal year that would significantly impact the CEO Pay Ratio for 2018. Accordingly, we have used the same median employee we identified in 2017 for purposes of calculating our CEO Pay Ratio for 2018.

For 2018, the annual total compensation for each of our co-principal executive officers was \$36,583,865 for Mr. Lee and \$37,247,651 for Mr. Youngkin, respectively, and our median employee's annual total compensation was \$209,235. The total compensation for fiscal 2018 for each of Messrs. Lee and Youngkin includes a one-time award of 1,250,000 time-vesting DRUs granted on February 1, 2018 with a grant date fair value of \$24,880,625.

Based on each of the Co-CEOs' annual total compensation, our CEO Pay Ratio for 2018 for each of our co-principal executive officers was 174.8:1 as compared to Mr. Lee and 178.0:1 as compared to Mr. Youngkin.

## Director Compensation

No additional remuneration is paid to our employees or advisors for service as a director or on committees of the Board of Directors of our general partner. Certain of the directors of our general partner are employees or advisors to Carlyle and have received compensation or other payments in respect of their services in such capacities. See "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions—Other Transactions." In addition, each director is reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with such service.

In 2018, each director who was not an employee of or advisor to Carlyle received an annual retainer of \$250,000, \$130,000 of which was paid in cash and \$120,000 of which was paid in the form of a grant of DRUs on May 1, 2018. These DRUs will vest on May 1, 2019, the first anniversary of the grant date. For 2018, we paid an additional \$25,000 annual cash retainer to each of Ms. Fitt, our lead independent director, Mr. Shaw, the chairman of the audit committee, Mr. Welters, the chairman of our compensation committee and Ms. Hill, the chairman of the nominating and corporate governance committee.

### *Director Compensation in 2018*

The following table provides the director compensation for Mr. Hance and our non-employee directors for 2018:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards(1)	Total
Lawton W. Fitt	\$ 155,000	\$ 109,214	\$ 264,214
James H. Hance, Jr. (2)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Janet Hill	\$ 155,000	\$ 109,214	\$ 264,214
Dr. Thomas S. Robertson	\$ 130,000	\$ 109,214	\$ 239,214
William J. Shaw	\$ 155,000	\$ 109,214	\$ 264,214
Anthony Welters	\$ 155,000	\$ 109,214	\$ 264,214

(1) The reference to "stock" in this table refers to DRUs. Amounts represent the grant date fair value of the DRU awards granted on May 1, 2018 to each director who is not an employee of or advisor to the Partnership, computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP pertaining to equity-based compensation. For additional information regarding the computation of grant date fair value, see Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(2) As Mr. Hance is an Operating Executive, no additional remuneration is paid to him as director of our general partner. Mr. Hance's compensation is discussed in "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence."



The following table provides information regarding outstanding unvested equity awards held by our non-employee directors as of December 31, 2018:

Name	Stock Awards (1)	
	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (2)
Lawton W. Fitt	5,826	\$ 91,760
Janet Hill	5,826	\$ 91,760
Dr. Thomas S. Robertson	5,826	\$ 91,760
William J. Shaw	5,826	\$ 91,760
Anthony Welters	5,826	\$ 91,760

(1) The references to “stock” or “shares” in this table refer to our DRUs.

(2) The dollar amounts shown under this column were calculated by multiplying the number of unvested DRUs held by the director by the closing market price of \$15.75 per Carlyle common unit on December 31, 2018, the last trading day of 2018.

**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of The Carlyle Group L.P. common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units as of February 9, 2019 by each person known to us to beneficially own more than 5% of any class of the outstanding voting securities of The Carlyle Group L.P., each of the directors and named executive officers of our general partner and all directors and executive officers of our general partner as a group. None of the directors or executive officers of our general partner hold any preferred units of The Carlyle Group L.P. We are managed by our general partner, Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., and the limited partners of The Carlyle Group L.P. do not presently have the right to elect or remove our general partner or its directors. Accordingly, we do not believe that the common units or the preferred units are “voting securities” as such term is defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act.

Name of Beneficial Owner (2)	Common Units Beneficially Owned		Carlyle Holdings Partnership Units Beneficially Owned (1)	
	Number	% of Class	Number	% of Class
Kewsong Lee (3),(4)	1,465,349	1.3%	—	—
Glenn A. Youngkin (4),(5)	1,150,018	1.0%	5,671,088	2.5%
Curtis L. Buser (4),(5)	223,750	*	260,708	*
William E. Conway, Jr.	—	—	44,499,644	19.3%
Daniel A. D’Aniello (5)	—	—	44,499,644	19.3%
David M. Rubenstein	—	—	46,999,644	20.3%
Peter J. Clare (5)	152,381	*	4,611,030	2.0%
Jeffrey W. Ferguson	69,616	*	627,816	*
Lawton W. Fitt	30,854	*	—	—
James H. Hance, Jr.	17,919	*	251,380	*
Janet Hill	35,854	—	—	—
Thomas S. Robertson	30,854	*	—	—
William J. Shaw	30,854	*	—	—
Anthony Welters	39,277	*	—	—
All executive officers and directors as a group (14 persons)	3,246,726	2.94%	147,420,954	62.8%

\* Less than 1%

- (1) Subject to certain requirements and restrictions, the partnership units of Carlyle Holdings are exchangeable for common units of The Carlyle Group L.P. on a one-for-one basis (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement). A Carlyle Holdings limited partner must exchange one partnership unit in each of the three Carlyle Holdings partnerships to effect an exchange for a common unit. See “Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence—Exchange Agreement.” Beneficial ownership of Carlyle Holdings partnership units reflected in this table is presented separately from the beneficial ownership of the common units of The Carlyle Group L.P. for which such partnership units may be exchanged.
- (2) TCG Carlyle Global Partners L.L.C., an entity wholly owned by our senior Carlyle professionals, holds a special voting unit of The Carlyle Group L.P. that entitles it, on those few matters that may be submitted for a vote of the common unitholders of The Carlyle Group L.P., to participate in the vote on the same basis as the common unitholders and provides it with a number of votes that is equal to the aggregate number of vested and unvested partnership units in Carlyle Holdings held by the limited partners of Carlyle Holdings on the relevant record date.
- (3) Of the 1,465,349 common units shown in the table above for Mr. Lee, 643,238 common units are held in a grantor retained annuity trust for which Mr. Lee is the investment trustee.
- (4) The Carlyle Group L.P. common units shown in the table above include the following units underlying performance-vesting DRUs that will vest within 60 days of February 9, 2019: Mr. Lee and Mr. Youngkin each vested in an additional 473,334 common units and Mr. Buser vested in an additional 85,867 common units.
- (5) The Carlyle Holdings partnership units shown in the table above for the named executive officers and directors include the following units held for the benefit of family members with respect to which such person disclaims beneficial ownership: Mr. D’Aniello – 285,714 units held in a trust for which Mr. D’Aniello is the investment trustee;

Mr. Youngkin – 142,857 units held in a trust for which Mr. Youngkin is the investment trustee; and Mr. Clare – 273,632 units held in a trust for which Mr. Clare is the investment trustee.

### Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The table set forth below provides information concerning the awards that may be issued under The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Equity Incentive Plan”) as of December 31, 2018:

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (1)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column) (2)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	17,673,092	—	—
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	17,673,092	—	—

- (1) Reflects the outstanding number of our deferred restricted common units granted under the Equity Incentive Plan as of December 31, 2018.
- (2) The aggregate number of our common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units covered by the Equity Incentive Plan is increased on the first day of each fiscal year during its term by a number of units equal to the positive difference, if any, of (a) 10% of the aggregate number of our common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units outstanding on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year (excluding Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by The Carlyle Group L.P. or its wholly owned subsidiaries) minus (b) the aggregate number of our common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units which were available for the issuance of future awards under the Equity Plan as of such last day (unless the administrator of the Equity Incentive Plan should decide to increase the number of our common units and Carlyle Holdings partnership units available for future grants under the plan by a lesser amount). As of January 1, 2019, pursuant to this formula, 33,872,427 units were available for issuance under the Equity Incentive Plan. We have filed a registration statement and intend to file additional registration statements on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register common units covered by the Equity Incentive Plan (including pursuant to automatic annual increases). Any such Form S-8 registration statement will automatically become effective upon filing. Accordingly, common units registered under such registration statement will be available for sale in the open market.

### ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

#### Tax Receivable Agreement

Limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, may, subject to the terms of the exchange agreement and the Carlyle Holdings partnership agreements, exchange their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for The Carlyle Group L.P. common units on a one-for-one basis. A Carlyle Holdings limited partner must exchange one partnership unit in each of the three Carlyle Holdings partnerships to effect an exchange for a common unit. Carlyle Holdings I L.P. has made an election under Section 754 of the Code effective for each taxable year in which an exchange of partnership units for common units occurred and will do so for all future tax years in which an exchange occurs. The election has resulted in increases to the tax basis of the assets of Carlyle Holdings at the time of an exchange of partnership units and future exchanges are expected to result in similar increases in future tax years. These increases in tax basis have reduced the amount of tax that certain of our subsidiaries, including Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., which we refer to as, together with any successors thereto, the “corporate taxpayers,” would otherwise be required to pay in current period as well as in the future. These increases in tax basis may also decrease gains (or increase losses) on future dispositions of certain capital assets to the extent tax basis was and is allocated to those capital assets. The IRS may challenge all or part of the tax basis increase and increased deductions, and a court could sustain such a challenge.

We have entered into a tax receivable agreement with the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships that provides for payment by the corporate taxpayers to such owners of 85% of the amount of cash tax savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state and local income tax or foreign or franchise tax that the corporate taxpayers realize (or are deemed to realize in the case of an early termination payment by the corporate taxpayers or a change of control, as discussed below) as a result of increases in tax basis and certain other tax benefits related to our entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax

benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement. This payment obligation is an obligation of the corporate taxpayers and not of Carlyle Holdings. The corporate taxpayers expect to benefit from the remaining 15% of cash tax savings, if any, in income tax they realize. For purposes of the tax receivable agreement, the cash tax savings in income tax will be computed by comparing the actual income tax liability of the corporate taxpayers (calculated with certain assumptions) to the amount of such taxes that the corporate taxpayers would have been required to pay had there been no increase to the tax basis of the assets of Carlyle Holdings as a result of the exchanges and had the corporate taxpayers not entered into the tax receivable agreement. The term of the tax receivable agreement commenced upon consummation of our initial public offering and will continue until all such tax benefits have been utilized or expired, unless the corporate taxpayers exercise their right to terminate the tax receivable agreement for an amount based on the agreed payments remaining to be made under the agreement (as described in more detail below) or the corporate taxpayers breach any of their material obligations under the tax receivable agreement in which case all obligations generally will be accelerated and due as if the corporate taxpayers had exercised their right to terminate the tax receivable agreement. We expect that as a result of the size of the increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of Carlyle Holdings, the payments that we may make pursuant to the tax receivable agreement will be substantial. There may be a material negative effect on our liquidity if, as a result of timing discrepancies or otherwise, the payments under the tax receivable agreement exceed the actual cash tax savings that the corporate taxpayers realize in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement and/or distributions to the corporate taxpayers by Carlyle Holdings are not sufficient to permit the corporate taxpayers to make payments under the tax receivable agreement after they have paid taxes and other expenses. Late payments under the tax receivable agreement generally will accrue interest at an uncapped rate equal to LIBOR plus 500 basis points. The payments under the tax receivable agreement are not conditioned upon the continued ownership of us by the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, we made payments totaling \$345,834 pursuant to the tax receivable agreement. Those payments included \$0 to Mr. Youngkin; \$0 to Mr. Buser; \$144,271 to Mr. Conway; \$143,922 to Mr. D'Aniello; \$0 to Mr. Rubenstein; \$51,087 to Mr. Clare; \$6,554 to Mr. Ferguson; and \$0 to Mr. Hance. None of our independent directors nor Mr. Lee are limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships and hence, they are not eligible to receive any payments under the tax receivable agreement.

In addition, the tax receivable agreement provides that upon certain changes of control, the corporate taxpayers' (or their successors') obligations with respect to exchanged or acquired units (whether exchanged or acquired before or after such transaction) would be based on certain assumptions, including that the corporate taxpayers would have sufficient taxable income to fully utilize the deductions arising from the increased tax deductions and tax basis and other benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement. Furthermore, the corporate taxpayers may elect to terminate the tax receivable agreement early by making an immediate payment equal to the present value of the anticipated future cash tax savings. In determining such anticipated future cash tax savings, the tax receivable agreement includes several assumptions, including (i) that any Carlyle Holdings partnership units that have not been exchanged are deemed exchanged for the market value of the common units at the time of termination, (ii) the corporate taxpayers will have sufficient taxable income in each future taxable year to fully realize all potential tax savings, (iii) the tax rates for future years will be those specified in the law as in effect at the time of termination and (iv) certain non-amortizable assets are deemed disposed of within specified time periods. In addition, the present value of such anticipated future cash tax savings are discounted at a rate equal to LIBOR plus 100 basis points.

As a result of the change of control provisions and the early termination right, the corporate taxpayers could be required to make payments under the tax receivable agreement that are greater than or less than the specified percentage of the actual cash tax savings that the corporate taxpayers realize in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement. In these situations, our obligations under the tax receivable agreement could have a substantial negative impact on our liquidity.

Decisions we make in the course of running our business may influence the timing and amount of payments that are received by an exchanging or selling limited partner of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships under the tax receivable agreement. For example, the earlier disposition of assets following an exchange or acquisition transaction generally will accelerate payments under the tax receivable agreement and increase the present value of such payments, and the disposition of assets before an exchange or acquisition transaction will increase the tax liability of a limited partner of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships without giving rise to any rights of a limited partner of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships to receive payments under the tax receivable agreement.

Payments under the tax receivable agreement will be based on the tax reporting positions that we will determine. The corporate taxpayers will not be reimbursed for any payments previously made under the tax receivable agreement if a tax basis increase is successfully challenged by the IRS. As a result, in certain circumstances, payments could be made under the tax receivable agreement in excess of the corporate taxpayers' cash tax savings.

In the event that The Carlyle Group L.P. or any of its wholly-owned subsidiaries become taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, these entities will also be obligated to make payments under the tax receivable agreement on the same basis and to the same extent as the corporate taxpayers, and could impact future amounts to be paid pursuant to the tax receivable agreement.

### **Registration Rights Agreements**

We have entered into a registration rights agreement with the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships who are our personnel, including our inside directors and executive officers, pursuant to which we granted them, their affiliates and certain of their transferees the right, under certain circumstances and subject to certain restrictions, to require us to register under the Securities Act common units delivered in exchange for Carlyle Holdings partnership units or common units (and other securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common units) otherwise held by them. Under the registration rights agreement, we agreed to register the exchange of Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units by the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, including certain of our directors and officers. In addition, TCG Carlyle Global Partners L.L.C., an entity wholly-owned by our senior Carlyle professionals, has the right to request that we register the sale of common units held by such persons an unlimited number of times and may require us to make available shelf registration statements permitting sales of common units into the market from time to time over an extended period. In addition, TCG Carlyle Global Partners L.L.C. has the ability to exercise certain piggyback registration rights in respect of common units held by our pre-IPO owners in connection with registered offerings requested by other registration rights holders or initiated by us.

In addition, in accordance with the terms of the subscription agreement which governs its investment in our business, we entered into a registration rights agreements with Mubadala.

### **Carlyle Holdings Partnership Agreements**

The Carlyle Group L.P. is a holding partnership and, through wholly owned subsidiaries, holds equity interests in Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P., which we refer to collectively as “Carlyle Holdings.” Wholly owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. are the sole general partner of each of the three Carlyle Holdings partnerships. Accordingly, The Carlyle Group L.P. operates and controls all of the business and affairs of Carlyle Holdings and, through Carlyle Holdings and its operating entity subsidiaries, conducts our business. Through its wholly owned subsidiaries, The Carlyle Group L.P. has unilateral control over all of the affairs and decision making of Carlyle Holdings. Furthermore, the wholly owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. cannot be removed as the general partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships without their approval. Because our general partner, Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., operates and controls the business of The Carlyle Group L.P., the Board of Directors and officers of our general partner are responsible for all operational and administrative decisions of Carlyle Holdings and the day-to-day management of Carlyle Holdings’ business.

Pursuant to the partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships, the wholly owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. which are the general partners of those partnerships, have the right to determine when distributions will be made to the partners of Carlyle Holdings and the amount of any such distributions. If a distribution is authorized, such distribution will be made to the partners of Carlyle Holdings pro rata in accordance with the percentages of their respective partnership interests.

Each of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships has an identical number of partnership units outstanding, and we use the terms “Carlyle Holdings partnership unit” or “partnership unit in/of Carlyle Holdings” to refer, collectively, to a partnership unit in each of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. The holders of partnership units in Carlyle Holdings, including The Carlyle Group L.P.’s wholly owned subsidiaries, incur U.S. federal, state and local income taxes on their proportionate share of any net taxable income of Carlyle Holdings. Net profits and net losses of Carlyle Holdings generally will be allocated to its partners (including The Carlyle Group L.P.’s wholly owned subsidiaries) pro rata in accordance with the percentages of their respective partnership interests. The partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships provide for cash distributions, which we refer to as “tax distributions,” to the partners of such partnerships if the wholly owned subsidiaries of The Carlyle Group L.P. which are the general partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships determine that the taxable income of the relevant partnership will give rise to taxable income for its partners. Generally, these tax distributions are computed based on our estimate of the net taxable income of the relevant partnership allocable to a partner multiplied by an assumed tax rate equal to the highest effective marginal combined U.S. federal, state and local income tax rate prescribed for an individual or corporate resident in New York, New York (taking into account the non-deductibility of certain expenses and the character of our income). Tax distributions are made only to the extent all distributions from such partnerships for the relevant year are insufficient to cover such tax liabilities.

The partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships contain non-solicitation provisions that provide that during the term of his or her employment and for a period of one year after the effective date of his or her withdrawal, resignation or expulsion, each limited partner of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships that is employed by us shall not, directly or indirectly, whether alone or in concert with other persons, solicit any person employed by us or our affiliates to abandon such employment, hire any person who is, or within the prior year was, employed by us or solicit any Carlyle fund investor for the purpose of obtaining funds or inducing such fund investor to make an investment which is sponsored or promoted by such person.

The partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships also provide that substantially all of our expenses, including substantially all expenses solely incurred by or attributable to The Carlyle Group L.P. such as expenses incurred in connection with our initial public offering but not including obligations incurred under the tax receivable agreement by The Carlyle Group L.P. or its wholly owned subsidiaries, income tax expenses of The Carlyle Group L.P. or its wholly owned subsidiaries and payments on indebtedness incurred by The Carlyle Group L.P. or its wholly owned subsidiaries, are borne by Carlyle Holdings.

On September 13, 2017, in connection with the issuance of the Series A Preferred Units, the limited partnership agreements of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships were amended to provide for preferred units with economic terms designed to mirror those of the Series A Preferred Units, which we refer to as the Mirror Units. The Carlyle Group L.P., directly or through its wholly owned subsidiaries, holds all of the issued and outstanding Mirror Units.

### **Exchange Agreement**

We have entered into an exchange agreement with the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. Under the exchange agreement, which includes applicable remaining vesting and minimum retained ownership requirements and other applicable transfer restrictions, each holder and certain transferees of Carlyle Holdings partnership units may exchange these partnership units for The Carlyle Group L.P. common units on a one-for-one basis up to four times per year, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distributions and reclassifications. Following such exchanges, the common units typically will be immediately sold.

As of December 31, 2018, limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships owned an aggregate of 230,977,836 Carlyle Holdings partnership units (including the Holdings Units held by Mubadala). All of the Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by our founders and Mubadala are fully vested. Of the outstanding Carlyle Holdings partnership units held by our other senior Carlyle professionals, substantially all are vested as of December 31, 2018. The remaining unvested Carlyle Holdings units are expected to vest in November 2019. Commencing in the second quarter of 2017, senior Carlyle professionals were able to exchange their Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units on a quarterly basis, subject to the terms of the Exchange Agreement. We facilitate an orderly exchange process to seek to minimize the impact on the trading price of our common units.

In addition, Mubadala is generally entitled to exchange Carlyle Holdings partnership units for common units at any time. Under the exchange agreement, to effect an exchange a holder of partnership units in Carlyle Holdings must simultaneously exchange one partnership unit in each of the Carlyle Holdings partnerships. The Carlyle Group L.P. will hold, through wholly owned subsidiaries, a number of Carlyle Holdings partnership units equal to the number of common units that The Carlyle Group L.P. has issued. As a holder exchanges its Carlyle Holdings partnership units, The Carlyle Group L.P.'s indirect interest in the Carlyle Holdings partnerships will be correspondingly increased.

### **Firm Use of Our Executive Officers' Private Aircraft**

In the normal course of business, our personnel have made use of aircraft owned by entities controlled by Messrs. Lee, Conway, D'Aniello, and Rubenstein. Messrs. Lee, Conway, D'Aniello, and Rubenstein paid for their purchases of the aircraft and bear all operating, personnel and maintenance costs associated with their operation for personal use. Payment by us for the business use of these aircraft by Messrs. Lee, Conway, D'Aniello, and Rubenstein and other of our personnel is made at market rates, which during 2018 totaled \$844,028 for Mr. Lee, \$9,008 for Mr. Conway, \$167,550 for Mr. D'Aniello, and \$613,800 for Mr. Rubenstein. We also made payments for services and supplies relating to business use flight operations to managers of the aircrafts of Messrs. Lee, Conway, D'Aniello, and Rubenstein, which during 2018 aggregated \$1,646,071 in the case of Mr. Lee's aircraft, \$457,459 in the case of Mr. Conway's aircraft, \$1,257,748 in the case of Mr. D'Aniello's aircraft, and \$3,329,174 in the case of Mr. Rubenstein's aircraft. Consistent with the terms of our agreement with a third party administrator (the "Aircraft Administrator"), in 2018, we received payments from and made payments to the Aircraft Administrator to adjust the estimated annual costs of operating the aircraft related to 2017 flight operations. In 2018, we made payments to the Aircraft

Administrator in the amount of \$37,496 related to Mr. D'Aniello's aircraft, and received payments from the Aircraft Administrator in the amounts of \$126,770 and \$55,584 related to Mr. Conway's and Mr. Rubenstein's aircraft, respectively.

### **Investments In and Alongside Carlyle Funds**

Our directors and executive officers are permitted to co-invest their own capital in and alongside our investment funds. The opportunity to invest in and alongside our investment funds is also available to all of our senior Carlyle professionals and to those of our employees whom we have determined have a status that reasonably permits us to offer them these types of investments in compliance with applicable laws. We encourage our eligible professionals to invest in and alongside our investment funds because we believe that such investing further aligns the interests of our professionals with those of our fund investors and our firm. Our directors and officers may also transfer or purchase outstanding interests in our investment funds, whereupon the interests may remain not subject to or may no longer be subject to management fees, incentive fees or carried interest in some cases.

Co-investments are investments in investment vehicles or other assets on the same terms and conditions as those available to the applicable fund, except that these co-investments generally are not subject to management fees, incentive fees or carried interest. These co-investments are funded with our professionals' own "after tax" cash and not with deferral of management or incentive fees. Co-investors are responsible for their pro-rata share of partnership and other general and administrative fees and expenses. In addition, our directors and executive officers are permitted to invest their own capital directly in investment funds we advise, in most instances not subject to management fees, incentive fees or carried interest. We intend to continue our co-investment program and we expect that our eligible professionals, including our senior Carlyle professionals and our executive officers and directors collectively will continue to invest significant amounts of their own capital in and alongside the investment funds that we advise or manage.

Certain members of the Board of Directors of our general partner are employees of Carlyle (Messrs. Lee, Youngkin, Conway, D'Aniello, Rubenstein, and Clare) and one member of the Board of Directors of our general partner is an operating executive of Carlyle (Mr. Hance) and each also own investments in and alongside our investment funds. The amount invested in and alongside our investment funds during 2018 by certain of our directors and by our executive officers (and their family members and investment vehicles), including amounts funded pursuant to third party capital commitments assumed by such persons, was \$1,884,300 for Mr. Lee; \$14,272,206 for Mr. Youngkin; \$403,038 for Mr. Buser; \$71,688,658 for Mr. Conway; \$65,804,939 for Mr. D'Aniello; \$71,072,542 for Mr. Rubenstein; \$9,249,541 for Mr. Clare; \$415,076 for Mr. Ferguson; \$542,977 for Mr. Hance; \$311,262 for Mr. Shaw; and \$3,465,041 for Mr. Welters. None of Ms. Fitt, Ms. Hill or Mr. Robertson made any co-investments in 2018.

Certain of our directors and our executive officers (and their family members and investment vehicles) also made additional commitments to our investment funds during 2018. In the aggregate, our directors and executive officers (and their family members and investment vehicles) made commitments to our investment funds during 2018 of approximately \$134.9 million, and the total unfunded commitments of our directors and executive officers (and their family members and investment vehicles) to our investment funds as of December 31, 2018 was \$15,663,697 for Mr. Lee; \$73,754,891 for Mr. Youngkin; \$3,096,027 for Mr. Buser; \$280,037,820 for Mr. Conway; \$256,318,086 for Mr. D'Aniello; \$269,543,438 for Mr. Rubenstein; \$72,385,161 for Mr. Clare; \$2,067,622 for Mr. Ferguson; \$3,736,760 for Mr. Hance; \$2,337,173 for Mr. Shaw; and \$21,358,960 for Mr. Welters. None of Ms. Fitt, Ms. Hill or Mr. Robertson has any unfunded commitments to our investment funds as of December 31, 2018.

### **Other Transactions**

Mr. Hance, a member of the Board of Directors of our general partner, is an Operating Executive of Carlyle and received, for the year ended December 31, 2018, an operating executive fee in respect of his service in such capacity of \$250,000 and, on May 1, 2018, a grant of 5,826 deferred restricted common units. Mr. Hance was also previously allocated direct carried interest ownership at the fund level in respect of certain corporate private equity funds. For the year ended December 31, 2018, Mr. Hance received distributions of \$4,871 in respect of such carried interest.

### **Statement of Policy Regarding Transactions with Related Persons**

The Board of Directors of our general partner has adopted a written statement of policy regarding transactions with related persons, which we refer to as our "related person policy." Our related person policy requires that a "related person" (as defined in paragraph (a) of Item 404 of Regulation S-K) must promptly disclose to the General Counsel of our general partner

any “related person transaction” (defined as any transaction that is anticipated would be reportable by us under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K in which we were or are to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and in which any related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest) and all material facts with respect thereto. The General Counsel will then promptly communicate that information to our conflicts committee or another independent body of the Board of Directors of our general partner. No related person transaction will be executed without the approval or ratification of our conflicts committee or another independent body of the Board of Directors of our general partner. It is our policy that directors interested in a related person transaction will recuse themselves from any vote of a related person transaction in which they have an interest.

#### Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Under our partnership agreement we generally will indemnify the following persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts on an after tax basis: our general partner, any departing general partner, any person who is or was a tax matters partner or partnership representative, officer or director of our general partner or any departing general partner, any officer or director of our general partner or any departing general partner who is or was serving at the request of our general partner or any departing general partner as an officer, director, employee, member, partner, tax matters partner, partnership representative, agent, fiduciary or trustee of another person, any person who is named in this Annual Report on Form 10-K as being or about to become a director or a person performing similar functions of our general partner and any person our general partner in its sole discretion designates as an “indemnitee” for purposes of our partnership agreement. We have agreed to provide this indemnification unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that these persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. We have also agreed to provide this indemnification for criminal proceedings. Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of our assets. The general partner will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or loan funds or assets to us to enable it to effectuate, indemnification. We may purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons for our activities, regardless of whether we would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under our partnership agreement.

In addition, we have entered into indemnification arrangements with each of our executive officers and directors. The indemnification agreements provide the executive officers and directors with contractual rights to indemnification, expense advancement and reimbursement, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. We also indemnify such persons to the extent they serve at our request as directors, officers, employees or other agents of any other entity, such as an investment vehicle advised by us or its portfolio companies.

#### ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The following table summarizes the aggregate fees for professional services provided by Ernst & Young LLP (“Ernst & Young”) for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 (dollars in millions):

	Year Ended December 31, 2018							
	Carlyle		Carlyle Funds		Total			
Audit Fees	\$	5.7	(a)	\$	15.5	(d)	\$	21.2
Audit-Related Fees		1.8	(b)		14.3	(e)		16.1
Tax Fees		1.8	(c)		0.3	(d)		2.1
All Other Fees		—			—			—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9.3</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>30.1</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>39.4</b>
	Year Ended December 31, 2017							
	Carlyle		Carlyle Funds		Total			
Audit Fees	\$	5.9	(a)	\$	13.9	(d)	\$	19.8
Audit-Related Fees		1.9	(b)		12.4	(e)		14.3
Tax Fees		1.0	(c)		0.3	(d)		1.3
All Other Fees		—		\$	—			—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8.8</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>26.6</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>35.4</b>

(a) Audit Fees consisted of fees for (1) the audits of our consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and our internal controls over financial reporting, and services required by statute or regulation;



- (2) reviews of interim consolidated financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q; (3) comfort letters, consents and other services related to SEC and other regulatory filings. This also includes fees for accounting consultation billed as audit services.
- (b) Audit-Related Fees consisted of due diligence in connection with acquisitions, and other audit and attest services not required by statute or regulation.
  - (c) Tax Fees consisted of fees for services rendered for tax compliance and tax planning and advisory services. We also use other accounting firms to provide these services. Fees for tax compliance services were approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.
  - (d) Ernst & Young also provided audit and tax services to certain investment funds managed by Carlyle in its capacity as the general partner or investment advisor. The tax services provided consist primarily of tax advisory services. We also use other accounting firms to provide these services.
  - (e) Audit-Related Fees included assurance, merger and acquisition due diligence services provided in connection with contemplated investments by Carlyle-sponsored investment funds and attest services not required by statute or regulation. In addition, Ernst & Young provided audit, audit-related, tax and other services to certain Carlyle fund portfolio companies, which are approved directly by the portfolio company's management and are not included in the amounts presented here. We also use other accounting firms to provide these services.

Our audit committee charter, which is available on our website at [www.carlyle.com](http://www.carlyle.com) under "Public Investors", requires the audit committee to approve in advance all audit and non-audit related services to be provided by our independent registered public accounting firm in accordance with the audit and non-audit related services pre-approval policy. All services reported in the Audit, Audit-Related, and Tax categories above were approved by the audit committee.

**PART IV.**

**ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

The following is a list of all exhibits filed or furnished as part of this report:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	<a href="#"><u>Certificate of Limited Partnership of The Carlyle Group L.P., dated as of July 18, 2011, by and among Carlyle Group Management L.L.C. and the limited partners thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on September 6, 2011).</u></a>
3.2	<a href="#"><u>Second Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of The Carlyle Group L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on September 13, 2017).</u></a>
4.1	<a href="#"><u>Indenture dated as of January 18, 2013 among Carlyle Holdings Finance L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on January 18, 2013).</u></a>
4.2	<a href="#"><u>First Supplemental Indenture dated as of January 18, 2013 among Carlyle Holdings Finance L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on January 18, 2013).</u></a>
4.3	<a href="#"><u>Form of 3.875% Senior Note due 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on January 18, 2013).</u></a>
4.4	<a href="#"><u>Indenture dated as of March 28, 2013 among Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on March 28, 2013).</u></a>
4.5	<a href="#"><u>First Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 28, 2013 among Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on March 28, 2013).</u></a>
4.6	<a href="#"><u>Form of 5.625% Senior Note due 2043 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on March 28, 2013).</u></a>
4.7	<a href="#"><u>Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 10, 2014 among Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on March 10, 2014).</u></a>
4.8	<a href="#"><u>Form of 5.875% Series A Preferred Unit Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on September 13, 2017).</u></a>
4.9	<a href="#"><u>Indenture dated as of September 14, 2018 among Carlyle Finance L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on September 14, 2018).</u></a>
4.10	<a href="#"><u>First Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 14, 2018 among Carlyle Finance L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on September 14, 2018).</u></a>
4.11	<a href="#"><u>Form of 5.650% Senior Note due 2048 (included in Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on September 14, 2018).</u></a>
10.1	<a href="#"><u>Second Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Carlyle Holdings I L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on September 13, 2017).</u></a>

Exhibit No.	Description
10.2	<a href="#"><u>Second Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Carlyle Holdings II L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on September 13, 2017).</u></a>
10.3	<a href="#"><u>Second Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Carlyle Holdings III L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on September 13, 2017).</u></a>
10.4	<a href="#"><u>Exchange Agreement, dated as of May 2, 2012, among the Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C., Carlyle Holdings II Sub L.L.C., Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and the limited partners of each of Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on May 8, 2012).</u></a>
10.4.1	<a href="#"><u>Amendment No. 1 to Exchange Agreement, dated as of November 2, 2016, among Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P., related to the Exchange Agreement, dated as of May 2, 2012, among Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C., Carlyle Holdings II Sub L.L.C., Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and the limited partners of each of Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 011-35538) filed with the SEC on November 3, 2016).</u></a>
10.4.2	<a href="#"><u>Amendment No. 2 to Exchange Agreement, dated as of September 13, 2017, among Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P., related to the Exchange Agreement, dated as of May 2, 2012, among Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C., Carlyle Holdings II Sub L.L.C., Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P., Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and the limited partners of each of Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 011-35538) filed with the SEC on September 13, 2017).</u></a>
10.5	<a href="#"><u>Tax Receivable Agreement, dated as of May 2, 2012, by and among The Carlyle Group L.P., Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., Carlyle Holdings I L.P. and each of the limited partners of the Carlyle Holdings Partnerships party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on May 8, 2012).</u></a>
10.6	<a href="#"><u>Registration Rights Agreement with Senior Carlyle Professionals, dated as of May 8, 2012, by and among the Partnership, TCG Carlyle Global Partners L.L.C. and certain of the limited partners of each of the Carlyle Holdings Partnerships (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on May 8, 2012).</u></a>
10.7	<a href="#"><u>Registration Rights Agreement by and among the Partnership, MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) I, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) II, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) III, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) IV, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) V, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) VI, Ltd. and Five Overseas Investment L.L.C., dated as of May 8, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on May 8, 2012).</u></a>
10.8+	<a href="#"><u>Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on April 16, 2012).</u></a>
10.9+	<a href="#"><u>Noncompetition Agreement with William E. Conway, Jr. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on March 15, 2012).</u></a>
10.10+	<a href="#"><u>Noncompetition Agreement with Daniel A. D'Aniello (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on March 15, 2012).</u></a>
10.11+	<a href="#"><u>Noncompetition Agreement with David M. Rubenstein (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on March 15, 2012).</u></a>

Exhibit No.	Description
10.12	<a href="#"><u>Note And Unit Subscription Agreement, dated as of December 16, 2010, by and among TC Group, L.L.C., TC Group Cayman, L.P., TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., TCG Holdings, L.L.C., TCG Holdings Cayman, L.P., TCG Holdings II, L.P., TCG Holdings Cayman II, L.P., Fortieth Investment Company L.L.C., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) I, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) II, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) III, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) IV, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) V, Ltd., MDC/TCP Investments (Cayman) VI, Ltd., and Five Overseas Investment L.L.C. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on February 14, 2012).</u></a>
10.13	<a href="#"><u>Lease, dated January 10, 2011, between Commonwealth Tower, L.P. and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on November 7, 2011).</u></a>
10.14	<a href="#"><u>Amended and Restated Office Lease by and between Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C., dated as of June 14, 2019 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on August 1, 2018).</u></a>
10.15	<a href="#"><u>First Amendment to Deed of Lease, dated November 8, 2011, between Commonwealth Tower, L.P. and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on January 10, 2012).</u></a>
10.16	<a href="#"><u>Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2012, between Falstaff Partners, LLC as Lessor and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. as Lessee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on March 14, 2013).</u></a>
10.16.1	<a href="#"><u>Amendment No. 1 to the Lease Agreement dated February 18, 2014 relating to the Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2012, between Falstaff Partners, LLC as Lessor and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. as Lessee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on February 27, 2014).</u></a>
10.17	<a href="#"><u>Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement, dated as of February 11, 2011, between Westwind Acquisition Company, L.L.C. as Lessor and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. as Lessee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on January 10, 2012).</u></a>
10.17.1	<a href="#"><u>Amendment No. 1 to the Lease Agreement dated February 18, 2014 relating to the Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement, dated as of February 11, 2011, between Westwind Acquisition Company, L.L.C. as Lessor and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. as Lessee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on February 27, 2014).</u></a>
10.18	<a href="#"><u>Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement, dated as of December 26, 2012, between Orange Crimson Aviation, L.L.C. as Lessor and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. as Lessee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on March 14, 2013).</u></a>
10.18.1	<a href="#"><u>Amendment No. 1 to the Lease Agreement dated February 18, 2014 relating to the Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement, dated as of December 26, 2012, between Orange Crimson Aviation, L.L.C. as Lessor and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. as Lessee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on February 27, 2014).</u></a>
10.19*	<a href="#"><u>Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement dated as of December 11, 2018 by and between KZ Partners, Inc. as Lessor and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. as Lessee.</u></a>
10.20	<a href="#"><u>Form of Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Fund General Partner (Delaware) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on February 14, 2012).</u></a>
10.21	<a href="#"><u>Form of Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Fund General Partner (Cayman Islands) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on February 14, 2012).</u></a>

Exhibit No.	Description
10.22*	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 11, 2019, among TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman, L.P., and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C., as Borrowers, TC Group, L.L.C., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P. as Guarantors, the Lenders party hereto, and Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and Citibank N.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Credit Suisse Funding LLC as Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Credit Suisse Loan Funding LLC as Syndication Agents.</a>
10.23	<a href="#">Form of Indemnification Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-176685) filed with the SEC on March 15, 2012).</a>
10.24+	<a href="#">Employment Agreement of Kewsong Lee, dated as of October 23, 2017 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on February 15, 2018).</a>
10.25+	<a href="#">Employment Agreement of Glenn A. Youngkin, dated as of October 23, 2017 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on February 15, 2018).</a>
10.26+*	<a href="#">Form of Global Deferred Restricted Common Unit Agreement.</a>
10.27+	<a href="#">Operating Executive Consulting Agreement by and between Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. and James H. Hance, dated as of November 1, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 13, 2012).</a>
10.28+	<a href="#">Key Executive Incentive Program (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on February 26, 2015).</a>
21.1*	<a href="#">Subsidiaries of the Registrant.</a>
23.1*	<a href="#">Consent of Ernst &amp; Young LLP.</a>
31.1*	<a href="#">Certification of the Co-Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a – 14(a).</a>
31.2*	<a href="#">Certification of the Co-Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a – 14(a).</a>
31.3*	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a – 14(a).</a>
32.1*	<a href="#">Certification of the Co-Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
32.2*	<a href="#">Certification of the Co-Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
32.3*	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
99.1	<a href="#">Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Liability Company of the General Partner of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35538) filed with the SEC on September 13, 2017).</a>

Exhibit No.	Description
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document.
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

\* Filed herewith.

+ Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement in which directors and/or executive officers are eligible to participate.

The agreements and other documents filed as exhibits to this report are not intended to provide factual information or other disclosure other than with respect to the terms of the agreements or other documents themselves, and you should not rely on them for that purpose. In particular, any representations and warranties made by us in these agreements or other documents were made solely within the specific context of the relevant agreement or document and may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 13, 2019

### **The Carlyle Group L.P.**

By: Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., its general partner

By: /s/ Curtis L. Buser

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated on the 13th day of February 2019.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Kewsong Lee</u> <b>Kewsong Lee</b>	Co-Chief Executive Officer and Director (co-principal executive officer)
<u>/s/ Glenn A. Youngkin</u> <b>Glenn A. Youngkin</b>	Co-Chief Executive Officer and Director (co-principal executive officer)
<u>/s/ Curtis L. Buser</u> <b>Curtis L. Buser</b>	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)
<u>/s/ William E. Conway, Jr</u> <b>William E. Conway, Jr.</b>	Co-Executive Chairman, Co-Chief Investment Officer and Director
<u>/s/ Daniel A. D'Aniello</u> <b>Daniel A. D'Aniello</b>	Chairman Emeritus and Director
<u>/s/ David M. Rubenstein</u> <b>David M. Rubenstein</b>	Co-Executive Chairman and Director
<u>/s/ Peter J. Clare</u> <b>Peter J. Clare</b>	Co-Chief Investment Officer and Director
<u>/s/ Lawton Fitt</u> <b>Lawton Fitt</b>	Director
<u>/s/ James H. Hance, Jr.</u> <b>James H. Hance, Jr.</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Janet Hill</u> <b>Janet Hill</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Dr. Thomas S. Robertson</u> <b>Dr. Thomas S. Robertson</b>	Director
<u>/s/ William J. Shaw</u> <b>William J. Shaw</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Anthony Welters</u> <b>Anthony Welters</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Pamela L. Bentley</u> <b>Pamela L. Bentley</b>	Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer)

**NON-EXCLUSIVE AIRCRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT**

Dated as of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018

between

**KZ Partners, Inc.**

as Lessor,

and

**CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C.**

as Lessee,

concerning one (1) 2011 Gulfstream aircraft bearing U.S. registration number N300AY,  
and manufacturer's serial number 5309

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH  
"TRUTH IN LEASING" REQUIREMENTS UNDER FAR § 91.23**

***Within 24 hours after execution of this Aircraft Lease Agreement:***  
mail a copy of the executed document, without Schedule A, to the  
following address via certified mail, return receipt requested:

Federal Aviation Administration  
Aircraft Registration Branch  
ATTN: Technical Section  
P.O. Box 25724  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125

***At least 48 hours prior to the first flight to be conducted under this Agreement:***

Notify the responsible Flight Standards office by telephone or in person of (i) the location of the airport of departure; (ii) the departure time; and (iii) the registration number of the aircraft.

***Carry a copy of this Amended and Restated Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement in the aircraft at all times.***

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***Schedule A contains only economic rental data and is  
intentionally omitted for FAA submission purposes.***



This **AMENDED AND RESTATED NON-EXCLUSIVE AIRCRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT** (the "Agreement") is entered into as of December 11, 2018 (the "Effective Date"), by and between **KZ Partners, Inc.** ("Lessor"), and **CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C.** ("Lessee").

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2017 the officer of the Lessor and the Lessee entered into a Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement (the "Original Lease") in regard to one (1) 2008 Bombardier CL300 aircraft bearing U.S. registration number N585LE, and manufacturer's serial number 20191("Original Aircraft");

**WHEREAS**, as of the Effective Date the Lessor has disposed of the Original Aircraft and is the owner of the Aircraft described and referred to herein;

**WHEREAS**, Lessee, officer of the Lessor, and the Lessor desire to amend and restate in its entirety the Original Lease of the Original Aircraft as provided for herein and to (i) substitute the officer of the Lessor with the Lessor; (ii) substitute the Original Aircraft with Aircraft; and (iii) Lessee desires to lease from the Lessor, and Lessor desires to lease to Lessee, the Aircraft, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, during the term of this Agreement, the Aircraft may be subject to concurrent leases to other lessees.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained and other good and valid consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

1.1 The following terms shall have the following meanings for all purposes of this Agreement:

"**Aircraft**" means the Airframe and the Engines. Such Engines shall be deemed part of the "Aircraft" whether or not from time to time attached to the Airframe or on the ground.

"**Airframe**" means that certain Gulfstream G550 aircraft bearing U.S. registration number N300AY, and manufacturer's serial number 5309 together with any and all Parts (including, but not limited to, landing gear and auxiliary power units but excluding Engines or engines) so long as such Parts shall be either incorporated or installed in or attached to the Airframe.

"**Applicable Law**" means, without limitation, all applicable laws, treaties, international agreements, decisions and orders of any court, arbitration or governmental agency or authority and rules, regulations, orders, directives, licenses and permits of any governmental body, instrumentality, agency or authority, including, without limitation, the FARs, the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 as amended, and Title 49, Subtitle VII of the United States Code.

"**Business Day**" means any day of the year in which banks are not authorized or required to close in the location of Lessor's address for notification.

"**Engines**" means two (2) Rolls-Royce BR710C4-11 engines bearing manufacturer's serial numbers 15747 and 15748 together with any and all Parts so long as the same shall be either

incorporated or installed in or attached to such Engine. An Engine shall remain leased hereunder whether or not from time to time attached to the Airframe or on the ground.

"**FAA**" means the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States Department of Transportation or any successor agency.

"**FARs**" means collectively the Aeronautics Regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation, as codified at Title 14, Parts 1 to 399 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations.

"**Flight Crew**" has the meaning specified in Section 5.3 of this Agreement.

"**Flight Hour**" means each flight hour of use of the Aircraft by Lessee, as recorded on the Aircraft hour meter and measured from the time the Aircraft wheel blocks are removed at the beginning of a flight, to the time the Aircraft wheel blocks are replaced after the Aircraft lands at the end of a flight in one-tenth (1/10<sup>th</sup>) of an hour increments. Flight Hours also include any flight hours consumed in repositioning the Aircraft to facilitate Lessee's scheduled itineraries.

"**FSDO Notice**" means a FSDO Notification Letter in the form of Schedule B attached hereto.

"**Lien**" means any mortgage, security interest, international interest, lease or other charge or encumbrance or claim or right of others, including, without limitation, rights of others under any airframe or engine interchange or pooling agreement.

"**Operating Base**" means Westchester County Airport, New York or such other location agreed to by Lessor and Lessee.

"**Original Aircraft**" shall have the meaning provided for in the first Whereas clause herein.

"**Original Lease**" shall have the meaning provided for in the first Whereas clause herein.

"**Operational Control**" has the same meaning given the term in Section 1.1 of the FARs.

"**Owner**" means KZ Partners, Inc.

"**Parts**" means all appliances, components, parts, instruments, appurtenances, accessories, furnishings or other equipment of whatever nature (other than complete Engines or engines) which may from time to time be incorporated or installed in or attached to the Airframe or any Engine and includes replacement parts.

"**Pilot in Command**" has the same meaning given the term in Section 1.1 of the FARs.

"**Rent Payment Date**" means the last Business Day of each calendar month.

"**Schedule Keeper**" means the person designated by Lessor to coordinate the scheduling of the Aircraft.

"**Taxes**" means all sales taxes, use taxes, retailer taxes, duties, fees, excise taxes (including, without limitation, federal transportation excise taxes), or other taxes of any kind which may be assessed or levied by any Taxing Jurisdiction as a result of the lease of the Aircraft to Lessee, or the use of the Aircraft by Lessee.

"**Taxing Jurisdictions**" means any federal, state, county, local, airport, district, foreign, or other governmental authority that imposes Taxes.

"**Term**" means the term of this Agreement set forth in Section 3.1.

## **SECTION 2. LEASE AND DELIVERY OF THE AIRCRAFT**

- 2.1 **Amendment and Restatement.** The Original Lease of the Original Aircraft is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as provided for herein and the Original Aircraft is substituted with Aircraft, and Lessee hereby leases from the Lessor, and Lessor hereby leases to Lessee, the Aircraft, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement
- 2.2 **Delivery.** The Aircraft shall be delivered by Lessor to the Lessee at the Operating Base or at such other location that is mutually agreeable by Lessor and Lessee prior to each use of the Aircraft in "**AS IS**", "**WHERE AS**" condition subject to each and every disclaimer of warranty and requirements as set forth in Section 4.3 hereof. Upon each such delivery, the United States standard airworthiness certificate issued for the Aircraft shall be present on board the Aircraft, and said standard airworthiness certificate shall be effective in accordance with FAR 21.181(a)(1). Lessor shall not be liable for delay or failure to furnish the Aircraft pursuant to this Agreement when such failure is caused by government regulation or authority, mechanical difficulty, war, terrorism, civil commotion, strikes or labor disputes, weather conditions, or acts of God.
- 2.3 **Non-Exclusivity.** Lessee and Lessor acknowledge that the Aircraft is leased to Lessee on a non-exclusive basis, and that the Aircraft shall, at other times, be operated by Lessor and may be otherwise subject to lease to others during the Term at Lessor's sole discretion. During any period during which the Lessor or any other person or entity is utilizing the Aircraft, Lessee's leasehold rights to possession of the Aircraft under this Agreement shall temporarily abate, but all other provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect.
- 2.4 **FSDO Notice.** At least 48 hours prior to the first flight to be conducted under this Agreement, Lessee shall notify the responsible Flight Standards office by telephone or in person of (i) the location of the airport of departure; (ii) the departure time; and (iii) the registration number of the Aircraft.

## **SECTION 3. TERM, SCHEDULING, AND RENT**

- 3.1 **Term.** The Term shall commence on the Effective Date, and be effective for a period of one (1) year. At the end of the first one (1) year period or any subsequent one (1) year period, the Term shall automatically be renewed for an additional one (1) year period, unless terminated by either party. Either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon forty-eight (48) hours notice to the other party; provided, however, that Lessee shall be permitted to complete any scheduled use of the Aircraft which has commenced.
- 3.2 **Scheduling.** Lessee's use of the Aircraft during the Term of this Agreement is non-exclusive. The parties agree as follows:
- (a) Use by Lessor and Other Lessees. Lessor and Lessee agree that Lessor may lease the Aircraft to one or more other lessees during the Term on a non-exclusive basis, that Lessor has the absolute right to determine the availability of the Aircraft for Lessee and that Lessor's use of the Aircraft shall have priority over the availability of the Aircraft for lease to Lessee or any other party. Lessor agrees that at such times as the Aircraft is not undergoing

maintenance or being used by Lessor, Lessee and all other lessees of the Aircraft shall have equal rights to use of the Aircraft and that all use of the Aircraft shall be scheduled on a "first come, first served" basis; provided, however, that Lessee and all other lessees shall cooperate in good faith on all scheduling matters and shall use their respective best efforts to avoid scheduling conflicts involving the Aircraft.

- (b) Designation of Schedule Keeper. Lessor shall advise Lessee of the individual or entity that will coordinate the scheduling of the Aircraft.
- (c) Minimum Usage by Lessee. Nothing contained herein shall obligate Lessee to any minimum usage of the Aircraft, it being understood and agreed that Lessee's usage shall be on an "as-needed" basis.

3.3 **Rent.** The Lessee shall pay rent in an amount equal to the Hourly Rent specified in Schedule A attached hereto (which amount may be modified from time to time upon mutual agreement of the parties hereto by executing a supplement in the form attached hereto as Schedule A-1) for each Flight Hour of use of the Aircraft by Lessee. All rent accrued during any calendar month shall be payable in arrears on the Rent Payment Date in the immediately succeeding calendar month without further demand or invoice. All rent shall be paid to the Lessor in immediately available U.S. funds and in form and manner as the Lessor in its sole discretion may instruct Lessee from time to time. In the event the Lease is terminated by either party pursuant to Section 3.1, Lessee shall pay upon demand all outstanding Hourly Rent for each used Flight Hour.

3.4 **Taxes.** Neither rent nor any other payments to be made by Lessee under this Agreement includes the amount of any Taxes which may be assessed or levied by any Taxing Jurisdictions as a result of the lease of the Aircraft to Lessee. Lessee shall remit to Lessor all such Taxes together with each payment of rent pursuant to Section 3.3.

#### **SECTION 4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES; DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES**

4.1 **Representations and Warranties of Lessee.** Lessee represents and warrants as of the date hereof and during the entire Term hereof as follows:

4.1.1 Lessee is a validly organized limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware, and the person executing on behalf of Lessee has full power and authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of Lessee and by such execution shall bind Lessee under this Agreement.

4.1.2 No action, suit, or proceeding is currently pending or threatened against Lessee which shall in any material way affect Lessee's financial status as of the date hereof, or impair the execution, delivery, or performance by Lessee of this Agreement.

4.1.3 The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Lessee and the performance of its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not conflict with any provision of Lessee's articles of organization, bylaws, operating agreement, any governmental regulations, or any other agreements that Lessee may now have with other parties.

4.1.4 Lessee is not subject to any restriction, which with or without the giving of notice, the passage of time, or both, prohibits or would be violated by or be in conflict with this Agreement.

4.1.5 Lessee will not permit the Aircraft to be operated in any manner contrary to any manual or instructions for the Aircraft or in violation of the terms or conditions of any insurance policy

covering the Aircraft or any applicable statute, regulation, ordinance, or other law.

4.1.6 Lessee acknowledges and agrees that if it exercises operational control over the Aircraft under 14 C.F.R. Part 91, it shall be independently responsible for the safety of the flight operations and for complying with all applicable laws and insurance requirements relating to the possession, operation, and maintenance of the Aircraft.

4.2 Intentionally Omitted.

4.3 **Disclaimer of Warranties.** THE AIRCRAFT IS BEING LEASED BY THE LESSOR TO THE LESSEE HEREUNDER ON AN "AS IS" BASIS. THE WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT ARE EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, AND LESSOR HAS NOT MADE AND SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED OR DEEMED TO HAVE MADE AND LESSEE HEREBY WAIVES, RELEASES, DISCLAIMS AND RENOUNCES ALL EXPECTATION OF OR RELIANCE UPON ANY WARRANTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES OF LESSOR, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, ARISING BY LAW, COURSE OF DEALING, USAGE OF TRADE OR OTHERWISE WITH RESPECT TO THE DESIGN, MERCHANTABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OF THE AIRCRAFT. LESSOR SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY TO LESSEE OR ANY OTHER PERSON WITH RESPECT TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, REGARDLESS OF ANY NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OF LESSOR: (A) ANY LIABILITY, LOSS OR DAMAGE CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE AIRCRAFT OR ANY COMPONENT OF THE AIRCRAFT OR BY ANY INADEQUACY THEREOF, ANY DEFICIENCY OR DEFECT IN THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AIRCRAFT OR THIS AGREEMENT; (B) THE USE, OPERATION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE AIRCRAFT OR ANY COMPONENT OF THE AIRCRAFT OR ANY RISKS RELATING THERETO; OR (C) ANY INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE, LOSS OF BUSINESS OR ANTICIPATED PROFITS OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD LESSOR HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, SUITS, PROCEEDINGS, INJURIES (OR DEATH), DAMAGES, LIABILITIES, COSTS OR EXPENSES (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES) ARISING FROM OR IN ANY WAY RELATING TO LESSEE'S LEASE OR POSSESSION OF THE AIRCRAFT DURING THE TERM AND SUCH INDEMNIFICATION SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

## **SECTION 5. REGISTRATION, USE, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND POSSESSION**

5.1 **Title and Registration.** Title to the Aircraft shall remain vested in Owner at all times during the Term to the exclusion of Lessee and that Lessor shall have only such rights as shall be specifically set forth herein. Lessor represents that as of the date of this Agreement the Aircraft is, and throughout the Term the Aircraft shall remain, lawfully registered as a civil aircraft of the United States.

5.2 **Use and Operation.** Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, Lessee shall be solely and exclusively responsible for the use, operation and control of the Aircraft while in its possession during the Term of this Agreement. Lessee shall operate the Aircraft in accordance with the provisions of Part 91 of the FARs and shall not operate the Aircraft in commercial service, as a common carrier, or otherwise on a compensatory or "for hire" basis except to the limited extent

permitted under Subpart F of Part 91 of the FARs, if applicable. Lessee agrees not to operate or locate the Airframe or any Engine, or suffer the Airframe or any Engine to be operated or located, in any area excluded from coverage by any insurance policy in effect or required to be maintained hereunder with respect to the Airframe or Engines, or in any war zone. Lessee agrees not to knowingly operate the Airframe or any Engine or knowingly permit the Airframe or any Engine to be operated during the Term except in operations for which Lessee is duly authorized, or to knowingly use or permit the Aircraft to be used for a purpose for which the Aircraft is not designed or reasonably suitable. Lessee will not knowingly use or operate the Aircraft in violation of any Applicable Law, or contrary to any manufacturer's operating manuals or instructions. Lessee shall not knowingly permit the Aircraft to be used for the carriage of any persons or property prohibited by law nor shall it be used during the existence of any known defect except in accordance with the FARs.

- 5.3 **Operating Costs.** Except as otherwise provided herein, Lessor shall pay certain fixed and variable costs of operating the Aircraft, including, without limitation, all costs of insurance, hangarage at the Operating Base, maintenance and inspections, overhauls, oil, and other lubricants. The foregoing notwithstanding, Lessee shall, at its own expense, (i) pay costs of fuel required for operation of Lessee's flights, (ii) pay standard catering costs, (iii) locate and retain (either through direct employment or contracting with an independent contractor for flight services) all pilots and other cabin personnel (including mechanic) required for Lessee's operations of the Aircraft (collectively the "Flight Crew"), and (iv) pay all miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with Lessee's operation of the Aircraft, including, but not limited to, landing fees, ramp fees, overnight hangar fees, de-icing costs, contaminant recovery costs, special-request catering and commissary costs, in-flight entertainment and telecommunications charges, ground transportation, Flight Crew travel expenses, charts, manuals, and other publications obtained for the specific flight, and any other similar items.
- 5.4 **Maintenance of Aircraft.** Lessee shall perform, or cause to be performed, all pre- and post-flight inspections in accordance and as required by the FAA-approved inspection program for the Aircraft. Lessee shall notify Lessor, or cause Lessor to be notified, of any maintenance requirement, dangerous condition, malfunction or worn part that may be discovered during any such inspection. Subject to the foregoing, Lessor shall be solely responsible for arranging the performance of all maintenance and inspections of the Aircraft during the Term, shall ensure that the Aircraft is maintained in an airworthy condition during the Term, and shall coordinate the performance of and payment for all repairs and maintenance of the Aircraft.
- 5.5 **Flight Crew.** All members of the Flight Crew shall be fully competent and experienced, duly licensed, and qualified in accordance with the requirements of Applicable Law and all insurance policies covering the Aircraft. All members of the Flight Crew who are pilots shall be fully trained in accordance with an FAA-approved training program, including initial and recurrent training and, where appropriate, contractor-provided simulator training.
- 5.6 **Operational Control.** THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT LESSEE SHALL AT ALL TIMES WHILE THE AIRCRAFT IS IN ITS POSSESSION DURING THE TERM MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT, AND THAT THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES IS THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTE A "DRY" OPERATING LEASE. Lessee shall exercise exclusive authority over initiating, conducting, or terminating any flight conducted pursuant to this Agreement, and the Flight Crew shall be under the exclusive command and control of Lessee in all phases of such flights.-

- 5.7 **Authority of Pilot in Command.** Notwithstanding that Lessee shall have operational control of the Aircraft during any flight conducted pursuant to this Agreement, Lessor and Lessee expressly agree that the Pilot in Command member of the Flight Crew retained by Lessee pursuant to Section 5.3, in his or her sole discretion, may terminate any flight, refuse to commence any flight, or take any other flight-related action which in the judgment of the Pilot in Command is necessitated by considerations of safety. The Pilot in Command shall have final and complete authority to postpone or cancel any flight for any reason or condition which in his or her judgment would compromise the safety of the flight. No such action of the Pilot in Command shall create or support any liability for loss, injury, damage or delay to Lessor.
- 5.8 **Right to Inspect.** Lessor and its agents shall have the right to inspect the Aircraft at any reasonable time, upon giving Lessee reasonable notice, to ascertain the condition of the Aircraft and to satisfy Lessor that the Aircraft is being properly repaired and maintained in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. All required repairs shall be performed as soon as practicable after such inspection.
- 5.9 **Modification of Aircraft.** Lessee shall not make or permit to be made any modification or alteration, improvement, or addition to the Aircraft without the express written consent of Lessor.
- 5.10 **Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures.** Lessee shall be solely responsible for any fines, penalties or forfeitures relating in any manner to the operation or use of the Aircraft by Lessee under this Agreement.

## **SECTION 6. CONDITION DURING TERM AND RETURN OF AIRCRAFT**

- 6.1 **Return.** Upon completion of each use of the Aircraft by Lessee during the Term, Lessee shall return the Aircraft to the Lessor by delivering the same to the Operating Base, fully equipped with all Engines installed thereon. Upon each such delivery, the Aircraft shall be in as good operating condition as at it was in when Lessor delivered the Aircraft to Lessee, ordinary wear and tear excepted, and the United States standard airworthiness certificate issued for the Aircraft shall be present on board the Aircraft and said standard airworthiness certificate shall be effective in accordance with FAR 21.181(a) (1). Nothing contained in this Section 6.1 may be interpreted to require Lessee to perform any maintenance or other obligation which is the responsibility of the Lessor pursuant to Section 5.4 hereof; provided, however, that Lessee shall be obligated to ensure that Lessor is advised of any maintenance requirement, dangerous condition, malfunction or worn part that may be discovered during each period during the Term commencing with the delivery of the Aircraft to Lessee and terminating when the Aircraft has been redelivered to Lessor in the condition required hereunder.

## **SECTION 7. LIENS**

- 7.1 Lessee shall ensure that no Liens are created or placed against the Aircraft by Lessee or third parties as a result of Lessee's or its agents' or representatives' action or inaction. Lessee shall notify Lessor promptly upon learning of any liens not permitted by these terms. Lessee shall, at its own cost and expense, take all such actions as may be necessary to discharge and satisfy in full any such lien promptly after the same becomes known to it.

## **SECTION 8. INSURANCE**

- 8.1 **Liability.** Lessor shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, bodily injury and property damage,

liability insurance in an amount no less than Three Hundred Million United States Dollars (US\$300,000,000.00) Combined Single Limit for the benefit of itself and Lessee and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents as named insureds in connection with the use of the Aircraft by Lessee as operator. Said policy shall be an occurrence policy and shall also include as additional insured Lessee and its affiliated companies and their officers, directors employees and agents (“Additional Insureds”).

- 8.2 **Hull.** Lessor shall maintain aircraft hull insurance in the amount of twenty six million United States Dollars (US\$26,000,000) which the parties agree shall be deemed to be the full replacement value of the Aircraft, and such insurance shall name Lessor and any first lien mortgage holder as loss payees as their interests may appear. Said policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation clause in favor of all Additional Insureds.
- 8.3 **Insurance Certificates.** Lessor will provide Lessee with a Certificate of Insurance upon execution of this Agreement and thereafter reasonably upon request therefor.
- 8.4 **Conditions of Insurance.** Each insurance policy required hereunder shall insure the interest of Lessee regardless of any breach or violation by Lessor of any warranties, declarations, or conditions contained in such policies. Each such policy shall be primary without any right of contribution from any insurance maintained by Lessee. The geographic limits, if any, contained in each and every such policy of insurance shall include at the minimum all territories over which Lessee will operate the Aircraft for which the insurance is placed. Each policy shall contain an agreement by the insurer that notwithstanding the lapse of any such policy for any reason or any right of cancellation by the insurer or Lessor, whether voluntary or involuntary, such policy shall continue in force for the benefit of Lessee for at least thirty (30) days (or such lesser time as may be permitted in the case of War Risk Insurance, if such War Risk Insurance so requires) after written notice of such lapse or cancellation shall have been given to Lessee. Each policy shall contain an agreement by the Insurer to provide Lessee with thirty (30) days' advance written notice of any deletion, cancellation, or material change in coverage.
- 8.5 **Insurance Companies.** Each insurance policy required hereunder shall be issued by a company or companies who are qualified to do business in the United States and who (i) will submit to the jurisdiction of any competent state or federal court in the United States with regard to any dispute arising out of the policy of insurance or concerning the parties herein; and (ii) will respond to any claim or judgment against Lessee in any competent state or federal court in the United States or its territories.



## **SECTION 9. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES**

9.1 Upon the occurrence of any failure by a party hereto duly to observe or perform any of its obligations hereunder, and at any time thereafter so long as the same shall be continuing, the other party may, at its option, declare in writing that this Agreement is in default; and at any time thereafter, so long as the outstanding default shall not have been remedied, the non-defaulting party may cancel, terminate, or rescind this Agreement and may exercise any and all remedies available to it at law or in equity.

## **SECTION 10. NOTICES**

10.1 All communications, declarations, demands, consents, directions, approvals, instructions, requests and notices required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when delivered by hand or on the next Business Day when sent by overnight courier or when transmitted by means of facsimile or e-mail (with request for assurance of receipt in a manner typical with respect to communications of that type and followed promptly with the original thereof and a copy sent simultaneously therewith by first class mail, postage prepaid) in each case at the address set forth below:

**If to Lessor:** KZ Partners, Inc.  
c/o Aerlex Law Group  
2800 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Santa Monica, CA 90401  
Fax: 310-352-5255  
E-mail: [applegate@aerlex.com](mailto:applegate@aerlex.com)

**If to Lessee:** Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C.  
1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Suite 220  
Washington, DC 20004  
Attn: Jeffrey Ferguson  
E-mail: [Jeffrey.Ferguson@carlyle.com](mailto:Jeffrey.Ferguson@carlyle.com)

## **SECTION 11. EVENT OF LOSS AND INDEMNIFICATION**

11.1 **Notification of Event of Loss.** In the event any damage to or destruction of the Aircraft shall occur, while the Aircraft is in the possession of Lessee, or in the event of any whole or partial loss of the Aircraft during such time, including, without limitation, any loss resulting from the theft, condemnation, confiscation or seizure of, or requisition of title to or use of, the Aircraft by private persons or by any governmental or purported governmental authority, Lessee shall immediately:

11.1.1 report the event of loss to Lessor, the insurance company or companies, and to any and all applicable governmental agencies; and

11.1.2 furnish such information and execute such documents as may be required and necessary to collect the proceeds from any insurance policies.

11.2 **Repair or Termination.** In the event the Aircraft is partially destroyed or damaged, Lessor shall have the option, in its sole discretion, to either (i) fully repair the Aircraft in order that it shall be placed in at least as good condition as it was prior to such partial destruction or damage; or (ii) terminate this Agreement. Within five (5) days after the date of such partial destruction or damage,

Lessor shall give written notice to Lessee specifying whether Lessor has elected fully to repair the Aircraft and, if so, the expected date the Aircraft will be fully repaired and available for Lessee's use in accordance with this Agreement, or to terminate this Agreement, which termination shall be effective immediately upon such written notice from Lessor to Lessee setting forth Lessor's election to so terminate this Agreement.

11.3 **Indemnification.** Lessee hereby releases, and shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Lessor and its shareholders, members, directors, officers, managers, employees, successors and assigns, from and against, any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, demands, suits, judgments, causes of action, civil and criminal legal proceedings, penalties, fines, and other sanctions, and any attorneys' fees and other reasonable costs and expenses, directly or indirectly arising from the use of the Aircraft by Lessee to the extent of available insurance.

## **SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS**

12.1 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, and all terms, conditions, warranties, and representations herein, are for the sole and exclusive benefit of the signatories hereto. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties as of its Effective Date and supersedes all prior or independent, oral or written agreements, understandings, statements, representations, commitments, promises, and warranties made with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

12.2 **Other Transactions.** Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, none of the provisions of this Agreement, nor any oral or written statements, representations, commitments, promises, or warranties made with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement shall be construed or relied upon by any party as the basis of, consideration for, or inducement to engage in, any separate agreement, transaction or commitment for any purpose whatsoever.

12.3 **Prohibited and Unenforceable Provisions.** Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibitions or unenforceability in any jurisdiction. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each of Lessor and Lessee hereby waives any provision of applicable law which renders any provision hereof prohibited or unenforceable in any respect.

12.4 **Enforcement.** This Agreement, including all agreements, covenants, representations and warranties, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of, and may be enforced by Lessor, Lessee, and each of their agents, servants and personal representatives.

12.5 **Headings.** The section and subsection headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define, expand, or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof.

12.6 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

12.7 **Amendments.** No term or provision of this Agreement may be amended, changed, waived, discharged, or terminated orally, but only by an instrument in writing signed by the party against which the enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge, or termination is sought.

12.8 **No Waiver.** No delay or omission in the exercise or enforcement or any right or remedy hereunder by either party shall be construed as a waiver of such right or remedy. All remedies, rights,

undertakings, obligations, and agreements contained herein shall be cumulative and not mutually exclusive, and in addition to all other rights and remedies which either party possesses at law or in equity.

- 12.9 **No Assignments.** Neither party may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written permission of the other.
- 12.10 **Governing Law.** This Agreement has been negotiated and delivered in the State of New York and shall in all respects be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, including all matters of construction, validity and performance, without giving effect to its conflict of laws provisions.
- 12.11 **Jurisdiction and Venue.** Each party hereby consents to the nonexclusive jurisdiction and venue of the state and federal courts serving the State of New York. Nothing in this Agreement shall, however, prohibit any party from seeking enforcement of this Agreement in any appropriate court and in any jurisdiction where the party against whom enforcement is sought is subject to personal jurisdiction and where venue is proper.

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**SECTION 13. TRUTH IN LEASING**

13.1 THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROVISION IS TO COMPLY WITH 14 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 91.23 ENTITLED "TRUTH IN LEASING".

(a) OWNER CERTIFIES THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN INSPECTED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS ("FAR"), PART 91 AND ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION THEREUNDER HAVE BEEN MET DURING SUCH PORTION OF THE 12 MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT AS THE AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN OWNED BY THE OWNER.

(b) LESSEE CERTIFIES THAT THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE MAINTAINED AND INSPECTED UNDER FAR PART 91 FOR OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

(c) LESSEE UNDERSTANDS AND CERTIFIES THAT IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT WHEN THE AIRCRAFT IS OPERATED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT; AND LESSEE UNDERSTANDS ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE FARs.

(d) OWNER AND LESSEE UNDERSTAND THAT AN EXPLANATION OF FACTORS BEARING ON OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND PERTINENT FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FAA FLIGHT STANDARDS OFFICE.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Lessor and the Lessee have each caused this **Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement** to be duly executed as of the Effective Date.

LESSOR:

**KZ Partners, Inc.**

By: /s/ Kewsong Lee

Print: Kewsong Lee

Title: President

LESSEE:

**Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C.**

By: /s/ Pamela Bentley

Print: Pamela Bentley

Title: Chief Accounting Officer

**NON-EXCLUSIVE AIRCRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT**

**Schedule A**

**Hourly Rent: \$3721.87 per Flight Hour**

**NON-EXCLUSIVE AIRCRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT**

**Schedule A-1**

**Supplement No. \_\_\_ to Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement**

Supplement No. \_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (this "Supplement"), is between **KZ Partners, Inc.** ("Lessor"), and **Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C.** ("Lessee") and relates to that certain Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 (as amended, modified and supplemented, the "Lease").

**WHEREAS**, Lessor and Lessee have agreed to modify the Hourly Rent pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Lease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and other good and sufficient consideration, Lessor and Lessee hereby agree as follows:

As of the date of execution of this Supplement, the Hourly Rent shall be \$\_\_\_\_\_, which shall supersede the Hourly Rent listed on Schedule A hereto (or otherwise agreed to by the parties in a supplement entered into prior to the date hereof).

All of the terms and provisions of this Supplement are hereby incorporated by reference in the Lease to the same extent as if fully set forth therein.

This Supplement may be executed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

[Signature Page Follows]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Lessor and the Lessee have each caused this **Supplement No. \_\_\_\_ to the Non-Exclusive Aircraft Lease Agreement** to be duly executed as of the date set forth above.

LESSOR:

**KZ Partners, Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print:

Title:

LESSEE:

**Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print:

Title:



**NON-EXCLUSIVE AIRCRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT**

**Schedule B**

**FSDO Notification Letter**

[ date ]

**Via Facsimile**

Fax: [ applicable FSDO office fax number ]

Federal Aviation Administration

[ ] FSDO Office

[FSDO Address]

***RE: FAR Section 91.23 FSDO Notification***

***First Flight Under Lease of one [aircraft type] Aircraft Model [ ] bearing U.S. registration number N[ ] and manufacturer's serial number [ ].***

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulation Section 91.23(c)(3), please accept this letter as notification that the undersigned will acquire and take delivery of a leasehold interest in the above referenced aircraft on or about the [ ] day of [ ], 2017, and that the first flight of the aircraft under the lease will depart from [ ] Airport on the [ ] day of [ ], 2017, at approximately [ ] local time.

Should you require any additional information, please contact my pilot, [ ], at telephone: [ ]

Sincerely,

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[ ], Lessee

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U.S. \$775,000,000

AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

dated as of

February 11, 2019

among

TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.  
TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.  
TC GROUP CAYMAN, L.P.  
CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C.  
as Borrowers

TC GROUP, L.L.C.,  
CARLYLE HOLDINGS I L.P.  
CARLYLE HOLDINGS II L.P.  
CARLYLE HOLDINGS III L.P.  
as Parent Guarantors

The LENDERS Party Hereto,

and

CITIBANK, N.A.  
as Administrative Agent

CITIBANK, N.A.  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.  
CREDIT SUISSE LOAN FUNDING LLC  
as Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.  
CREDIT SUISSE LOAN FUNDING LLC  
as Syndication Agents

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AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT dated as of February 11, 2019 (this “Agreement”), among TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, TC GROUP CAYMAN, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, and CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (individually, an “Initial Borrower”, and collectively, the “Initial Borrowers”), TC GROUP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, CARLYLE HOLDINGS I L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, CARLYLE HOLDINGS II L.P., a Quebec limited partnership, CARLYLE HOLDINGS III L.P., a Quebec limited partnership, as Parent Guarantors (individually, a “Parent Guarantor”, and collectively, the “Parent Guarantors”), the LENDERS party hereto, and CITIBANK, N.A. (“Citibank”), as Administrative Agent.

The Initial Borrowers and the Parent Guarantors are parties to the Credit Agreement dated as of December 13, 2011 (as amended by Amendment No.1 thereto dated as of August 9, 2013, Amendment No. 2 thereto dated as of May 5, 2015 and Amendment No. 3 thereto dated as of May 3, 2016, the “Existing Credit Agreement”) with several banks and other financial institutions or entities parties as lenders thereto and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent. The parties to the Existing Credit Agreement have agreed to amend the Existing Credit Agreement in certain respects and to restate the Existing Credit Agreement as so amended as provided in this Agreement, in each case effective upon the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 5.01. Accordingly, the parties hereto agree that on the Amendment Effective Date (as defined below) the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

## ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01 Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“ABR”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Base Rate.

“Acceleration Event” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.04(k).

“Acquired Entity” means any Person or property acquired pursuant to a New Acquisition.

“Additional Borrower” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23.

“Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement” means an Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit B.

“Additional Guarantors” means, collectively, the Additional Parent Guarantors and the Additional Subsidiary Guarantors.

“Additional Parent Guarantor” means any limited partnership, limited liability company or corporation (or similar entity) organized under the laws of any Permitted Jurisdiction (or, with the approval of the Administrative Agent, acting reasonably, any limited partnership, limited liability company, corporation or equivalent entity organized under the laws of another jurisdiction) (i) the general partner (or equivalent Controlling member entity) of which is Carlyle Group or a direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Carlyle Group, (ii) which, directly or through one or more direct or indirect subsidiaries, conducts one or more Core Businesses, and (iii) which is not a Subsidiary of any Person that is an Obligor at the time of designation under Section 2.24(a). In the event that it is determined by the Obligors that an Additional Parent Guarantor should be organized in a form other than a limited partnership or a limited liability company, the Administrative Agent and the Obligors agree to negotiate in good faith to make changes

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to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as are advisable in order to include such Person as a Parent Guarantor and to otherwise give effect to the intent of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (and the Lenders hereby authorize the Administrative Agent to make any such changes).

“Additional Subsidiary Guarantor” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(b).

“Adjusted Applicable Percentage” means, with respect to any Revolving Credit Lender, such Revolving Credit Lender’s Applicable Percentage adjusted to exclude from the calculation thereof the Revolving Credit Commitment of any Defaulting Lender. If the Revolving Credit Commitments have terminated, the Adjusted Applicable Percentages shall be determined based upon the Revolving Credit Commitments most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments and to any Revolving Credit Lender’s status as a Defaulting Lender at the time of determination.

“Adjusted LIBO Rate” means, for the Interest Period for any Eurocurrency Borrowing, an interest rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1%) equal to (a) the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period *multiplied by* (b) the Statutory Reserve Rate for such Interest Period.

“Administrative Agent” means Citibank, in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents.

“Administrative Agent’s Account” means, for each Currency, an account in respect of such Currency designated by the Administrative Agent in a notice to the Borrowers and the Lenders.

“Administrative Questionnaire” means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.

“Affected Interest Period” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.13.

“Affiliate” means, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.

“Agreed Foreign Currency” means, at any time, any of Sterling, Euros, Japanese Yen, and, with the agreement of each Revolving Credit Lender, any other Foreign Currency, so long as, in respect of any such specified Currency, at such time (a) such Currency is dealt with in the London interbank deposit market, (b) such Currency is freely transferable and convertible into Dollars in the London foreign exchange market and (c) no central bank or other governmental authorization in the country of issue of such Currency (including, in the case of the Euro, any authorization by the European Central Bank) is required to permit use of such Currency by any Revolving Credit Lender for making any Revolving Credit Loan hereunder and/or to permit the Borrowers to borrow and repay the principal thereof and to pay the interest thereon and by any Issuing Bank for issuing or making any disbursement with respect to any Letter of Credit hereunder and/or to permit the Borrowers to reimburse any Issuing Bank for any such disbursement or pay the interest thereon or to permit any Revolving Credit Lender to acquire a participation interest in any Letter of Credit or make any payment to such Issuing Bank in consideration therefor, unless in each case such authorization has been obtained and is in full force and effect.

“Alternate Base Rate” means a fluctuating interest rate per annum in effect from time to time, which rate per annum shall at all times be equal to the highest of:

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- (a) for any day, the Prime Rate in effect on such day;
- (b) for any day, the Federal Funds Effective Rate for such day *plus* 1/2 of 1.00%; and
- (c) for any day, 1.00% per annum above the LIBO Rate that would be in effect for a Eurocurrency Loan having an Interest Period of one month that commences on the second Business Day following such day.

Each change in any interest rate provided for herein based upon the Alternate Base Rate resulting from a change in the Alternate Base Rate shall take effect at the time of such change in the Alternate Base Rate.

“Amendment Effective Date” means the date on which the conditions specified in Section 5.01 are satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 10.02), which date is February 11, 2019.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means all laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to any Obligor or its Subsidiaries from time to time concerning or relating to bribery, corruption or money laundering.

“Applicable Percentage” means (a) with respect to any Revolving Credit Lender for purposes of Section 2.04, Section 2.19(f), Section 2.22 or in respect of any indemnity claim under Section 10.03(c) arising out of an action or omission of any Issuing Bank under this Agreement, the percentage of the total Revolving Credit Commitments represented by such Revolving Credit Lender’s Revolving Credit Commitment, and (b) with respect to any Lender in respect of any indemnity claim under Section 10.03(c) arising out of an action or omission of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, the percentage of the total Revolving Credit Commitments or Loans of all Classes hereunder represented by the aggregate amount of such Lender’s Revolving Credit Commitments or Loans of all Classes hereunder. If the Revolving Credit Commitments have terminated or expired, the Applicable Percentages shall be determined based upon the Revolving Credit Commitments most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments.

“Applicable Rate” means, for any day with respect to any ABR Loan or Eurocurrency Loan or with respect to the commitment fees payable hereunder, as the case may be, the applicable rate per annum set forth below under the caption “ABR Margin”, “Eurocurrency Margin” or “Commitment Fee”, respectively, based upon the category that applies on such day:

	S&P Rating	ABR Margin	Eurocurrency Margin	Commitment Fee
<u>Category 1</u>	A+ or higher	0.000%	0.875%	0.060%
<u>Category 2</u>	A	0.000%	1.000%	0.080%
<u>Category 3</u>	A-	0.125%	1.125%	0.100%
<u>Category 4</u>	BBB+	0.250%	1.250%	0.150%
<u>Category 5</u>	Less than BBB+ or unrated	0.500%	1.500%	0.200%

The parties hereto agree that, for purposes of determining the foregoing, in the event the Obligors have different Ratings, the lowest Rating with respect to any Obligor shall apply. If the Rating by S&P shall be changed, such change shall be effective as of the date on which it is first announced by S&P

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(or, in the case of a private Rating by S&P, on the date on which S&P first notifies the Obligors of such change). Each change in the Applicable Rate shall apply during the period commencing on the effective date of such change in Rating and ending on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the next such change in Rating.

“Approved Fund” means any Person (other than a natural person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business and that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

“Assignment and Assumption” means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 10.04), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit A or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Bail-In Action” means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable EEA Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an EEA Financial Institution.

“Bail-In Legislation” means, with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule.

“Bankruptcy Event of Default” means any Event of Default pursuant to Sections 8.01(h) or (i).

“Beneficial Ownership Certification” means, for a “legal entity customer” (as such term is defined in the Beneficial Ownership Regulation), a certification regarding beneficial ownership to the extent required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, which certification shall be substantially similar in form and substance to the form of Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners of Legal Entity Customers included as Appendix A to the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

“Beneficial Ownership Regulation” means 31 C.F.R. § 1010.230.

“Benefit Plan” means any of (a) an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a “plan” as defined in and subject to Section 4975 of the Code or (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of ERISA Section 3(42) or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such “employee benefit plan” or “plan”.

“Board” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

“Borrower Obligations” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.20.

“Borrowers” means, collectively, the Initial Borrowers and each other Person that becomes a Borrower hereunder pursuant to Section 2.23.

“Borrowing” means (a) all ABR Loans of the same Class made, converted or continued on the same date or (b) all Eurocurrency Loans of the same Class, Type and Currency that have the same Interest Period.

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“Borrowing Request” means a request by the Borrowers for a Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.03.

“Broker-Dealer” means (a) a broker-dealer business duly registered as a broker-dealer as and to the extent required under the Exchange Act, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and, as and to the extent required, is a member in good standing of the Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority, Inc., and (b) any other broker-dealer or capital solutions business entity that originates and/or syndicates securities or loans (including any such business that is not required to be registered as a broker-dealer under the Exchange Act, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder).

“Broker-Dealer Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of a Credit Party designated by the Borrowers as a “Broker-Dealer Subsidiary” pursuant to Section 6.11(b), for so long as such Subsidiary remains designated as a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary and is not undesignated as a “Broker-Dealer Subsidiary” pursuant to Section 6.11(b).

“Business Day” means a day (a) other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York City are authorized or required by law to close, (b) with respect to notices and determinations in connection with, and payments of principal and interest on, Eurocurrency Loans, such day is also a day for trading by and between banks in deposits in the relevant Currency in the interbank eurocurrency market, (c) with respect to notices and determinations in connection with, and payments of principal and interest on, Eurocurrency Loans denominated in Sterling, such day is also a day on which commercial banks and the London foreign exchange market settle payments in the Principal Financial Center for such Foreign Currency and (d) with respect to notices and determinations in connection with, and payments of principal and interest on, Eurocurrency Loans denominated in any other Agreed Foreign Currency, such day is also a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system (or any successor settlement system as determined by the Administrative Agent) or any other relevant exchange or payment system, as applicable, is open for the settlement of payments in such other Agreed Foreign Currency.

“Capital Lease Obligations” of any Person means, subject to Section 1.03(c), the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease of (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as capital leases on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP, and the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount thereof determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Carlyle Group” means The Carlyle Group L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (or any successor corporation by conversion, merger, consolidation or similar transaction), or such other Person designated by the Obligors and approved by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders.

“Carried Interest” means any and all limited partnership or other ownership interests or contractual rights representing the right to receive, directly or indirectly, the proceeds of any “carried interest” in any Fund Entity (including incentive and performance fees dependent on investment performance or results) and all distributions received by any Obligor or any Subsidiary thereof the source of which is carried interest; *provided* that “Carried Interest” shall include the “carried interest” reported on the Obligors’ consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP; *provided further* that “Carried Interest” shall in any event not include any Deal Team Interests.

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“Change in Control” means the occurrence of any of the following: (i) any person or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act or any successor provision), other than a Permitted Investor, becomes the “beneficial owner” (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act or any successor provision) of a majority of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Carlyle Group, or (ii) the acquisition of direct or indirect Control of any Obligor by any Person or group (other than the Obligors, their Subsidiaries and the Permitted Investors).

“Change in Law” means the occurrence, after the Amendment Effective Date, of any of the following: (a) the adoption of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance for the first time of any guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority.

“Citibank” means Citibank, N.A.

“Class”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are Revolving Credit Loans or Incremental Term Loans.

“CLO” means a “collateralized loan obligation” and including any special-purpose investment vehicle established to accumulate primarily loans and which is funded by the issuance of securities in one or more classes, the debt securities of which are secured by substantially all of the assets of such Person.

“CLO Management Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of a Credit Party designated by the Borrowers as a “CLO Management Subsidiary” pursuant to Section 6.11(a), for so long as such Subsidiary remains designated as a CLO Management Subsidiary and is not undesignated as a “CLO Management Subsidiary” pursuant to Section 6.11(b).

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

“Commitment Schedule” means Schedule 1.

“Confirmation” means the Confirmation substantially in the form of Exhibit J among each of the Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent.

“Consolidated Subsidiary” means, for any Person, each Subsidiary of such Person (whether now existing or hereafter created or acquired) the financial statements of which shall be (or should have been) consolidated with the financial statements of such Person in accordance with GAAP. For the avoidance of doubt, “Consolidated Subsidiary” shall not include any Fund Entity or any subsidiary of a Fund Entity or any Person constituting a “Consolidated Fund” (as such term is used in Footnote 1 to the Condensed Combined and Consolidated Financial Statements of TC Group, L.L.C. and Affiliates dated as of June 30, 2010) and “Consolidated Subsidiary” shall not in any event include UrbPlan.

“Contractual Obligation” of any Person means any obligation, agreement, undertaking or similar provision of any Equity Interests issued by such Person or of any agreement, undertaking, contract, lease, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other instrument to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound or to which any of its property is subject (excluding, in each case, a Loan Document).

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“Control” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. “Controlling” and “Controlled” have meanings correlative thereto.

“Core Business Entity” means any Person that earns or is entitled to receive fees or income (including investment income and fees, gains or income with respect to carried interest) from one or more Core Businesses.

“Core Businesses” means (a) establishing or acquiring investment funds or managed accounts, (b) investment or asset management services, financial advisory services, money management services, merchant banking activities or similar or related activities, including services provided to mutual funds, private equity or debt funds, hedge funds, funds of funds, corporate or other business entities or individuals and (c) making investments, including investments in funds of the type specified in clause (b).

“Credit Parties” means, collectively, the Obligors and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

“Currency” means Dollars or any Foreign Currency.

“Deal Team Interest” means that portion of any “carried interest” (or capital interests taken in lieu of “carried interest”) in any Fund Entity accruing to the members, partners, employees, contractors or advisors of the Obligors or any of their Affiliates and not directly or indirectly accruing to the Obligors or investors in the Obligors in their capacity as such.

“Debtor Relief Laws” means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States of America, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect.

“Default” means any event or condition which constitutes an Event of Default or which upon notice, lapse of time or both would, unless cured or waived, become an Event of Default.

“Defaulting Lender” means any Lender that (a) other than at the direction or request of any regulatory agency or authority or unless subject to a good faith dispute, has failed to fund any portion of its Loans or participations in Letters of Credit within three Business Days of the date required to be funded by such Lender hereunder, (b) has notified any Obligor, the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender in writing that such Lender does not intend or expect to comply with any of its funding obligations under this Agreement, (c) unless subject to a good faith dispute, has failed to confirm in writing to the Administrative Agent upon its request (or at the request of the Borrowers), within three Business Days after such request is received by such Lender (which request may only be made after all conditions to funding have been satisfied, *provided* that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender upon receipt of such confirmation by Administrative Agent), that such Lender will comply with the terms of this Agreement relating to its obligations to fund prospective Loans and participations in then outstanding Letters of Credit, (d) has otherwise failed to pay over to the Administrative Agent or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by such Lender hereunder within three Business Days of the date when due, unless such amount is the subject of a good faith dispute, or (e) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, (i) become the subject of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, (ii) had appointed for it a receiver, custodian, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or assets,

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including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other state or federal regulatory authority acting in such a capacity, or (iii) become the subject of a Bail-In Action; *provided* that a Lender shall not qualify as a “Defaulting Lender” solely as the result of the acquisition or maintenance of an ownership interest in such Lender or any Person controlling such Lender, or the exercise of control over such Lender or any Person controlling such Lender, by a governmental authority or an instrumentality thereof so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such governmental authority or instrumentality) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender.

“Dollar Equivalent” means, with respect to any Borrowing, Letter of Credit or LC Disbursement denominated in any Foreign Currency, the amount of Dollars that would be required to purchase the amount of the Foreign Currency of such Borrowing, Letter of Credit or LC Disbursement on the date two Business Days prior to the date of such Borrowing, Letter of Credit or LC Disbursement (or, in the case of any determination made under Section 2.09(b) or redenomination under the last sentence of Section 2.17(a), on the date of determination or redenomination therein referred to), based upon the spot selling rate at which the Administrative Agent offers to sell such Foreign Currency for Dollars in the London foreign exchange market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, for delivery two Business Days later.

“Dollars” or “\$” refers to the lawful currency of the United States of America.

“EBITDA” means, for any period, Net Income for such period, plus

(a) the sum, without duplication (including with respect to any item already added back to Net Income) and to the extent deducted in calculating Net Income, of the amounts for such period of:

(i) depreciation and amortization;

(ii) interest expense (paid or accrued during such period);

(iii) income taxes;

(iv) non-recurring, extraordinary or unusual expenses, losses and charges (including all expenses associated with litigation settlements, severance, closing offices and early termination of any investment fund);

(v) expenses with respect to any Class B “carried interest” in any Fund Entity during such period;

(vi) non-cash expenses and charges (including non-cash stock compensation expenses), *provided* that any cash payment made with respect to any non-cash expenses or charges added back in calculating EBITDA for any earlier period pursuant to this clause (vi) shall be subtracted in calculating EBITDA for the period in which such cash payment is made; and

(vii) partner (excluding general public partners) and fundraising bonus expenses incurred after the consummation of the initial public offering of the Carlyle Group; minus

(b) the sum, without duplication and to the extent included in Net Income, of the amounts (which may be negative) for such period of:

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(i) any extraordinary, unusual or other non-recurring gains increasing Net Income;

(ii) any non-cash items (other than accrual of revenue in the ordinary course of business) increasing Net Income, but excluding any such items in respect of which cash was received in a prior period (other than accrual of revenue in the ordinary course of business);

(iii) the amount (which may be negative) equal to net income (loss) of Persons not constituting Subsidiaries (determined ratably based on the ownership percentage in such Persons);

(iv) the amount equal to unrealized incentive income with respect to any Class A “carried interest” in any Fund Entity during such period;

(v) the amount equal to any Class B “carried interest” in any Fund Entity recognized (whether realized or unrealized) during such period;

(vi) the amount (which may be negative) equal to net income of any coinvestment made by individual partners and employees in Fund Entities and otherwise included in Net Income; and

(vii) the amount of any clawbacks of realized Class A “carried interest” in any Fund Entity actually paid during such period;

in each case determined on a consolidated basis for the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries without duplication in accordance with GAAP; *provided* that, in determining EBITDA for any period, not more than 30% of EBITDA for such period shall be attributable to, or generated by, CLO Management Subsidiaries and Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries in the aggregate.

For purposes of calculating EBITDA, for any Reference Period, if at any time during such Reference Period (and after the Amendment Effective Date) any of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries shall have made any New Acquisition or any New Disposition, the EBITDA for such Reference Period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such New Acquisition or such New Disposition occurred on the first day of such Reference Period. For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to a transaction, the pro forma calculation shall be made in good faith by a Responsible Officer.

“EEA Financial Institution” means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in clauses (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

“EEA Member Country” means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

“EEA Resolution Authority” means any public administrative authority or any person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegatee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

“Eligible New Lender” means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under Section 10.04(b) (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under Section 10.04(b)(iii)).

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“Employee Loan Indebtedness” means any Indebtedness of any Obligor under (i) that certain Tenth Amended and Restated Credit and Guarantee Agreement - Euros, dated as of August 4, 2013 among Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, TC Group, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, as the disbursement agent (or any replacement disbursement agent) and as a guarantor, and the guarantors signatory thereto and (ii) that certain Twelfth Amended and Restated Credit and Guarantee Agreement - Dollars, dated as of August 4, 2014 among Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, TC Group, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, as the disbursement agent (or any replacement disbursement agent) and as a guarantor, and the guarantors signatory thereto, in each case, as may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time.

“Environmental Laws” means any and all applicable laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes or decrees of any international authority, foreign government, the United States of America, or any state, provincial, local, municipal or other governmental authority, regulating, relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning protection of the environment, as has been, is now, or at any time hereafter is, in effect.

“Environmental Liability” means any liability, claim, action, suit, judgment or order under or relating to any Environmental Law for any damages, injunctive relief, losses, fines, penalties, fees, expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys and consultants) or costs, whether contingent or otherwise, including those arising from or relating to: (a) compliance or non-compliance with any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the release of any Hazardous Materials or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

“Equity Interests” means shares of capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests in a limited liability company, beneficial interests in a trust or other equity ownership interests in a Person, and any warrants, options or other rights entitling the holder thereof to purchase or acquire any such equity interest.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with any Obligor, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code, or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

“ERISA Event” means (a) any “reportable event”, as defined in Section 4043(c) of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder with respect to a Plan (other than an event for which the 30-day notice period is waived); (b) the existence with respect to any Plan of a failure to satisfy the minimum funding standard (as defined in Section 412(a) of the Code or Section 302(a)(2) of ERISA), whether or not waived; (c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(c) of the Code or Section 302(c) of ERISA of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan; (d) the incurrence by any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan; (e) the receipt by any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice relating to an intention to terminate any Plan or Plans or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan; (f) the incurrence by any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (g) the receipt by any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries of any notice, or the receipt by any Multiemployer Plan from any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries of any



notice, concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, in reorganization, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA.

“EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule” means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person), as in effect from time to time.

“Eurocurrency”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted LIBO Rate.

“Euros” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.12(a).

“Event of Default” has the meaning assigned to such term in Article VIII.

“Exchange Act” shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Excess Funding Guarantor” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.07.

“Excess Payment” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.07.

“Excluded Taxes” means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its Applicable Lending Office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Revolving Credit Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Revolving Credit Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrowers under Section 2.18(b)) or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 2.16, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with Sections 2.16(e)-(f) and (d) any withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

“Existing Credit Agreement” has the meaning assigned to such term in the preamble hereto.

“Existing Letter of Credit” means a Letter of Credit (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) issued under the Existing Credit Agreement and outstanding immediately prior to the Amendment Effective Date.

“Existing Revolving Credit Loans” means a “Revolving Credit Loan” under (and as defined in) the Existing Credit Agreement and outstanding immediately prior to the Amendment Effective Date.

“Existing Term Lender” means a “Term Lender” under (and as defined in) the Existing Credit Agreement.

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“Existing Term Loans” means a “Term Loan” under (and as defined in) the Existing Credit Agreement and outstanding immediately prior to the Amendment Effective Date.

“Facility” means each of (a) the Incremental Term Facility and (b) the Revolving Credit Facility.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future United States Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder and published guidance with respect thereto, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code and any applicable intergovernmental agreements with respect thereto, including any laws, regulations, guidance or practices governing any such intergovernmental agreement.

“Federal Funds Effective Rate” means, for any day, the rate calculated by the NYFRB based on such day’s federal funds transactions by depository institutions, as determined in such manner as the NYFRB shall set forth on its public website from time to time, and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as the effective federal funds rate (or, if such rate is no longer available, a successor rate reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent after consultation with the Borrowers), *provided* that if the Federal Funds Effective Rate as so determined would be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to zero for the purposes of this Agreement.

“Foreign Currency” means, at any time, any Currency other than Dollars.

“Foreign Currency Equivalent” means, with respect to any amount in Dollars, the amount of any Foreign Currency that could be purchased with such amount of Dollars using the reciprocal of the foreign exchange rate(s) specified in the definition of the term “Dollar Equivalent”, as determined by the Administrative Agent.

“Foreign Lender” means any Lender that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than the United States of America. For purposes of this definition, the United States of America, each State thereof and the District of Columbia shall be deemed to constitute a single jurisdiction.

“Fund Entity” means any investment fund or managed account (and related special purpose co-investment vehicles) established (or acquired) directly or indirectly by the Obligor to make investments in (a) portfolio companies thereof, (b) real estate and real estate oriented investments and (c) loans, “high yield” debt securities, derivative financial instruments, structured finance securities, hedge agreements and/or similar securities, instruments and arrangements and equity interests.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

“General Partner” means Carlyle Group Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, or any successor entity thereto that is Controlled by the Global Partners.

“Global Partners” means any natural person who hold Equity Interests in Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and/or Carlyle Holdings III L.P., in each case, or any Parent thereof, and is a senior partner-level member of management of the Obligor.

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“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States of America, the Cayman Islands or any other nation, or any political subdivision thereof, whether provincial, state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity (including any federal or other association of or with which any such province, state or nation may be a member or associated) exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank), including, with regard to any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary, any self-regulatory organization or body with supervisory, regulatory or other authority over such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary.

“Guarantee” of or by any Person (the “guarantor”) means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of the guarantor guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person (the “primary obligor”) in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of the guarantor, direct or indirect, (a) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation or to purchase (or to advance or supply funds for the purchase of) any security for the payment thereof, (b) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the owner of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment thereof, (c) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation or (d) as an account party in respect of any letter of credit or letter of guarantee issued to support such Indebtedness or obligation; *provided* that the term Guarantee shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The amount of any Guarantee by any guaranteeing Person shall be deemed to be such Person’s maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by such Person in good faith.

“Hazardous Materials” means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

“Hedging Agreement” means any agreement with respect to any swap, forward, future or derivative transaction or option or similar agreement involving, or settled by reference to, one or more rates, currencies, commodities, equity or debt instruments or securities, or economic, financial or pricing indices or measures of economic, financial or pricing risk or value or any similar transaction or any combination of these transactions.

“Holders” means, collectively, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders and any holder of the obligations described the definition of “Obligations”.

“Increased Revolving Credit Facility Amendment Agreement” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22.

“Incremental Term Facility” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.21.

“Incremental Term Lender” means a Lender with an outstanding Incremental Term Loan.

“Incremental Term Loan” means a Loan made or deemed made pursuant to Section 2.21.

“Incremental Term Loan Amendment Agreement” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.21.

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“Indebtedness” of any Person means, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (c) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property acquired by such Person, (d) all obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (excluding (i) accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business and (ii) any unsecured earn-out obligation or other contingent obligation incurred as consideration for an acquisition until (x) such obligation becomes a liability on the balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP or (y) the liability on account of any such obligation becomes fixed), (e) all Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the Indebtedness secured thereby has been assumed (with the value of such Indebtedness being equal to the lesser of the value of the property subject to such Lien and the amount of such Indebtedness), (f) all Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of others, (g) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person, (h) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person as an account party in respect of letters of credit and letters of guarantee and (i) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of bankers’ acceptances. The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person’s ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

“Indemnified Taxes” means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in (a), Other Taxes.

“Initial Borrower” and “Initial Borrowers” has the meaning assigned to such terms in the preamble hereto.

“Interest Election Request” means a request by the Borrowers to convert or continue a Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.06.

“Interest Payment Date” means (a) with respect to any ABR Loan, each Quarterly Date and (b) with respect to any Eurocurrency Loan, the last day of each Interest Period therefor and, in the case of any Interest Period of more than three months’ duration, each day prior to the last day of such Interest Period that occurs at three-month intervals after the first day of such Interest Period.

“Interest Period” means, for any Eurocurrency Loan or Borrowing, and except as provided in Section 2.01(a) with respect to the Eurocurrency Borrowings to be made pursuant to such Sections, the period commencing on the date of such Eurocurrency Loan or Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, two, three or six months (or, with the consent of each Lender under the relevant Facility, nine or twelve months) thereafter or, with respect to such portion of any Eurocurrency Loan or Borrowing denominated in a Foreign Currency that is scheduled to be repaid on the Maturity Date, a period of less than one month’s duration commencing on the date of such Eurocurrency Loan or Borrowing and ending on the Maturity Date, as specified in the applicable Borrowing Request or Interest Election Request; *provided* that (i) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next

preceding Business Day, and (ii) any Interest Period (other than an Interest Period pertaining to a Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in a Foreign Currency that ends on the Maturity Date that is permitted to be of less than one month's duration as provided in this definition) that commences on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the last calendar month of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the last calendar month of such Interest Period. For purposes hereof, the date of a Eurocurrency Loan initially shall be the date on which such Eurocurrency Loan is made and thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Eurocurrency Loan.

“Investment” means, for any Person, (a) the acquisition (whether for cash, property, services or securities or otherwise) of capital stock, bonds, notes, debentures, partnership or other ownership interests or other securities of any other Person; (b) the making of any advance, loan or other extension of credit to, any other Person (including the purchase of property from another Person subject to an understanding or agreement, contingent or otherwise, to resell such property to such Person), but excluding any such advance, loan or extension of credit arising in connection with the sale of inventory, supplies or services by such Person in the ordinary course of business; (c) the entering into of any Guarantee of, or other contingent obligation with respect to, Indebtedness or other liability of any other Person; or (d) the entering into of any Hedging Agreement.

“Issuing Bank” means any Lead Arranger and any Affiliate thereof, and any Lender appointed by the Borrowers and reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent that shall have agreed to be an Issuing Bank, in each case, in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, and their successors in such capacity as provided in Section 2.04(j). An Issuing Bank may, in its discretion, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by Affiliates of such Issuing Bank, in which case the term “Issuing Bank” shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate.

“Japanese Yen” or “¥” refers to the lawful currency of Japan.

“LC Disbursement” means a payment made by an Issuing Bank pursuant to a Letter of Credit.

“LC Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of (a) the aggregate undrawn amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit at such time *plus* (b) the aggregate amount of all LC Disbursements that have not yet been reimbursed by or on behalf of the Borrowers at such time (calculated, in the case of Letters of Credit and LC Disbursements denominated in currencies other than Dollars, by reference to the Dollar Equivalent thereof at such time). The LC Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total LC Exposure at such time.

“Lead Arrangers” means, collectively, Citibank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Credit Suisse Loan Funding LLC.

“Lenders” means the Persons listed on the Commitment Schedule, and any other Person that shall have become a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption, an Incremental Term Loan Amendment Agreement or Increased Revolving Credit Facility Amendment Agreement, other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption.

“Letter of Credit” means any letter of credit issued pursuant to this Agreement.

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“LIBO Rate” means, for the Interest Period for any Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in any Currency, an interest rate per annum equal to the Screen Rate at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period. In the event that such rate is not available at such time for any reason, then the LIBO Rate with respect to such Eurocurrency Borrowing for such Interest Period (the “Impacted Period”) shall be an interest rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1%) determined in good faith by the Administrative Agent (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) to be equal to the rate that results from interpolating on a linear basis between: (a) the Screen Rate (for the longest period for which such Screen Rate is available for the applicable Currency) that is shorter than the Impacted Period and (b) the Screen Rate (for the shortest period for which such Screen Rate is available for the applicable Currency) that exceeds the Impacted Period, in each case, at approximately 11:00 a.m. London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Impacted Period. When determining the rate for a period which is less than the shortest period for which the relevant Screen Rate is available, the Screen Rate for purposes of (a) above shall be deemed to be the overnight screen rate where “overnight screen rate” means, in relation to any Currency, the overnight rate for the applicable Currency determined by the Administrative Agent from such service as the Administrative Agent may reasonably select. In any event the LIBO Rate shall not be less than zero.

“LIBOR” means, for any Currency, the rate at which deposits denominated in such Currency are offered to leading banks in the London interbank market.

“Lien” means, with respect to any asset, (a) any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, charge or security interest in, on or of such asset, and (b) the interest of a vendor or a lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or title retention agreement (or any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) relating to such asset.

“Loan Documents” means, collectively, this Agreement, any promissory note issued pursuant to Section 2.08(g), the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement, the Confirmation and any amendments or supplements or joinders to any Loan Document entered into from time to time.

“Loans” means the loans made and deemed made by the Lenders to the Borrowers pursuant to this Agreement.

“Local Time” means, with respect to any Loan denominated in or any payment to be made in any Currency, the local time in the Principal Financial Center for the Currency in which such Loan is denominated or such payment is to be made.

“Management Fee Agreement” means any agreement governing the payment of, or any interest of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries in, any Management Fees, including the limited partnership and other organizational agreements of each Fund Entity.

“Management Fee Earning Assets Amount” means, on any Quarterly Date, the aggregate amount, without duplication, of (a) capital commitments to the applicable Fund Entity, (b) invested capital of the applicable Fund Entity, or (c) total assets of the applicable Fund Entity, in each case, to the extent used as the basis for calculating Management Fees for such Fund Entity on the applicable Quarterly Date; *provided* that for purposes of the foregoing determination, (i) only Fund Entities with respect to which any Management Fees shall have been paid, directly or indirectly, to the Obligors during the four-quarter period ending on such Quarterly Date shall be included, (ii) any Fund Entity owned or managed by a Non-Controlled Acquired Entity shall be excluded, (iii)

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any Fund Entity that is a CLO or owned or managed by a CLO Management Subsidiary shall in each case be excluded and (iv) any Fund Entity owned or managed by a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary shall in each case be excluded.

“Management Fees” means (i) any and all management fees and other fees (excluding incentive or performance fees dependent on investment performance or results) for management services (whether pursuant to a Management Fee Agreement or otherwise) and any and all distributions received by any Obligor or any Subsidiary thereof the source of which is Management Fees, (ii) any and all “Management Fees” pursuant to any Management Fee Agreement, (iii) any and all payments with respect to any Priority Profit Share (as defined in the Management Fee Agreements of Carlyle Europe Partners II, L.P. and Carlyle Europe Partners III, L.P. or any other Fund Entity the Management Fee Agreement of which is governed by the law of England), or the equivalent in any non-U.S. jurisdiction, and (iv) any and all payments received which are treated as a credit or offset or otherwise reduce such fees, and shall in any event include the “management fees” reported on the Obligors’ consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. For the avoidance of doubt, it is understood that a Priority Profit Share, and any payments with respect thereto, constitute “Management Fees” under clauses (i), (ii) and (iv) of this definition.

“Margin Stock” means “margin stock” within the meaning of Regulations T, U and X of the Board.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, financial condition, operations or properties of the Credit Parties, taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Credit Parties, taken as a whole, to perform their respective payment or other material obligations under the Loan Documents or (c) the material rights of or benefits available to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks or the Lenders under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, in each case taken as a whole.

“Material Indebtedness” means Indebtedness of the type described in clauses (a), (b), (g) and (h) of the definition of “Indebtedness” and any Guarantees of such Indebtedness (other than the Loans and Letters of Credit) of any one or more Credit Parties and its Material Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$50,000,000.

“Material Subsidiary” means, on any date, any Subsidiary of any of the Obligors that has had more than 5% of the revenue of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) as reflected on the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 6.01 prior to such date; *provided* that, if at any time the revenue (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) of all Subsidiaries of the Obligors which would otherwise not be Material Subsidiaries as provided above exceeds 7% of the revenue of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) at such time, then the 5% referred to above in this definition shall be automatically reduced to the extent necessary such that, after giving effect to such reduction, the revenue (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) of all Subsidiaries of the Obligors which are not Material Subsidiaries does not exceed 7% of the revenue of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) at such time.

“Maturity Date” means February 11, 2024; *provided* that if such date is not a Business Day, the Maturity Date shall be the immediately preceding Business Day.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

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“Multiemployer Plan” means a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

“Negotiation Period” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.13.

“Net Cash Proceeds” means, with respect to any issuance or any sale of Equity Interests, the cash proceeds received from such issuance or sale, net of attorneys’ fees, investment banking fees, accountants’ fees, consulting fees, underwriting discounts and commissions and other customary fees and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith.

“Net Income” means, for any period, (a) the net income (or loss) of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries for such period determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP minus, to the extent included in such net income (or loss), (b) the net income of any Consolidated Subsidiary of any Obligor to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by that Consolidated Subsidiary of that net income is not at the time permitted by operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to that Consolidated Subsidiary.

“New Acquisition” means any acquisition of property or series of related acquisitions of property that involves the payment of consideration by any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$25,000,000;

“New Disposition” means, with respect to any property or asset, any sale, lease, sale and leaseback, assignment, conveyance, transfer or disposition thereof that yields gross proceeds to any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$25,000,000.

“Non-Consent Event” means (a) any Payment Default that shall have continued unremedied for a period of the lesser of (i) 30 days after notice thereof to the Borrowers from the Administrative Agent or any Lender or (ii) 60 days, and (b) any Bankruptcy Event of Default.

“Non-Controlled Acquired Entity” means an Acquired Entity that is not Controlled by any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries.

“Non-Defaulting Lender” means any Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender.

“Non-Guarantor Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary (other than an Obligor) of any Obligor that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor.

“NYFRB” means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“NYUCC” means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York.

“Obligations” means, collectively, the obligations of the Borrowers to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Loans made by the Lenders to the Borrowers and all fees, indemnification payments and other amounts whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, now or hereafter from time to time owing to any Holder by the Borrowers under this Agreement and any other Loan Document and from time to time owing to any Holder by any Credit Party under any of the Loan Documents (including any and all amounts in respect of Letters of Credit), and all other obligations of the Credit Parties under the Loan Documents.

“Obligors” means, collectively, the Borrowers and the Parent Guarantors.

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“Other Connection Taxes” means, with respect to any Administrative Agent or Lender, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Documents, or sold or assigned an interest in any Letter of Credit or Loan Document).

“Other Taxes” means any and all present or future stamp or documentary taxes or any other excise or property taxes, charges or similar levies arising from any payment made hereunder or under any other Loan Document or from the execution, delivery or enforcement of, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.18).

“Parent” means any direct or indirect parent of any Credit Party.

“Parent Guarantor” means TC Group L.L.C., Carlyle Holdings I L.P., Carlyle Holdings II L.P. and Carlyle Holdings III L.P. and each other Person that becomes a Parent Guarantor hereunder pursuant to Section 2.24(a).

“Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement” means the Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit I.

“Participant” means any Person to whom a participation is sold as permitted by Section 10.04(d).

“Participant Register” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.04(d).

“Patriot Act” means the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)).

“Payment Default” means any Default described under Sections 8.01(a) or (b).

“PBGC” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

“Permitted Encumbrances” means:

(a) Liens imposed by law for Taxes that are not yet due or are being contested in compliance with Section 6.04;

(b) carriers’, warehousemen’s, mechanics’, materialmen’s, repairmen’s and other like Liens imposed by law, arising in the ordinary course of business and securing obligations that are not overdue by more than 30 days or are being contested in compliance with Section 6.04;

(c) pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations;

(d) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business;

(e) judgment liens in respect of judgments that do not constitute an Event of Default under clause (k) of Article VIII; and

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(f) easements, zoning restrictions, rights-of-way and similar encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected property or interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of the Obligor or any of their respective Subsidiaries.

“Permitted Investments” means (a) marketable direct obligations issued by, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States government or issued by any agency thereof and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, in each case maturing within two years from the date of acquisition; (b) certificates of deposit, time deposits, eurodollar time deposits or overnight bank deposits having maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition issued by any Lender or by any commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof having combined capital and surplus of not less than \$250,000,000; (c) commercial paper of an issuer rated at least A-2 by S&P or P-2 by Moody’s, or carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized rating agency if both of the two named rating agencies cease publishing ratings of commercial paper issuers generally, and maturing within one year from the date of acquisition; (d) repurchase obligations of any Lender or of any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition, having a term of not more than 30 days with respect to securities issued or fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government; (e) securities with maturities of two years or less from the date of acquisition issued or fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States of America, by any political subdivision or taxing authority of any such state, commonwealth or territory or by any foreign government, the securities of which state, commonwealth, territory, political subdivision, taxing authority or foreign government (as the case may be) are rated at least A by S&P or A-2 by Moody’s; (f) securities with maturities of two years or less from the date of acquisition backed by standby letters of credit issued by any Lender or any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition; and (g) money market funds that (i) purport to comply generally with the criteria set forth in SEC Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and (ii) are rated AAA by S&P or Aaa by Moody’s or carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized rating agency and shares of money market mutual or similar funds which invest exclusively in assets satisfying the requirements of any of clauses (a) through (f) of this definition.

“Permitted Investors” means (a) any Person who is an officer or otherwise a member of the management team of any Obligor on the Amendment Effective Date (including Daniel A. D’Aniello, William E. Conway, Jr. and David M. Rubenstein), (b) any Person that (A) is a natural person, (B) directly or indirectly holds Equity Interests in any Obligor (or any Parent thereof) and (C) is an officer or otherwise a member of the management team or a partner-level personnel of any Obligor (or any Parent thereof), (c) any trust or other personal planning vehicle formed by any Person described in clauses (a) through (b) above that directly or indirectly owns Equity Interests in any of the Obligors or any Parent thereof and (d) any Person, all or substantially all of whose Equity Interests are owned or Controlled by Persons described in clauses (a) through (c) hereof or any group (within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules of the SEC thereunder as in effect on the Amendment Effective Date) consisting of such Persons.

“Permitted Jurisdiction” means any state of the United States of America, any province or territory of Canada, the Cayman Islands and Scotland.

“Person” means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

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“Plan” means any employee pension benefit plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan) subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA which is sponsored, maintained or contributed to by any Obligor or any of its ERISA Affiliates.

“Prime Rate” means the rate of interest announced publicly by Citibank as its prime rate in effect at its principal office in New York City.

“Principal Financial Center” means, in the case of any Currency, the principal financial center where such Currency is cleared and settled, as determined by the Administrative Agent.

“Pro Forma Compliance” means with respect to any event or transaction, including any Restructuring Transaction (each a “Relevant Transaction”; the consummation date of such Relevant Transaction being the “Relevant Transaction Consummation Date”), the Obligors shall be in compliance with (a) Section 7.08, which compliance shall be determined as of such Relevant Transaction Consummation Date immediately after giving effect to such Relevant Transaction and as if each reference therein to “Quarterly Date” were instead a reference to such Relevant Transaction Consummation Date; and (b) Section 7.10, which compliance shall be determined as of such Relevant Transaction Consummation Date immediately after giving effect to the incurrence, assumption and/or repayment of Indebtedness in connection with such Relevant Transaction and as if the reference therein to “last day of any fiscal quarter” was instead a reference to such Relevant Transaction Consummation Date.

“Pro Rata Share” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.07.

“PTE” means a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.

“Quarterly Dates” means the last Business Day of March, June, September and December in each year.

“Rate Determination Notice” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.13.

“Rating” means the rating that has been most recently announced by S&P (or, in the case of a private “Rating” by S&P, most recently notified by S&P to the Obligors or any Holder) for the long term counterparty credit rating of each Obligor.

“Recipient” means (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) any Lender or (c) any Issuing Bank, as applicable.

“Reference Period” means any period of four consecutive fiscal quarters.

“Register” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.04(c).

“Related Parties” means, with respect to any Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and of such Person’s Affiliates.

“Relevant Transaction” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Pro Forma Compliance”.

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“Relevant Transaction Consummation Date” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Pro Forma Compliance”.

“Required Lenders” means, at any time, subject to the last paragraph of Section 10.02(b), Lenders having Revolving Credit Exposures, unused Revolving Credit Commitments and outstanding Incremental Term Loans representing more than 50% of the sum of the total Revolving Credit Exposures, unused Revolving Credit Commitments and outstanding Incremental Term Loans at such time.

“Requirement of Law” means, with respect to any Person, the certificate of incorporation and by-laws or other organizational or governing documents of such Person, and any law, treaty, rule or regulation or determination of an arbitrator or a court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or to which such Person or any of its property is subject.

“Responsible Officer” means, with respect to any Person, the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer (or similar title), chief operating officer, managing director, chief accounting officer, controller, treasurer (or similar title) or vice president (or similar title) of such Person, and, with respect to financial matters, the chief financial officer (or similar title), controller or treasurer (or similar title) of such Person.

“Restricted Payment” means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any Equity Interests of any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries (other than dividends and distributions on Equity Interests payable solely by the issuance of additional shares of Equity Interests of the Person paying such dividends or distributions), or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such Equity Interests or any option, warrant or other right to acquire any such Equity Interests.

“Restructuring Transaction” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.03(d).

“Revolving Credit Availability Period” means the period from and including the Amendment Effective Date to but excluding the earlier of the Maturity Date and the date of termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments.

“Revolving Credit Borrowing” means any Borrowing comprised of Loans made pursuant to Section 2.01(a).

“Revolving Credit Commitment” means, with respect to each Lender, the commitment, if any, of such Lender to make Revolving Credit Loans and to acquire participations in Letters of Credit hereunder, expressed as a Dollar amount representing the maximum aggregate amount of such Lender’s Revolving Credit Exposure hereunder, as such commitment may be (i) reduced from time to time pursuant to Section 2.07, (ii) increased from time to time pursuant to Section 2.22 and (iii) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to assignments by or to such Lender pursuant to Section 10.04. The initial amount of each Lender’s Revolving Credit Commitment as of the Amendment Effective Date is set forth on the Commitment Schedule, or, in the case of a Lender that assumes a Revolving Credit Commitment after the Amendment Effective Date, in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed such Revolving Credit Commitment. The initial aggregate amount of the Lenders’ Revolving Credit Commitments as of the Amendment Effective Date is \$775,000,000.

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“Revolving Credit Exposure” means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Lender’s Revolving Credit Loans and its LC Exposure at such time.

“Revolving Credit Facility” means, at any time, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Lenders’ Revolving Credit Commitments at such time.

“Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22.

“Revolving Credit Lender” means a Lender with a Revolving Credit Commitment or, if the Revolving Credit Commitments have terminated or expired, a Lender with Revolving Credit Exposure.

“Revolving Credit Loan” means a Loan made pursuant to Section 2.01(a).

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Ratings Group, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Sanctions” means comprehensive economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by (a) the U.S. government, including those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State, or (b) the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Canada or Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom.

“Sanctioned Country” means, at any time, a country or territory which is the subject or target of any Sanctions.

“Sanctioned Person” means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or any EU member state, (b) any Person operating, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country or (c) any Person owned or controlled by any such Person.

“Screen Rate” means, in respect of the LIBO Rate for any Interest Period, a rate per annum equal to the London interbank offered rate administered by the ICE Benchmark Administration Limited displayed on Reuters Page LIBOR01 or LIBOR02 (or on any successor or substitute page thereof, or any successor service, providing quotations of interest rates applicable to deposits in the relevant Currency, in the London interbank market comparable to those currently provided on such page, as determined by the Administrative Agent from time to time); *provided* that if any Screen Rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for all purposes of this Agreement;

“SEC” means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Solvent” means, with respect to any Person, as of any date of determination, (a) the amount of the “present fair saleable value” of the assets of such Person will, as of such date, exceed the amount of all “liabilities of such Person, contingent or otherwise”, as of such date, as such quoted terms are determined in accordance with applicable federal and state laws governing determinations of the insolvency of debtors, (b) the present fair saleable value of the assets of such Person will, as of such date, be greater than the amount that will be required to pay the liability of

such Person on its debts as such debts become absolute and matured, (c) such Person will not have, as of such date, an unreasonably small amount of capital with which to conduct its business and (d) such Person will be able to pay its debts as they mature. For purposes of this definition, (i) “debt” means liability on a “claim”, (ii) “claim” means any (x) right to payment, whether or not such a right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured or (y) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured or unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured and (iii) except as otherwise provided by applicable law, the amount of “contingent liabilities” at any time shall be the amount thereof which, in light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, can reasonably be expected to become actual or matured liabilities.

“Statutory Reserve Rate” means, for the Interest Period for any Eurocurrency Borrowing, a fraction (expressed as a decimal), the numerator of which is the number one and the denominator of which is the number one *minus* the arithmetic mean, taken over each day in such Interest Period, of the aggregate of the maximum reserve percentages (including any marginal, special, emergency or supplemental reserves) expressed as a decimal established by the Board to which the Administrative Agent is subject for eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as “Eurocurrency liabilities” in Regulation D of the Board). Such reserve percentages shall include those imposed pursuant to Regulation D of the Board. Eurocurrency Loans shall be deemed to constitute eurocurrency funding and to be subject to such reserve requirements without benefit of or credit for proration, exemptions or offsets that may be available from time to time to any Lender under Regulation D of the Board or any comparable regulation. The Statutory Reserve Rate shall be adjusted automatically on and as of the effective date of any change in any reserve percentage.

“Sterling” or “£” refers to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

“Subject Parties” means, collectively, the Credit Parties and the Material Subsidiaries.

“Subsidiary” means, with respect to any Person (the “parent”) at any date, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of the parent in the parent’s consolidated financial statements if such financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP as of such date, as well as any other corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity (a) of which securities or other ownership interests representing more than 50% of the equity or more than 50% of the ordinary voting power or, in the case of a partnership, more than 50% of the general partnership interests are, as of such date, owned, controlled or held, or (b) that is, as of such date, otherwise Controlled, by the parent or one or more subsidiaries of the parent or by the parent and one or more subsidiaries of the parent, *provided* that “Subsidiary” shall not include any Fund Entity and any Subsidiary of any Fund Entity and “Subsidiary” shall not in any event include UrbPlan.

“Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement” means the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement dated as of May 2, 2012, among each of the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Administrative Agent.

“Subsidiary Guarantee Joinder Agreement” means the Subsidiary Guarantor Joinder Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement.

“Subsidiary Guarantor” means each Person that becomes a party to the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement pursuant to Section 2.24(b). The Subsidiary Guarantors as of the Amendment Effective Date are set forth in Schedule 2.

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“Substitute Basis” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.13.

“Tax Agreement Form” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.06(c).

“Taxes” means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings, assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

“Term”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether the Class of such Loan or Borrowing is Term, as opposed to Revolving Credit.

“Total Indebtedness” means, at any time, the aggregate outstanding amount of (i) Indebtedness of the type described in clauses (a), (b), (g), (h) and (i) of the definition of “Indebtedness”, and any Guarantees of such Indebtedness and (ii) all obligations in respect of any earn-out obligation or other contingent obligation that becomes a liability on the balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP or becomes fixed, and any Guarantees of such obligations, in each case of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) at such time, excluding (A) any Indebtedness of a CLO Management Subsidiary incurred pursuant to and in accordance with Section 7.01(o) and (B) any Indebtedness of a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary incurred pursuant to and in accordance with Section 7.01(p). Notwithstanding the last sentence of the definition of “Guarantee”, for purposes of determining the aggregate outstanding amount of any Indebtedness contemplated by this definition, the amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to equal the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Indebtedness that is guaranteed by such Guarantee.

“Total Indebtedness Ratio” means, at any time, the ratio of (a) the sum of (i) Total Indebtedness at such time minus (ii) the aggregate amount of Unrestricted Cash of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) at such time to (b) EBITDA for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending at such time or the most recently ended prior to such time.

“Transactions” means the execution, delivery and performance by each Credit Party of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which such Obligor is a party, the borrowing of Loans, the use of the proceeds thereof and the issuance of Letters of Credit hereunder.

“Type”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether the rate of interest on such Loan, or on the Loans comprising such Borrowing, is determined by reference to the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the Alternate Base Rate.

“Unrestricted Cash” means the aggregate amount of cash held in bank accounts of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) to the extent that the use of such cash for application to payment of the Obligations or other Indebtedness is not prohibited by law or any written contractual agreement (including, with respect to cash held in a bank account of any Consolidated Subsidiary of an Obligor, that such Consolidated Subsidiary is not subject to any restriction on its ability to distribute such cash to the Obligors), and such cash and cash equivalents are free and clear of all Liens (other than any statutory Liens in favor of banks (including rights of set-off)); *provided* that Unrestricted Cash shall not include any cash of any CLO Management Subsidiary or Broker-Dealer Subsidiary.

“UrbPlan” means SCPL Brazil Real Estate I Fundo de Investimento em Participacoes and its Subsidiaries, including Carlyle SDU Participacoes S.A., UrbPlan Desenvolvimento Urbano S.A. and their respective Subsidiaries.

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“U.S. Lender” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.16(f).

“Withdrawal Liability” means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

“Withholding Agent” means any Obligor or the Administrative Agent.

“Write-Down and Conversion Powers” means, with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule.

SECTION 1.02 Terms Generally. The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include”, “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation”. The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall”. Unless the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein), (b) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and permitted assigns, (c) the words “herein”, “hereof” and “hereunder”, and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (d) all references herein to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement, (e) any reference to any law or regulation herein shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time and (f) the words “asset” and “property” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

SECTION 1.03 Accounting Terms; GAAP.

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Section, and except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature shall be construed in accordance with GAAP as in effect from time to time; *provided* that if the Borrowers notify the Administrative Agent that the Borrowers request an amendment to any provision hereof to eliminate the effect of any change occurring after the Amendment Effective Date in GAAP or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision (or if the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrowers that the Required Lenders request an amendment to any provision hereof for such purpose), regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such change in GAAP or in the application thereof, then such provision shall be interpreted on the basis of GAAP as in effect and applied immediately before such change shall have become effective until such notice shall have been withdrawn or such provision amended in accordance herewith.

(b) All measurements or calculations of Indebtedness used in determining compliance with any covenant, condition or agreement contained in Article VII shall be made excluding the effect of Financial Accounting Standard No. 159.

(c) The definition of Capital Lease Obligations shall be determined in accordance with GAAP as in effect on the Amendment Effective Date.

SECTION 1.04 Currencies; Currency Equivalents. At any time, any reference in the definition of the term “Agreed Foreign Currency” or in any other provision of this Agreement to the Currency of any particular nation means the lawful currency of such nation at such time whether or not the name of

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such Currency is the same as it was on the Amendment Effective Date. Except as provided in Section 2.09(b) and the last sentence of Section 2.17(a), for purposes of determining (i) whether the amount of any Borrowing or Letter of Credit, together with all other Borrowings and Letters of Credit then outstanding or to be borrowed at the same time as such Borrowing, would exceed the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Commitments, (ii) the aggregate unutilized amount of the Revolving Credit Commitments and (iii) the outstanding aggregate principal amount of Borrowings and LC Exposure, the outstanding principal amount of any Borrowing or Letter of Credit that is denominated in any Foreign Currency shall be deemed to be the Dollar Equivalent of the amount of the Foreign Currency of such Borrowing or Letter of Credit determined as of the date of such Borrowing (determined in accordance with the last sentence of the definition of the term "Interest Period") or Letter of Credit. Wherever in this Agreement in connection with a Borrowing, Loan or Letter of Credit an amount, such as a required minimum or multiple amount, is expressed in Dollars, but such Borrowing, Loan or Letter of Credit is denominated in a Foreign Currency, such amount shall be the relevant Foreign Currency Equivalent of such Dollar amount (rounded to the nearest 1,000 units of such Foreign Currency).

SECTION 1.05 Divisions. For all purposes under the Loan Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized on the first date of its existence by the holders of its capital stock at such time.

SECTION 1.06 Effect of Amendment and Restatement. On the Amendment Effective Date, the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended and restated in its entirety in the form hereof. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that (i) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, whether executed and delivered in connection herewith or otherwise, do not constitute a novation, payment and reborrowing or termination of the obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement as in effect immediately prior to the Amendment Effective Date, which remain outstanding (as amended and restated hereby), and (ii) such obligations are in all respects continuing (as amended and restated hereby).

## ARTICLE II THE CREDITS

### SECTION 2.01 Revolving Credit Loans.

(a) Revolving Credit Loans. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Revolving Credit Lender agrees to make Revolving Credit Loans in Dollars or in any Agreed Foreign Currency to the Borrowers from time to time during the Revolving Credit Availability Period in an aggregate principal amount that will not result in (i) such Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure exceeding such Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment or (ii) the total Revolving Credit Exposures exceeding the total Revolving Credit Commitments. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrowers may borrow, prepay and reborrow Revolving Credit Loans.

If any Existing Revolving Credit Loans or Existing Letters of Credit shall be outstanding immediately prior to the Amendment Effective Date, the Borrowers shall borrow Revolving Credit Loans from the Revolving Credit Lenders, and the Revolving Credit Lenders shall make Revolving Credit Loans to the Borrowers (in the case of Eurocurrency Revolving Credit Loans, with Interest Periods commencing on the Amendment Effective Date and ending on the date

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as shall have been previously notified to the Lenders in connection therewith) and shall be deemed to have acquired participations in any Existing Letters of Credit, in each case on the Amendment Effective Date, so that after giving effect to such Revolving Credit Loans and purchases, the Revolving Credit Loans and LC Exposure in respect of all outstanding Letters of Credit shall be held by the Revolving Credit Lenders ratably in accordance with the respective amounts of their Revolving Credit Commitments as of the Amendment Effective Date as set forth on Schedule 1. To effect the foregoing payments, the related transfers of funds shall be netted to the extent necessary to minimize the actual flows of funds between the relevant parties.

SECTION 2.02 Loans and Borrowings.

(a) Obligations of Lenders. Each Revolving Credit Loan shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Revolving Credit Loans of the same Type and Currency made by the Revolving Credit Lenders ratably in accordance with their respective Revolving Credit Commitments. The failure of any Revolving Credit Lender to make any Revolving Credit Loan required to be made by it shall not relieve any other Revolving Credit Lender of its obligations hereunder; *provided* that the Revolving Credit Commitments of the Revolving Credit Lenders are several and no Revolving Credit Lender shall be responsible for any other Revolving Credit Lender's failure to make Revolving Credit Loans as required.

(b) Type of Loans. Subject to Section 2.12, each Borrowing shall be comprised entirely of ABR Loans or of Eurocurrency Loans denominated in a single Currency as the Borrowers may request in accordance herewith. Each ABR Loan shall be denominated in Dollars. Each Revolving Credit Lender at its option may make any Eurocurrency Loan by causing any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Revolving Credit Lender to make such Revolving Credit Loan; *provided* that any exercise of such option shall not affect the obligation of the Borrowers to repay such Revolving Credit Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(c) Minimum Amounts; Limitation on Number of Borrowings. Each Eurocurrency Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount of \$10,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof. Each ABR Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount equal to \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof; *provided* that a Revolving Credit ABR Borrowing may be in an aggregate amount that is equal to the entire unused balance of the total Revolving Credit Commitments or that is required to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as contemplated by Section 2.04(f). Borrowings of more than one Class, Type and Currency may be outstanding at the same time; *provided* that there shall not at any time be more than a total of fourteen Eurocurrency Borrowings outstanding.

(d) Limitations on Interest Periods. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Borrowers shall not be entitled to request (or to elect to convert to or continue as a Eurocurrency Borrowing):

- (i) any Revolving Credit Borrowing if the Interest Period requested therefor would end after the Maturity Date; or
- (ii) any Term Borrowing if the Interest Period requested therefor would end after the maturity date applicable thereto.

SECTION 2.03 Requests for Borrowings.

(a) Notice by the Borrowers. To request a Borrowing, the Borrowers shall notify the Administrative Agent of such request by telephone (i) in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing

denominated in Dollars, not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, two Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing, (ii) in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in a Foreign Currency, not later than 10:00 a.m., London time, four Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing, or (iii) in the case of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date of the proposed Borrowing. Each such telephonic Borrowing Request shall be irrevocable and shall be confirmed promptly by hand delivery or teletype to the Administrative Agent of a written Borrowing Request in a form approved by the Administrative Agent and signed by the Borrowers.

(b) Content of Borrowing Requests. Each telephonic and written Borrowing Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

- (i) the Currency of the requested Borrowing;
- (ii) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day;
- (iii) in the case of a Borrowing denominated in Dollars, whether such Borrowing is to be an ABR Borrowing or a Eurocurrency Borrowing;
- (iv) in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing, the Interest Period therefor, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period" and permitted under Section 2.02(d);
- (v) the identity of the Borrower that is to receive the proceeds of such Borrowing; and
- (vi) the location and number of the applicable Borrower's account to which funds are to be disbursed.

(c) Notice by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders. Promptly following receipt of a Borrowing Request in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of the amount of such Lender's Loan to be made as part of the requested Borrowing.

(d) Failure to Elect. If no election as to the Currency of a Revolving Credit Borrowing is specified, then the requested Revolving Credit Borrowing shall be denominated in Dollars. If no election as to the Type of a Borrowing is specified, then the requested Borrowing shall be an ABR Borrowing unless such Borrowing is a Revolving Credit Borrowing as to which an Agreed Foreign Currency has been specified, in which case the requested Revolving Credit Borrowing shall be a Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in such Agreed Foreign Currency. If no Interest Period is specified with respect to any requested Eurocurrency Borrowing, the Borrowers shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration.

#### SECTION 2.04 Letters of Credit.

(a) General. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, in addition to the Loans provided for in Section 2.01, the Borrowers may request any Issuing Bank to issue, at any time and from time to time during the Revolving Credit Availability Period, Letters of Credit denominated in Dollars or any Agreed Foreign Currency for the account of a Borrower or a Subsidiary of a Borrower in such form as is acceptable to such Issuing Bank in its reasonable determination. Letters of Credit issued hereunder shall constitute utilization of the Revolving Credit Commitments. On the Amendment Effective Date, the Existing Letters of Credit shall be deemed to be "Letters of Credit" for all purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

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(b) Notice of Issuance, Amendment, Renewal or Extension. To request the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or the amendment, renewal or extension of an outstanding Letter of Credit), the Borrowers shall hand deliver or telecopy (or transmit by electronic communication, if arrangements for doing so have been approved by the respective Issuing Bank) to an Issuing Bank selected by them with a copy to the Administrative Agent (reasonably in advance of the requested date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension) a notice requesting the issuance of a Letter of Credit, or identifying the Letter of Credit to be amended, renewed or extended, and specifying the date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension (which shall be a Business Day), the date on which such Letter of Credit is to expire (which shall comply with paragraph (d) of this Section), the amount and Currency of such Letter of Credit, the name and address of the beneficiary thereof and such other information as shall be necessary to prepare, amend, renew or extend such Letter of Credit. If requested by the respective Issuing Bank, the Borrowers also shall submit a letter of credit application on such Issuing Bank's standard form in connection with any request for a Letter of Credit. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the terms and conditions of any form of letter of credit application or other agreement submitted by the Borrowers to, or entered into by the Borrowers with, an Issuing Bank relating to any Letter of Credit, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control.

(c) Limitations on Amounts. A Letter of Credit shall be issued, amended, renewed or extended only if (and upon issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of each Letter of Credit the Borrowers shall be deemed to represent and warrant that), after giving effect to such issuance, amendment, renewal or extension (i) the total LC Exposures shall not exceed \$150,000,000 and (ii) the total Revolving Credit Exposures shall not exceed the total Revolving Credit Commitments.

(d) Expiration Date. Each Letter of Credit shall expire at or prior to the close of business on the earlier of (i) the date twelve months after the date of the issuance of such Letter of Credit (or, in the case of any renewal or extension thereof, twelve months after the then-current expiration date of such Letter of Credit) and (ii) the date that is five Business Days prior to the Maturity Date.

(e) Participations. By the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or an amendment to a Letter of Credit increasing the amount thereof) by any Issuing Bank, and without any further action on the part of such Issuing Bank or the Revolving Credit Lenders, such Issuing Bank hereby grants to each Revolving Credit Lender, and each Revolving Credit Lender hereby acquires from such Issuing Bank, a participation in such Letter of Credit equal to such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Percentage of the aggregate amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. Each Revolving Credit Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations pursuant to this paragraph in respect of Letters of Credit is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including any amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or the occurrence and continuance of a Default or reduction or termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments.

In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Revolving Credit Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent in Dollars, for account of the respective Issuing Bank, such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Dollar Equivalent of each LC Disbursement made by an Issuing Bank promptly upon the request of such Issuing Bank at any time from the time of such LC Disbursement until such LC Disbursement is reimbursed by the Borrowers or at any time after any reimbursement payment is required to be refunded to the Borrowers for any reason. Such payment shall be made without any offset,

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abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. Each such payment shall be made in the same manner as provided in Section 2.05 with respect to Revolving Credit Loans made by such Revolving Credit Lender (and Section 2.05 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the payment obligations of the Revolving Credit Lenders), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to the respective Issuing Bank the amounts so received by it from the Revolving Credit Lenders. Promptly following receipt by the Administrative Agent of any payment from the Borrowers pursuant to the next following paragraph, the Administrative Agent shall distribute such payment to the respective Issuing Bank or, to the extent that the Revolving Credit Lenders have made payments pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse such Issuing Bank, then to such Revolving Credit Lenders and such Issuing Bank as their interests may appear. Any payment made by a Revolving Credit Lender pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse an Issuing Bank for any LC Disbursement shall not constitute a Revolving Credit Loan and shall not relieve the Borrowers of their obligations to reimburse such LC Disbursement.

(f) Reimbursement. If an Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement in respect of a Letter of Credit, the Borrowers shall reimburse such Issuing Bank in respect of such LC Disbursement by paying to the Administrative Agent an amount equal to the Dollar Equivalent of such LC Disbursement not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Business Day immediately following the day that any Borrower receives such notice; *provided* that the Borrowers may, subject to the conditions to borrowing set forth herein, request in accordance with Section 2.03 that such payment be financed with a Revolving Credit ABR Borrowing in the Dollar Equivalent amount and, to the extent so financed, the Borrowers' obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting Revolving Credit ABR Borrowing. If the Borrowers fail to make such payment when due, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Revolving Credit Lender of the applicable LC Disbursement, the payment then due from the Borrowers in respect thereof and such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof.

(g) Obligations Absolute. The Borrowers' obligations to reimburse LC Disbursements as provided in paragraph (f) of this Section shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever and irrespective of (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Letter of Credit, or any term or provision therein, (ii) any draft or other document presented under a Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent or invalid in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect, (iii) payment by the respective Issuing Bank under a Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or other document that does not comply strictly with the terms of such Letter of Credit, or (iv) any other event or circumstance whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this Section, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, the Borrowers' obligations hereunder, except in each case for errors or omissions resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Issuing Bank or its employees or agents.

No Issuing Bank shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of or in connection with the issuance or transfer of any Letter of Credit by the respective Issuing Bank or any payment or failure to make any payment thereunder (irrespective of any of the circumstances referred to in the preceding sentence), or any error, omission, interruption, loss or delay in transmission or delivery of any draft, notice or other communication under or relating to any Letter of Credit (including any document required to make a drawing thereunder), any error in interpretation of technical terms or any consequence arising from causes beyond the control of the respective Issuing Bank, except in each case for errors or omissions resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Issuing Bank or its employees or agents; *provided* that the foregoing

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shall not be construed to excuse an Issuing Bank from liability to the Borrowers to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to consequential damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the Borrowers to the extent permitted by applicable law) suffered by the Borrowers that are caused by such Issuing Bank's failure to exercise care when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof. The parties hereto expressly agree that, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of an Issuing Bank, any action taken or omitted by any Issuing Bank under or in connection with any Letter of Credit or the related drafts or documents, if done in accordance with the standard of care specified in the NYUCC, shall be binding on the Borrowers and shall not result in any liability of such Issuing Bank to the Borrowers.

(h) Disbursement Procedures. The Issuing Bank for any Letter of Credit shall, within a reasonable time following its receipt thereof, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under such Letter of Credit. Such Issuing Bank shall promptly after such examination notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrowers by telephone (confirmed by telecopy) of such demand for payment and whether such Issuing Bank has made or will make an LC Disbursement thereunder; *provided* that any failure to give or delay in giving such notice shall not relieve the Borrowers of their obligations to reimburse such Issuing Bank and the Revolving Credit Lenders with respect to any such LC Disbursement.

(i) Interim Interest. If the Issuing Bank for any Letter of Credit shall make any LC Disbursement, then, unless the Borrowers shall reimburse such LC Disbursement in full on the date such LC Disbursement is made, the unpaid amount thereof shall bear interest, for each day from and including the date such LC Disbursement is made to but excluding the date that the Borrowers reimburse such LC Disbursement, at the rate per annum then applicable to ABR Loans; *provided* that, if the Borrowers fail to reimburse such LC Disbursement when due pursuant to paragraph (f) of this Section, then the rate specified in Section 2.11(c) shall apply on each such past-due day. Interest accrued pursuant to this paragraph shall be for account of such Issuing Bank, except that interest accrued on and after the date of payment by any Revolving Credit Lender pursuant to paragraph (f) of this Section to reimburse such Issuing Bank shall be for account of such Revolving Credit Lender to the extent of such payment.

(j) Replacement of an Issuing Bank. Any Issuing Bank may be replaced at any time at the designation of the Borrowers and the consent of the successor Issuing Bank (with notice to the Administrative Agent). The Administrative Agent shall notify the Revolving Credit Lenders of any such replacement of an Issuing Bank. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the Borrowers shall pay all unpaid fees accrued for account of the replaced Issuing Bank pursuant to Section 2.10(b). From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (i) the successor Issuing Bank shall have all the rights and obligations of the Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit to be issued by it thereafter and (ii) references herein to the term "Issuing Bank" shall be deemed to include such successor or any previous Issuing Bank, or such successor and all previous Issuing Banks, as the context shall require. After the replacement of an Issuing Bank hereunder, the replaced Issuing Bank shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of an Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such replacement, but shall not be required to issue additional Letters of Credit.

(k) Cash Collateralization. If either (i) the Loans shall have been accelerated pursuant to Section 8.01 (an "Acceleration Event") or (ii) the Borrowers shall be required to provide cover for LC Exposure pursuant to Section 2.09(b) or Section 2.19(d)(ii), the Borrowers shall immediately deposit into an account designated by the Administrative Agent an amount in Dollars

in cash equal to, in the case of an Acceleration Event, the Dollar Equivalent of the aggregate undrawn amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit as of such date and, in the case of cover pursuant to Section 2.09(b) or Section 2.19(d)(ii), the amount required under Section 2.09(b) or Section 2.19(d)(ii), as the case may be; *provided* that, in the case of cover provided by the Borrowers pursuant to Section 2.09(b) after the Revolving Credit Commitments have expired or been terminated and after the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees or other amounts payable hereunder shall have been paid in full, the Borrowers shall deposit into an account designated by the Administrative Agent an amount in the same currency as the currency in which the applicable outstanding Letter of Credit is denominated in cash equal to the aggregate undrawn amount of such Letter of Credit. The Borrowers shall not at any time thereafter permit the amount of such deposit to be less than (i) in the case of an Acceleration Event, the Dollar Equivalent of the aggregate undrawn amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit at such time and (ii) in the case of cover pursuant to Section 2.09(b) (other than as contemplated by the proviso in the immediately preceding sentence) or Section 2.19(d)(ii), the Dollar Equivalent of the aggregate amount required under Section 2.09(b) or Section 2.19(d)(ii), as the case may be. Such deposit shall be held by the Administrative Agent as collateral for the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrowers under this Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over such account. Other than any interest earned on the investment of such deposits, which investments shall be made at the option and sole discretion of the Administrative Agent in Permitted Investments and at the Borrowers' risk and expense, such deposits shall not bear interest. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall accumulate in such account. Moneys in such account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to reimburse each Issuing Bank for LC Disbursements for which it has not been reimbursed and, to the extent not so applied, shall be held for the satisfaction of the reimbursement obligations of the Borrowers for the LC Exposure at such time or, with the consent of Revolving Credit Lenders with LC Exposure representing more than 50% of the total LC Exposure, be applied to satisfy other obligations of the Borrowers under this Agreement.

SECTION 2.05 Funding of Borrowings.

(a) Funding by Lenders. Each Lender shall make each Loan to be made by it hereunder on the proposed date thereof by wire transfer of immediately available funds by 12:00 noon, Local Time, to the account of the Administrative Agent most recently designated by it for such purpose by notice to the Lenders. The Administrative Agent will make such Loans available to the Borrowers by promptly crediting the amounts so received, in like funds, to an account of the Borrowers designated by the Borrowers in the applicable Borrowing Request; *provided* that Revolving Credit ABR Borrowings made to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.04(f) shall be remitted by the Administrative Agent to the respective Issuing Bank.

(b) Presumption by the Administrative Agent. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date (or, in the case of any ABR Borrowing, prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date such ABR Borrowing is to be made) of any Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrowers a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrowers severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for

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each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrowers to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation and (ii) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrowers, the interest rate applicable to ABR Loans. If the Borrowers and such Lender shall pay such interest to the Administrative Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to the Borrowers the amount of such interest paid by the Borrowers for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Borrowing to the Administrative Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing. Any payment by the Borrowers shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrowers may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 2.06 Interest Elections.

(a) Elections by the Borrowers. The Loans comprising each Borrowing initially shall be of the Type specified in the applicable Borrowing Request and, in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing (other than any Eurocurrency Borrowing made pursuant to Section 2.01(a)), shall have the Interest Period specified in such Borrowing Request. Thereafter, the Borrowers may elect to convert such Borrowing to a Borrowing of a different Type or to continue such Borrowing as a Borrowing of the same Type and, in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing, may elect the Interest Period therefor, all as provided in this Section; *provided* that (i) a Borrowing denominated in one Currency may not be continued as, or converted to, a Borrowing in a different Currency, (ii) no Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in a Foreign Currency may be continued if, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposures would exceed the aggregate Revolving Credit Commitments, (iii) a Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in a Foreign Currency may not be converted to a Borrowing of a different Type and (iv) the Borrowers may at any time during the pendency of an Interest Period for any Eurocurrency Loan provide an Interest Election Request hereunder to select a new Interest Period for such Eurocurrency Loan, the applicable LIBO Rate for such Eurocurrency Loan to be effective on the Business Day specified in such request, which effective date shall be not less than the second Business Day following such request (and such request shall otherwise be given in accordance with, and comply with the requirements, if applicable, of, paragraph (c) below), in which case the relevant Lenders shall be entitled to receive amounts payable under Section 2.15 as if such Lenders had received a prepayment of such Loan on such effective date. The Borrowers may elect different options with respect to different portions of the affected Borrowing, in which case each such portion shall be allocated ratably among the Lenders holding the Loans comprising such Borrowing, and the Loans comprising each such portion shall be considered a separate Borrowing.

(b) Notice of Elections. To make an election pursuant to this Section, the Borrowers shall notify the Administrative Agent of such election by telephone by the time that a Borrowing Request would be required under Section 2.03 if the Borrowers were requesting a Borrowing of the Type resulting from such election to be made on the effective date of such election. Each such telephonic Interest Election Request shall be irrevocable and shall be confirmed promptly by hand delivery or telecopy to the Administrative Agent of a written Interest Election Request in a form approved by the Administrative Agent and signed by the Borrowers.

(c) Content of Interest Election Requests. Each telephonic and written Interest Election Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

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(i) the Borrowing to which such Interest Election Request applies and, if different options are being elected with respect to different portions thereof, the portions thereof to be allocated to each resulting Borrowing (in which case the information to be specified pursuant to clauses (iii) and (iv) below shall be specified for each resulting Borrowing);

(ii) the effective date of the election made pursuant to such Interest Election Request, which shall be a Business Day;

(iii) whether, in the case of a Borrowing denominated in Dollars, the resulting Borrowing is to be an ABR Borrowing or a Eurocurrency Borrowing; and

(iv) if the resulting Borrowing is a Eurocurrency Borrowing, the Interest Period therefor after giving effect to such election, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period" and permitted under Section 2.02(d).

(d) Notice by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders. Promptly following receipt of an Interest Election Request, the Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of such Lender's portion of each resulting Borrowing.

(e) Failure to Elect; Events of Default. If the Borrowers fail to deliver a timely and complete Interest Election Request with respect to a Eurocurrency Borrowing prior to the end of the Interest Period therefor, then, unless such Eurocurrency Borrowing is repaid as provided herein, the Borrowers shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders so notifies the Borrowers, then, so long as an Event of Default is continuing (A) no outstanding Borrowing denominated in Dollars may be converted to or continued as a Eurocurrency Borrowing, (B) unless repaid, each Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in Dollars shall be converted to an ABR Borrowing at the end of the Interest Period therefor and (C) no outstanding Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in a Foreign Currency may have an Interest Period of more than one month's duration.

#### SECTION 2.07 Termination and Reduction of the Revolving Credit Commitments.

(a) Scheduled Termination. Unless previously terminated, the Revolving Credit Commitments shall terminate on the Maturity Date.

(b) Voluntary Termination or Reduction. The Borrowers may at any time terminate, or from time to time reduce, the Revolving Credit Commitments; *provided* that (i) each partial reduction of the Revolving Credit Commitments pursuant to this Section shall be in an amount that is \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof and (ii) the Borrowers shall not terminate or reduce the Revolving Credit Commitments if, after giving effect to any concurrent prepayment of the Revolving Credit Loans in accordance with Section 2.09, the total Revolving Credit Exposures would exceed the total Revolving Credit Commitments.

(c) Notice of Voluntary Termination or Reduction. The Borrowers shall notify the Administrative Agent of any election to terminate or reduce the Revolving Credit Commitments under paragraph (b) of this Section at least three Business Days prior to the effective date of such termination or reduction, specifying such election and the effective date thereof. Promptly following receipt of any notice, the Administrative Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each notice delivered by the Borrowers pursuant to this Section shall be irrevocable; *provided* that a notice of termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments delivered by the Borrowers may state

that such notice is conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit facilities, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrowers (by notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied.

(d) Effect of Termination or Reduction. Any termination or reduction of the Revolving Credit Commitments shall be permanent. Subject to Section 2.19(h), each reduction of the Revolving Credit Commitments shall be made ratably among the Revolving Credit Lenders in accordance with their respective Revolving Credit Commitments.

SECTION 2.08 Repayment of Loans; Evidence of Debt.

(a) Repayment. The Borrowers hereby unconditionally promise to pay the Loans as follows:

(i) to the Administrative Agent for account of the Revolving Credit Lenders the outstanding principal amount of the Revolving Credit Loans on the Maturity Date; and

(ii) to the extent any Incremental Term Loan remains outstanding on the maturity date applicable thereto, to the Administrative Agent for account of the applicable Incremental Term Lenders the outstanding principal amount of the Incremental Term Loans on such maturity date.

(b) [Reserved]

(c) Manner of Payment. Prior to any repayment or prepayment of any Borrowings of any Class hereunder, and subject (in the case of a prepayment) to any applicable provisions of Section 2.09, the Borrowers shall select the Borrowing or Borrowings of the applicable Class to be paid and shall notify the Administrative Agent by telephone (confirmed by telecopy) of such selection not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, two Business Days before (or, in the case of ABR Borrowings, the same Business Day of) the scheduled date of such repayment; *provided* that each repayment of Borrowings of any Class shall be applied to repay any outstanding ABR Borrowings of such Class before any other Borrowings of such Class. If the Borrowers fail to make a timely selection of the Borrowing or Borrowings to be repaid or prepaid, such payment shall be applied, first, to pay any outstanding ABR Borrowings of the applicable Class and, second, to other Borrowings of such Class in the order of the remaining duration of their respective Interest Periods (the Borrowing with the shortest remaining Interest Period to be repaid first). Each payment of a Borrowing shall be applied ratably to the Loans included in such Borrowing.

(d) Maintenance of Records by Lenders. Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice records evidencing the indebtedness of the Borrowers to such Lender resulting from each Loan made by such Lender, including the amounts and Currency of principal and interest payable and paid to such Lender from time to time hereunder.

(e) Maintenance of Records by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall maintain records in which it shall record (i) the amount and Currency of each Loan made hereunder, the Class and Type thereof and each Interest Period therefor, (ii) the amount and Currency of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Borrowers to each Lender hereunder and (iii) the amount and Currency of any sum received by the Administrative Agent hereunder for account of the Lenders and each Lender's share thereof.

(f) Effect of Entries. The entries made in the records maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) or (e) of this Section shall, to the extent consistent with the records in the Register,

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be presumptively correct evidence of the existence and amounts of the obligations recorded therein absent manifest error; *provided* that the failure of any Lender or the Administrative Agent to maintain such records or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrowers to repay the Loans in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(g) Promissory Notes. Any Lender may request that Loans of any Class made by it be evidenced by a promissory note, which promissory note shall (i) in the case of any Revolving Credit Loan be substantially in the form of Exhibit F and (ii) in the case any Incremental Term Loan, be substantially in the form of Exhibit G. In such event, the Borrowers shall prepare, execute and deliver to such Lender a promissory note payable to such Lender (or, if requested by such Lender, to such Lender and its registered assigns) and in a form approved by the Administrative Agent. Thereafter, the Loans evidenced by such promissory note and interest thereon shall at all times (including after assignment pursuant to Section 10.04) be represented by one or more promissory notes in such form payable to the payee named therein (or, if such promissory note is a registered note, to such payee and its registered assigns).

#### SECTION 2.09 Prepayment of Loans.

(a) Optional Prepayments. The Borrowers shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay any Borrowing in whole or in part, without premium or penalty, subject to the requirements of this Section. Any partial prepayment pursuant to this paragraph shall be in an amount that is \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof.

(b) Mandatory Prepayments—Revolving Credit Loans—Foreign Currency Valuations. On each Quarterly Date prior to the Maturity Date, the Administrative Agent shall determine the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure. For the purpose of this determination, the outstanding principal amount or stated amount of any Loan or Letter of Credit that is denominated in any Foreign Currency shall be deemed to be the Dollar Equivalent of the amount in the Foreign Currency of such Loan or Letter of Credit, determined as of such Quarterly Date. If on the date of such determination the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure exceeds the sum of (i) 105% of the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Commitments as then in effect *plus* (ii) the amount then on deposit in the account contemplated by Section 2.04(k), the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Lenders and the Borrowers thereof and the Borrowers shall, within five Business Days after their receipt of such notice, prepay the Revolving Credit Loans (and/or provide cover for LC Exposure as specified in Section 2.04(k)) in such amounts as shall be sufficient to eliminate such excess.

(c) Notices, Etc. The Borrowers shall notify the Administrative Agent by telephone (confirmed by telecopy) of any prepayment hereunder (i) in the case of prepayment of a Eurocurrency Borrowing, not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time (or, in the case of a Borrowing denominated in a Foreign Currency, 11:00 a.m., London time), three Business Days before the date of prepayment or (ii) in the case of prepayment of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date of prepayment. Each such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the prepayment date, the principal amount of each Borrowing or portion thereof to be prepaid and, in the case of a mandatory prepayment, a reasonably detailed calculation of the amount of such prepayment; *provided* that, if a notice of prepayment is given in connection with a conditional notice of termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments as contemplated by Section 2.07, then such notice of prepayment may be revoked if such notice of termination is revoked in accordance with Section 2.07. Promptly following receipt of any such notice relating to a Borrowing, the Administrative Agent shall advise the relevant Lenders of the contents thereof. Each partial prepayment of any Borrowing shall be in an amount that would be permitted in the case of

a Borrowing of the same Type as provided in Section 2.02, except as necessary to apply fully the required amount of a mandatory prepayment. Each prepayment of a Borrowing shall be applied ratably to the Loans included in the prepaid Borrowing. Prepayments shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the extent required by Section 2.11 and all other amounts payable under this Agreement, including under Section 2.15. Amounts prepaid in respect of the Incremental Term Loans may not be reborrowed.

SECTION 2.10 Fees.

(a) Commitment Fees. The Borrowers agree to pay to the Administrative Agent for account of each Lender a commitment fee, which shall accrue on the average daily unused amount of the Revolving Credit Commitment of such Lender during the period from and including the Amendment Effective Date to but excluding the date such Revolving Credit Commitment terminates at a rate per annum equal to the Applicable Rate. Accrued commitment fees shall be payable in arrears on each Quarterly Date and on the date the Revolving Credit Commitments terminate, commencing with the first Quarterly Date to occur after the Amendment Date. All commitment fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). For purposes of computing commitment fees with respect to the Revolving Credit Commitments, the Revolving Credit Commitment of a Lender shall be deemed to be used to the extent of the outstanding Revolving Credit Loans and LC Exposure of such Lender.

(b) Letter of Credit Fees. The Borrowers agree to pay (i) to the respective Issuing Bank a fronting fee, which shall accrue at the rate of 0.125% on the average daily amount of the LC Exposure (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements) during the period from and including the Amendment Effective Date to but excluding the later of the date of termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments and the date on which there ceases to be any LC Exposure, as well as such Issuing Bank's standard fees with respect to the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or processing of drawings thereunder, and (ii) to the Administrative Agent for account of each Revolving Credit Lender a participation fee with respect to its participations in Letters of Credit, which shall accrue on the average daily amount of such Lender's LC Exposure (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements) during the period from and including the Amendment Effective Date to but excluding the later of the date on which such Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment terminates and the date on which such Lender ceases to have any LC Exposure at a rate per annum equal to (i) the Applicable Rate applicable to interest on Revolving Credit Eurocurrency Loans *minus* (ii) the fronting fee referred to in clause (i) above. Participation fees and fronting fees accrued through and including each Quarterly Date shall be payable on the third Business Day following such Quarterly Date, commencing with the first Quarterly Date to occur after the Amendment Effective Date; *provided* that all such fees shall be payable on the date on which the Revolving Credit Commitments terminate and any such fees accruing after the date on which the Revolving Credit Commitments terminate shall be payable on demand. Any other fees payable to any Issuing Bank pursuant to this paragraph shall be payable within 10 Business Days after receipt of a reasonably detailed written invoice therefor. All participation fees and fronting fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day).

(c) Administrative Agent Fees. The Borrowers agree to pay to the Administrative Agent, for its own account, fees payable in the amounts and at the times separately agreed upon between the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent.

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(d) Payment of Fees. All fees payable hereunder shall be paid on the dates due, in Dollars and immediately available funds, to the Administrative Agent (or to the respective Issuing Bank, in the case of fees payable to it) for distribution, in the case of facility fees and participation fees, to the Lenders entitled thereto. Fees paid shall not be refundable under any circumstances.

SECTION 2.11 Interest.

(a) ABR Loans. The Loans comprising each ABR Borrowing shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the Alternate Base Rate *plus* the Applicable Rate.

(b) Eurocurrency Loans. The Loans comprising each Eurocurrency Borrowing shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the Adjusted LIBO Rate for the Interest Period for such Borrowing *plus* the Applicable Rate.

(c) Default Interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any principal of or interest on any Loan or any fee or other amount payable by the Borrowers hereunder is not paid when due, whether at stated maturity, upon acceleration, by mandatory prepayment or otherwise, such overdue amount shall bear interest, after as well as before judgment, at a rate per annum equal to (i) in the case of overdue principal of any Loan, 2% *plus* the rate otherwise applicable to such Loan as provided above or (ii) in the case of any other amount, 2% *plus* the rate applicable to ABR Loans as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section.

(d) Payment of Interest. Accrued interest on each Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for such Loan and, in the case of Revolving Credit Loans, upon termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments; *provided* that (i) interest accrued pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section shall be payable from time to time on demand, (ii) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Loan (other than a prepayment of a Revolving Credit ABR Loan prior to the Maturity Date), accrued interest on the principal amount repaid or prepaid shall be payable on the date of such repayment or prepayment and (iii) in the event of any conversion of any Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in Dollars prior to the end of the Interest Period therefor, accrued interest on such Borrowing shall be payable on the effective date of such conversion.

(e) Computation. All interest hereunder shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days, except that interest computed by reference to the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year), and in each case shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). The applicable Alternate Base Rate or Adjusted LIBO Rate shall be determined by the Administrative Agent, and such determination shall be presumptively correct absent manifest error. The Administrative Agent shall, at the request of the Borrowers, deliver to the Borrowers a statement showing the quotations used by the Administrative Agent in determining any interest rate pursuant to Section 2.11(a) and Section 2.11(b).

SECTION 2.12 Alternate Rate of Interest. If prior to the first day of any Interest Period for any Eurocurrency Loan (the Currency of such Loan herein called the "Affected Currency"):

(a) the Administrative Agent shall have determined (which determination shall be presumptively correct absent manifest error) that, by reason of circumstances affecting the relevant market, adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Adjusted LIBO Rate for the Affected Currency for such Interest Period, or

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(b) the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Required Lenders in respect of the relevant Facility that by reason of any changes arising after the Amendment Effective Date the Adjusted LIBO Rate for the Affected Currency determined or to be determined for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (as certified by such Lenders) of making or maintaining their affected Loans during such Interest Period, then the Administrative Agent shall give telecopy notice thereof to the Borrower and the relevant Lenders as soon as practicable thereafter. If such notice is given, (i) if the Affected Currency is Dollars (x) any Eurocurrency Loans denominated in Dollars under the relevant Facility requested to be made on the first day of such Interest Period shall be made as ABR Loans, (y) any Loans denominated in Dollars under the relevant Facility that were to have been converted on the first day of such Interest Period to Eurocurrency Loans shall be continued as ABR Loans and (z) any outstanding Eurocurrency Loans denominated in Dollars under the relevant Facility shall be converted, on the last day of the then-current Interest Period with respect thereto, to ABR Loans or (ii) if the Affected Currency is an Agreed Foreign Currency, the request for any Eurocurrency Loans under the relevant Facility to be made on the first day of such Interest Period shall be ineffective. Until such notice has been withdrawn by the Administrative Agent (which action the Administrative Agent will take promptly after the conditions giving rise to such notice no longer exist), no further Eurocurrency Loans under the relevant Facility shall be made or continued as such, nor shall the Borrowers have the right to convert Loans under the relevant Facility to Eurocurrency Loans. If the Borrowers are not permitted to continue a Eurocurrency Loan which is denominated in a Foreign Currency pursuant to this Section, such Eurocurrency Loan shall automatically be redenominated in Dollars on the last day of the applicable Interest Period in an amount equal to the Dollar Equivalent thereof.

If at any time the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that (i) the circumstances set forth in clause (a) have arisen and such circumstances are unlikely to be temporary or (ii) the circumstances set forth in clause (a) have not arisen but either (w) the supervisor for the administrator of the Screen Rate has made a public statement that the administrator of the Screen Rate is insolvent (and there is no successor administrator that will continue publication of the Screen Rate), (x) the administrator of the Screen Rate has made a public statement identifying a specific date after which the Screen Rate will permanently or indefinitely cease to be published by it (and there is no successor administrator that will continue publication of the Screen Rate), (y) the supervisor for the administrator of the Screen Rate has made a public statement identifying a specific date after which the Screen Rate will permanently or indefinitely cease to be published or (z) the supervisor for the administrator of the Screen Rate or a Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the Administrative Agent has made a public statement identifying a specific date after which the Screen Rate may no longer be used for determining interest rates for loans, then the Administrative Agent and the Borrowers shall endeavor to establish an alternate rate of interest to the LIBO Rate that gives due consideration to the then prevailing market convention for determining a rate of interest for syndicated loans in the United States at such time, and shall enter into an amendment to this Agreement to reflect such alternate rate of interest and such other related changes to this Agreement as may be applicable; provided that, if such alternate rate of interest as so determined would be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for the purposes of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 10.02, such amendment shall become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement so long as the Administrative Agent shall not have received, within five Business Days of the date notice of such alternate rate of interest is provided to the Lenders, a written notice from the Required Lenders stating that such Required Lenders object to such amendment. Until an alternate rate of interest shall be determined in accordance with this paragraph (but, in the case of the circumstances described in clause (ii) of the first sentence of this paragraph, only to the extent the Screen Rate for the applicable currency and such Interest Period

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is not available or published at such time on a current basis), (A) any Interest Election Request that requests the conversion of any Revolving Credit Borrowing to, or continuation of any Revolving Credit Borrowing as, a Eurocurrency Borrowing shall be ineffective, (B) if any Borrowing Request requests a Eurocurrency Revolving Credit Borrowing, such Borrowing shall be made as an ABR Borrowing and (C) any Borrowing Request that requests a Eurocurrency Borrowing denominated in Agreed Foreign Currency shall be ineffective and the Administrative Agent and the Borrower shall endeavor to establish an alternate rate of interest to the Screen Rate as provided in this Section 2.12.

SECTION 2.13 Illegality. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, if the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of Law or in the interpretation or application thereof, in each case, first made after the Amendment Effective Date, shall make it unlawful for any Lender to make or maintain Eurocurrency Loans as contemplated by this Agreement, such Lender shall promptly give notice thereof (a "Rate Determination Notice") to the Administrative Agent and the Borrowers, and (a) the commitment of such Lender hereunder to make Eurocurrency Loans, continue Eurocurrency Loans as such and convert ABR Loans to Eurocurrency Loans shall be suspended during the period of such illegality, (b) such Lender's Loans then outstanding as Eurocurrency Loans denominated in Dollars, if any, shall be converted automatically to ABR Loans denominated in Dollars on the respective last days of the then current Interest Periods with respect to such Loans or within such earlier period as required by law and (c) (i) such Lender's Loans then outstanding as Eurocurrency Loans denominated in any Agreed Foreign Currency, if any, shall be converted automatically on the respective last days of the then current Interest Periods with respect to such Loans (an "Affected Interest Period") to Eurocurrency Loans denominated in such Agreed Foreign Currency having the next shortest Interest Period which is not affected by such adoption of or change in any Requirement of Law and (ii) if all Interest Periods are Affected Interest Periods in respect of such Eurocurrency Loans denominated in any Agreed Foreign Currency, during the 30-day period following any such Rate Determination Notice (the "Negotiation Period") the Administrative Agent and the Borrowers shall negotiate in good faith with a view to agreeing upon a substitute interest rate basis which shall reflect the cost to the applicable Lenders of funding such Loans from alternative sources (a "Substitute Basis"), and if such Substitute Basis is so agreed upon during the Negotiation Period, such Substitute Basis shall apply in lieu of the Adjusted LIBO Rate to all Interest Periods for the Eurocurrency Loans denominated in such Agreed Foreign Currency of the applicable Lenders commencing on or after the first day of an Affected Interest Period, until the circumstances giving rise to such Rate Determination Notice have ceased to apply. If a Substitute Basis is not agreed upon during the Negotiation Period, each affected Lender shall determine (and shall certify from time to time in a certificate delivered by such Lender to the Administrative Agent setting forth in reasonable detail the basis of the computation of such amount) the rate basis reflecting the cost to such Lender of funding its Eurocurrency Loan denominated in such Agreed Foreign Currency for any Interest Period commencing on or after the first day of an Affected Interest Period, until the circumstances giving rise to such Rate Determination Notice have ceased to apply, and such rate basis shall be presumptively correct, absent manifest error, and shall apply in lieu of the Adjusted LIBO Rate for the relevant Interest Periods. If a Rate Determination Notice has been given, then until such Rate Determination Notice has been withdrawn by the Administrative Agent, no Eurocurrency Loans of the applicable Lenders denominated in such Agreed Foreign Currency shall have an Interest Period having a duration equal to an Affected Interest Period. The Borrowers may elect to prepay the Eurocurrency Loans denominated in such Agreed Foreign Currency of the applicable Lenders pursuant to Section 2.09(a) at any time; *provided* that if the Borrowers elect not to prepay such Eurocurrency Loans and the Borrowers are not permitted to continue such Eurocurrency Loan pursuant to this Section, such Eurocurrency Loan shall automatically be redenominated in Dollars on the last day of the applicable Interest Period in an amount equal to the Dollar Equivalent thereof. If any such conversion of a Eurocurrency Loan occurs on a day which is not the last day of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto, the Borrowers shall pay to such Lender such amounts, if any, as may be required pursuant to Section 2.15. For the purposes of this Section, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all rules, regulations, orders, requests, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all rules, regulations, orders, requests, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant

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to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to have been adopted and gone into effect from and after the Amendment Effective Date.

SECTION 2.14 Increased Costs.

(a) Increased Costs Generally. If the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of Law or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by any Lender with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any central bank or other Governmental Authority first made, in each case, subsequent to the Amendment Effective Date:

(i) shall impose, modify or hold applicable any reserve, any requirement to maintain liquid assets, special deposit, compulsory loan or similar requirement against assets held by, deposits or other liabilities in or for the account of, advances, loans or other extensions of credit by, or any other acquisition of funds by, any office of such Lender that is not otherwise included in the determination of the Adjusted LIBO Rate hereunder;

(ii) subject any Lender to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes and (B) Excluded Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or

(iii) shall impose on such Lender any other condition not otherwise contemplated hereunder; and the result of any of the foregoing is to increase the cost to such Lender, by an amount which such Lender reasonably deems to be material, of making, converting into, continuing or maintaining Eurocurrency Loans or issuing or participating in Letters of Credit (in each case hereunder), or to reduce any amount receivable hereunder in respect thereof, then, in any such case, the Borrowers shall promptly pay such Lender, in Dollars, within ten Business Days after the Borrowers' receipt of a reasonably detailed invoice therefor (showing with reasonable detail the calculations thereof), any additional amounts necessary to compensate such Lender for such increased cost or reduced amount receivable. If any Lender becomes entitled to claim any additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall promptly notify the Borrowers (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of the event by reason of which it has become so entitled.

(b) Capital Requirements. If any Lender shall have determined that the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of Law regarding capital adequacy or liquidity or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by such Lender or any holding company controlling such Lender with any request or directive regarding capital adequacy or liquidity (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority first made, in each case, subsequent to the Amendment Effective Date shall have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or such holding company's capital as a consequence of its obligations hereunder or under or in respect of any Letter of Credit to a level below that which such Lender or such holding company could have achieved but for such adoption, change or compliance (taking into consideration such Lender's or such holding company's policies with respect to capital adequacy or liquidity) by an amount deemed by such Lender to be material, then from time to time, within ten Business Days after submission by such Lender to the Borrowers (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of a reasonably detailed written request therefor (consistent with the detail provided by such Lender to similarly situated borrowers), the Borrowers shall pay to such Lender, in Dollars, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or such holding company on an after-tax basis for such reduction.

(c) Certificates for Reimbursement. A certificate as to any additional amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted by any Lender to the Borrowers (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) shall be presumptively correct in the absence of manifest error.

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(d) Delay in Requests. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the Borrowers shall not be required to compensate a Lender pursuant to this Section for any amounts incurred more than 180 days prior to the date that such Lender notifies the Borrowers of such Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor; *provided* that if the circumstances giving rise to such claim have a retroactive effect, then such 180-day period shall be extended to include the period of such retroactive effect.

(e) Dodd-Frank and Basel III. For the purposes of this Section, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all rules, regulations, orders, requests, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all rules, regulations, orders, requests, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to have been adopted and gone into effect from and after the Amendment Effective Date.

SECTION 2.15 Break Funding Payments. The Borrowers agree to indemnify each Lender for, and to hold each Lender harmless from, any loss or expense (other than lost profits, including the loss of Applicable Rate) that such Lender may actually sustain or incur as a consequence of (a) default by any Borrower in making a borrowing of, conversion into or continuation of Eurocurrency Loans after such Borrower has given a notice requesting the same in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, (b) default by any Borrower in making any prepayment of or conversion from Eurocurrency Loans after such Borrower has given a notice thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement (regardless of whether such notice is permitted to be revocable under Section 2.09(c) and is revoked in accordance herewith), (c) the making of a payment, prepayment, conversion or continuation of Eurocurrency Loans on a day that is not the last day of an Interest Period with respect thereto (including as a result of an Event of Default) or (d) the assignment as a result of a request by the Borrowers pursuant to Section 2.18(b) of any Eurocurrency Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period therefor. A reasonably detailed certificate as to (showing in reasonable detail the calculation of) any amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted to the Borrowers by any Lender shall be presumptively correct in the absence of manifest error. The Borrowers shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 Business Days after receipt thereof.

SECTION 2.16 Taxes.

(a) Payments Free of Taxes. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of each Obligor hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall be made free and clear of and without reduction or withholding for any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes; *provided* that if any Obligor shall be required by applicable law to deduct any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes from such payments, then (i) the sum payable shall be increased as necessary so that after making all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the Administrative Agent, Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made, (ii) such Obligor shall make such deductions and (iii) such Obligor shall timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.

(b) Payment of Other Taxes by the Obligors. Without limiting the provisions of paragraph (a) above, the Obligors shall timely pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.

(c) Indemnification by the Obligors. The Obligors shall jointly and severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each Issuing Bank, within 30 days after

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demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) paid by the Administrative Agent, such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, on or with respect to any payment by or on account of any obligation of the Obligors hereunder and any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate prepared in good faith as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Obligors by a Lender or an Issuing Bank (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender or an Issuing Bank, shall be presumptively correct absent manifest error.

(d) Evidence of Payments. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by any Obligor to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this Section 2.16, such Obligor shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(e) Status of Foreign Lenders. Each Foreign Lender shall deliver to the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Borrowers and to the Lender from which the related participation shall have been purchased) (i) two accurate and complete copies of IRS Form W-8ECI, W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E or W-8IMY together with supporting documentation, as applicable, or (ii) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming exemption from United States federal withholding tax under Section 871(h) or 881(c) of the Code with respect to payments of “portfolio interest”, a statement substantially in the form of the applicable statement in Exhibit E and two accurate and complete copies of IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E or W-8IMY together with supporting documentation, as applicable, or any subsequent versions or successors to such forms, in each case properly completed and duly executed by such Foreign Lender claiming complete exemption from, or a reduced rate of, United States federal withholding tax on all payments by an Obligor under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Such forms shall be delivered by each Foreign Lender on or before the date it becomes a party to this Agreement (or, in the case of any Participant, on or before the date such Participant purchases the related participation). In addition, each Foreign Lender shall deliver such forms promptly upon the obsolescence or invalidity of any form previously delivered by such Foreign Lender. Each Foreign Lender shall promptly notify the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent at any time it determines that it is no longer in a position to provide any previously delivered certificate to the Borrowers and Administrative Agent (or any other form of certification adopted by the United States taxing authorities for such purpose) . Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, a Foreign Lender shall not be required to deliver any form pursuant to this paragraph that such Foreign Lender is not legally able to deliver or otherwise take any action if such action would subject such Foreign Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender. If a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal, Canadian or Cayman Tax imposed under FATCA if such Lender fails to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Withholding Agent such documentation as shall be reasonably requested by the Withholding Agent sufficient for the Withholding Agent to comply with its obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such applicable reporting requirements.

(f) Status of U.S. Lenders. Each Lender other than a Foreign Lender (a “U.S. Lender”) shall deliver to the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent two accurate and complete

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copies of IRS Form W-9, or any subsequent versions or successors to such form, certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax. Such forms shall be delivered by each U.S. Lender on or before the date it becomes a party to this Agreement. In addition, each U.S. Lender shall deliver such forms promptly upon the obsolescence or invalidity of any form previously delivered by such U.S. Lender. Each U.S. Lender shall promptly notify the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent at any time it determines that it is no longer in a position to provide any previously delivered certifications to the Borrowers and Administrative Agent (or any other form of certification adopted by the United States taxing authorities for such purpose).

(g) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If the Administrative Agent or any Lender determines, in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by any Obligor or with respect to which any Obligor has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall promptly pay over such refund to such Obligor (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by such Obligor under this Section with respect to the Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of the Administrative Agent or such Lender and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided that the applicable Obligor, upon the request of the Administrative Agent or such Lender, agrees to repay the amount paid over to such Obligor (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Administrative Agent or such Lender in the event the Administrative Agent or such Lender is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority; provided further in no event will the Administrative Agent or such Lender be required to pay any amount to an Obligor pursuant to this paragraph (g) the payment of which would place the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as applicable, in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the Administrative Agent or such Lender as applicable, would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require the Administrative Agent or any Lender to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes which it deems confidential) to the Borrowers or any other Person.

(h) Any successor or supplemental Administrative Agent that is not a “United States person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code, shall deliver to the Borrower, on or prior to the date on which it becomes a party to this Agreement, two duly completed copies of (i) a Qualified intermediary withholding certificate on IRS Form W-8IMY evidencing its agreement with the Borrower to be treated as a withholding agent (as defined in Section 7701(a)(16) of the Code) (with respect to amounts received on account of any Lender) or (ii) a U.S. branch withholding certificate on IRS Form W-8IMY evidencing its agreement with the Borrower to be treated as a “United States Person” (as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code) (with respect to amounts received on account of any Lender).

SECTION 2.17 Payments Generally; Pro Rata Treatment; Sharing of Setoffs.

(a) Payments by the Obligors. Each Obligor shall make each payment required to be made by it hereunder (whether of principal, interest, fees or reimbursement of LC Disbursements, or of amounts payable under Section 2.14, Section 2.15 or Section 2.16, or otherwise), or under any other Loan Document (except to the extent otherwise provided therein), prior to 2:00 p.m., Local Time, on the date when due, in immediately available funds, without setoff or counterclaim. Any amounts received after such time on any date may, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, be deemed to have been received on the next succeeding Business Day for purposes of calculating interest thereon. All such payments shall be made to the Administrative

Agent at the Administrative Agent's Account, except as otherwise expressly provided in the relevant Loan Document and except payments to be made directly to an Issuing Bank as expressly provided herein and payments pursuant to Section 2.14, Section 2.15, Section 2.16 and Section 10.03, which shall be made directly to the Persons entitled thereto. The Administrative Agent shall distribute any such payments received by it for account of any other Person to the appropriate recipient promptly following receipt thereof. If any payment hereunder shall be due on a day that is not a Business Day, the date for payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day and, in the case of any payment accruing interest, interest thereon shall be payable for the period of such extension at the then applicable rate. All amounts owing under this Agreement (including commitment fees, payments required under Section 2.14, and payments required under Section 2.15 relating to any Loan denominated in Dollars, but not including principal of, and interest on, any Loan denominated in any Foreign Currency or payments relating to any such Loan required under Section 2.15, which are payable in such Foreign Currency) or under any other Loan Document (except to the extent otherwise provided therein) are payable in Dollars. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Borrowers shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan when due (whether at stated maturity, by acceleration, by mandatory prepayment or otherwise), the unpaid portion of such Loan shall, if such Loan is not denominated in Dollars, automatically be redenominated in Dollars on the due date thereof (or, if such due date is a day other than the last day of the Interest Period therefor, on the last day of such Interest Period) in an amount equal to the Dollar Equivalent thereof on the date of such redenomination and such principal shall be payable on demand; and if the Borrowers shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan that is not denominated in Dollars, such interest shall automatically be redenominated in Dollars on the due date therefor (or, if such due date is a day other than the last day of the Interest Period therefor, on the last day of such Interest Period) in an amount equal to the Dollar Equivalent thereof on the date of such redenomination and such interest shall be payable on demand.

(b) Application of Insufficient Payments. If at any time insufficient funds are received by and available to the Administrative Agent to pay fully all amounts of principal, unreimbursed LC Disbursements, interest and fees then due hereunder, such funds shall be applied (i) first, to pay interest and fees then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of interest and fees then due to such parties, and (ii) second, to pay principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due to such parties.

(c) Pro Rata Treatment. Except to the extent otherwise provided herein (including Section 2.19): (i) each Borrowing of Revolving Credit Loans shall be made from the Revolving Credit Lenders, each payment of commitment fee under Section 2.10 in respect of the Revolving Credit Commitments shall be made for account of the Revolving Credit Lenders, and each termination or reduction of the amount of the Revolving Credit Commitments under Section 2.07 shall be applied to the Revolving Credit Commitments of the Revolving Credit Lenders, *pro rata* according to the amounts of their respective Revolving Credit Commitments; (ii) each Borrowing of Revolving Credit Loans shall be allocated *pro rata* among the Revolving Credit Lenders according to the amounts of their respective Revolving Credit Commitments (in the case of the making of Revolving Credit Loans) or their respective Revolving Credit Loans that are to be included in such Borrowing (in the case of conversions and continuations of Revolving Credit Loans); (iii) reserved; (iv) each payment or prepayment of principal of Revolving Credit Loans and Incremental Term Loans by the Borrowers shall be made for account of the relevant Lenders *pro rata* in accordance with the respective unpaid principal amounts of the Loans of such Class held by them; and (v) each payment of interest on Revolving Credit Loans and Incremental Term Loans

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by the Borrowers shall be made for account of the relevant Lenders *pro rata* in accordance with the amounts of interest on such Loans then due and payable to the respective Lenders.

(d) Sharing of Payments by Lenders. Subject to Section 2.19, if any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of its Loans or other obligations hereunder resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of its Loans and accrued interest thereon or other such obligations greater than its *pro rata* share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (A) notify the Administrative Agent of such fact, and (B) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Loans and such other obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Loans and other amounts owing them; *provided that*:

(i) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and

(ii) the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to apply to (x) any payment made by any Obligor pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or (y) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or participations in LC Disbursements to any assignee or participant, other than to any Obligor or any Affiliate thereof (as to which the provisions of this paragraph shall apply).

Each Obligor consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against each Obligor rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of each Obligor in the amount of such participation.

(e) Payments by the Borrowers; Presumptions by the Administrative Agent. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrowers prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or an Issuing Bank hereunder that the Borrowers will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrowers have made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrowers have not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or such Issuing Bank with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the rights of the Administrative Agent or any Lender against the Borrowers.

(f) Certain Deductions by the Administrative Agent. If any Lender shall fail to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to Section 2.04(e), 2.05(b), 2.17(e) or 10.03(c) then the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion and notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, (i) apply any amounts thereafter received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender for the benefit of the Administrative Agent or the applicable Issuing Bank to satisfy such Lender's obligations under such Sections until all such unsatisfied obligations are fully paid,

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and/or (ii) until such time as the Administrative Agent, the Borrowers and the Issuing Banks each agree that such Lender has adequately remedied all matters that caused such Lender to fail to make such payment, hold any such amounts in a segregated account as cash collateral for, and application to, any future funding obligations of such Lender under such Sections; in the case of each of clauses (i) and (ii) above, in any order as determined by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion.

SECTION 2.18 Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

(a) Designation of a Different Lending Office. Each Lender agrees that, upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to the operation of Section 2.13, 2.14, 2.16(a) or 2.16(c) with respect to such Lender, it will, if requested by the Borrowers, use reasonable efforts (subject to overall policy considerations of such Lender) to designate another lending office for any Loans affected by such event with the object of avoiding the consequences of such event; *provided* that (i) such designation is made on terms that, in the sole judgment of such Lender, cause such Lender and its lending office(s) to suffer no material economic, legal or regulatory disadvantage and (ii) nothing in this Section shall affect or postpone any of the obligations of the Borrowers or the rights of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.13, 2.14 or 2.16(a). The Borrowers hereby agree to pay all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

(b) Replacement of Lenders. Subject to the requirements of Section 10.04(g), the Borrowers shall be permitted to replace (at their sole expense) with a financial institution or financial institutions any Lender that (x) requests reimbursement for amounts owing pursuant to Section 2.14, 2.15 (to the extent a request made by a Lender pursuant to the operation of Section 2.15 is materially greater than requests made by other Lenders) or 2.16 or gives a notice of illegality pursuant to Section 2.13, (y) is a Defaulting Lender, or (z) that has refused to consent to any waiver or amendment with respect to any Loan Document that requires the consent of all of the Lenders and has been consented to by the Required Lenders; *provided* that (i) such replacement does not conflict with any Requirement of Law, (ii) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and participations in LC Disbursements, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including any amounts under Section 2.15) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrowers (in the case of all other amounts), (iii) the replacement financial institution or financial institutions, if not already a Lender, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and each Issuing Bank to the extent that an assignment to such replacement financial institution of the rights and obligations being acquired by it would otherwise require the consent of the Administrative Agent or such Issuing Bank pursuant to Section 10.04, (iv) the replaced Lender shall be obligated to make such replacement in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.04, (v) the Borrowers shall pay all additional amounts (if any) required pursuant to Section 2.14 or 2.16, as the case may be, in respect of any period prior to the date on which such replacement shall be consummated, (vi) if applicable, the replacement financial institution or financial institutions shall consent to such amendment or waiver, (vii) any such replacement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any rights that the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent or any other Lender shall have against the replaced Lender, and (viii) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 2.14 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 2.16, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter.

SECTION 2.19. Defaulting Lenders.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then the following provisions shall apply for so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender:

(a) commitment fees shall cease to accrue from and after the time such Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender on the unused portion of the Revolving Credit Commitment of such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.10(a);

(b) if such Defaulting Lender is an Issuing Bank, fronting fees shall cease to accrue from and after the time such Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender on the LC Exposure attributable to Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank pursuant to Section 2.10(b)(i);

(c) the Revolving Credit Commitment, Revolving Credit Exposure and Incremental Term Loans, if any, of such Defaulting Lender shall not be included in determining whether all Lenders or the Required Lenders have taken or may take any action hereunder (including any consent to any amendment, waiver or modification pursuant to Section 10.02), *provided* that any amendment, waiver or modification requiring the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender which affects such Defaulting Lender differently than other affected Lenders or that would (i) change the percentage of Revolving Credit Commitments or of the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Loans or LC Exposures, or the number of Lenders, that shall be required for the Lenders or any of them to take any action hereunder, (ii) amend Section 10.02 in a manner which affects such Defaulting Lender differently than other Lenders and is adverse to such Defaulting Lender or this Section 2.19, (iii) increase or extend the Revolving Credit Commitment of such Defaulting Lender or subject such Defaulting Lender to any additional obligations (it being understood that any amendment, waiver or consent in respect of conditions precedent, covenants, Defaults or Events of Default shall not constitute an increase or extension of the Revolving Credit Commitment of any Lender or an additional obligation of any Lender), (iv) reduce the principal of the Loans made by such Defaulting Lender or any LC Disbursements payable hereunder to such Defaulting Lender or (v) postpone the scheduled date for any payment of principal of, or interest on, the Loans made by such Defaulting Lender or any LC Disbursements payable hereunder to such Defaulting Lender, shall in each case require the consent of such Defaulting Lender (which consent shall be deemed to have been given if such Defaulting Lender fails to respond to a written request for such consent within 30 days after receipt of such written request);

(d) if any LC Exposure exists at the time such Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender or at any time such Lender remains a Defaulting Lender, then:

(i) all or any part of such LC Exposure shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Adjusted Applicable Percentages but only to the extent (x) the sum of any Non-Defaulting Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure plus its Adjusted Applicable Percentage of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure does not exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment and (y) the sum of all Non-Defaulting Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures plus such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure does not exceed the total of all Non-Defaulting Lenders' Revolving Credit Commitments (it being understood that such LC Exposure shall not be reallocated after the Revolving Credit Commitments are terminated on the Maturity Date);

(ii) if the reallocation described in clause (i) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrowers shall within three Business Day following notice by the Administrative Agent cash collateralize such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (i) above) in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.04(k) for so long as such LC Exposure is outstanding;

(iii) if the Borrowers cash collateralize any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure pursuant to this Section 2.19(d), the Borrowers shall not be required to pay any fees

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to such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.10(b) with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure (and such fees shall cease to accrue with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure) during the period such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is cash collateralized;

(iv) if the LC Exposure of the Non-Defaulting Lenders is reallocated pursuant to this Section 2.19(d), then the fees payable to the Lenders pursuant to Sections 2.10(a) and 2.10(b) shall be adjusted in accordance with such Non-Defaulting Lenders' Adjusted Applicable Percentages; and

(v) if any Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is not reallocated pursuant to this Section 2.19(d), then, without prejudice to any rights or remedies of any Issuing Bank or any Lender hereunder, all letter of credit fees payable under Section 2.10(b) with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure shall be payable to the applicable Issuing Bank(s) until such LC Exposure is reallocated;

(e) so long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, no Issuing Bank shall be required to issue, extend or increase any Letter of Credit unless such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure that would result from such newly issued, extended or increased Letter of Credit has been or would be, at the time of such issuance, extension or increase, fully allocated among Non-Defaulting Lenders pursuant to Section 2.19(d)(i) or fully cash collateralized by the Borrowers pursuant to Section 2.19(d)(ii);

(f) in the event that the Administrative Agent, the Borrowers and the Issuing Banks each agree that a Defaulting Lender has adequately remedied all matters that caused such Lender to be a Defaulting Lender, then the LC Exposure of the Lenders shall be readjusted to reflect the inclusion of such Defaulting Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment and on such date such Defaulting Lender shall purchase at par such of the Loans of the other Lenders as the Administrative Agent shall determine may be necessary in order for such Defaulting Lender to hold such Loans in accordance with its Applicable Percentage;

(g) subject to Section 10.20, no reallocation pursuant to paragraph (d) above, nor the operation of any other provision of this Section 2.19, will (i) constitute a waiver or release of any claim the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any other Lender may have against such Defaulting Lender, or (except with respect to clause (f) above) cause such Defaulting Lender to be a Non-Defaulting Lender, or (ii) except as expressly provided in this Section 2.19, excuse or otherwise modify the performance by the Borrowers of their respective obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents; and

(h) anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Borrowers may terminate the unused amount of the Revolving Credit Commitment of a Defaulting Lender on a non-pro rata basis upon not less than three Business Days' prior notice to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly notify the Lenders thereof), *provided* that such termination will not be deemed to be a waiver or release of any claim the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender may have against such Defaulting Lender.

**SECTION 2.20 Joint and Several Liability of the Borrowers.** Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or any other Loan Document to the contrary, each Borrower hereby accepts joint and several liability hereunder and under the other Loan Documents in consideration of the financial accommodations to be provided by Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and Lenders under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, for the mutual benefit, directly and indirectly, of each Borrower and in consideration of the undertakings of the other Borrower to accept joint and several liability for the Borrower Obligations (as hereinafter defined). Each Borrower, jointly and severally, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally accepts, not merely as a surety but also as a co-debtor, joint and several liability with the other Borrower, with respect to the payment and performance of all of the Borrower Obligations (including any Borrower Obligations arising under this Section), it being the intention of the parties hereto that all of the Borrower Obligations shall be the joint and several obligations of each Borrower without preferences or distinction among them. If and to the extent that any Borrower shall fail to make any payment with respect to any of the Borrower Obligations as and when due or to perform any of the Borrower Obligations in accordance with the terms

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thereof, then in each such event, the other Borrower will make such payment with respect to, or perform, such Borrower Obligations. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower Obligations of each Borrower under the provisions of this Section constitute the absolute and unconditional, full recourse Borrower Obligations of each Borrower, enforceable against each such Person to the full extent of its properties and assets, irrespective of the validity, binding effect or enforceability of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents or any other circumstances whatsoever. As used in this Section, "Borrower Obligations" means all liabilities and obligations of every nature of the Borrowers from time to time owed to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks, the Lenders or any of them under any Loan Document, whether for principal, interest (including all interest and expenses accrued or incurred subsequent to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings with respect to the Borrowers, whether or not such interest or expenses are allowed as a claim in such proceeding), fees, expenses, indemnification or otherwise and whether primary, secondary, direct, indirect, contingent, fixed or otherwise (including obligations of performance).

SECTION 2.21 Incremental Term Facility.

(a) Provided there exists no Default, upon notice to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly notify the Lenders) specifying in reasonable detail the proposed terms thereof, the Borrowers may from time to time after the Amendment Effective Date, request the establishment of one or more new term loan commitments (the "Incremental Term Loan Commitments"; the facility represented by such commitments and the term loans made thereunder, the "Incremental Term Loan Facility") by an amount (for all such requests, together with all requests for an increase in the Revolving Credit Facility pursuant to Section 2.22) not exceeding \$250,000,000; *provided* that (i) any such request for an increase shall be in a minimum amount of the lesser of (x) \$25,000,000 and (y) the entire remaining amount of new term loan commitments available under this Section, and (ii) the Borrowers shall make no more than a total of three requests for Incremental Term Loan Commitments under this Section and/or increases in the Revolving Credit Facility under Section 2.22. At the time of sending such notice, the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent shall specify the time period within which each Lender is requested to respond (which shall in no event be less than ten Business Days from the date of delivery of such notice to the Lenders).

(b) Each Lender shall notify the Administrative Agent within such time period whether or not it elects to provide such Incremental Term Loans and, if so, whether by an amount equal to, greater than, or less than its ratable portion (based on such Lender's ratable share of the Revolving Credit Facility as of the date of such notice) of such Incremental Term Loan Commitments. Any Lender approached to provide all or a portion of the Incremental Term Loans may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide such loans thereunder. Any Lender not responding within such time period shall be deemed to have declined to provide the Incremental Term Loans.

(c) The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrowers and each Lender of the Lenders' responses to each request made hereunder. To achieve the full amount of a requested Incremental Term Facility, the Borrowers may also invite Eligible New Lenders to become Incremental Term Lenders pursuant to a joinder agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(d) If the Incremental Term Loans are made in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent and the Borrowers shall determine the effective date (the "Incremental Term Effective Date") and the final allocation of such Incremental Term Loans. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrowers and the Incremental Term Lenders of the final allocation of such Incremental Term Loans and the Incremental Term Effective Date. The terms and conditions of any Incremental Term Loan Facility shall be identical to those of the Revolving Credit Facility (except to reflect the term loan nature of the Incremental Term Loan Facility including, that once repaid or prepaid, Incremental Term Loans cannot be re-borrowed), shall be governed by this Agreement, shall be unsecured and shall have the same guarantees as the Revolving Credit Facility. In connection with the making of the Incremental Term Loans, this Agreement and the other Loan Documents may be amended in a writing (which may be executed and delivered by the Obligors and the Administrative Agent, without the consent of any Lender) to reflect any technical changes necessary to give effect to such Incremental Term Loan Facility in accordance with its terms as set

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forth herein (including the addition of such Incremental Term Loans as a “Facility” hereunder) (such amendment, an “Incremental Term Loan Amendment Agreement”).

(e) As a condition precedent to such Incremental Term Facility,

(i) each Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a certificate of such Borrower dated as of the Incremental Term Effective Date signed by a Responsible Officer of such Borrower, certifying and attaching the resolutions adopted by such Borrower approving or consenting to such Incremental Term Facility, and certifying that the conditions precedent set out in the following subclauses (ii) through (v) have been satisfied (which certificate shall include supporting calculations demonstrating compliance with the conditions set forth in clause (vi) below),

(ii) no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result from such increase,

(iii) the representations and warranties of the Obligors set forth in this Agreement, and of each Credit Party in each of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the Incremental Term Effective Date, except for representations and warranties expressly stated to relate to a specific earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date,

(iv) (A) the maturity date with respect to the Incremental Term Facility shall not be prior to the Maturity Date and (B) the Incremental Term Facility shall not require any amortization payments to be made thereunder prior to the Maturity Date, except for, in the case of this clause (B), amortization payments in an aggregate amount not exceeding 5% of the aggregate principal amount of such Incremental Term Facility in any fiscal year of the Obligors, and

(v) immediately after giving effect to the Incremental Term Loan Commitments and the making of Incremental Term Loans thereunder, the Obligors shall be in Pro Forma Compliance (it being understood and agreed that the proceeds of such Incremental Term Loans shall not be included as Unrestricted Cash for purposes of the calculation under this clause (v)), and

(vi) to the extent reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent shall have received legal opinions, resolutions, officers’ certificates and/or reaffirmation agreements consistent with those delivered on the Amendment Effective Date under Section 5.01 with respect to the Obligors and each other Credit Party evidencing the approval of such Incremental Term Loans by the Obligors and each other Credit Party.

#### SECTION 2.22 Increase in Revolving Credit Commitments.

(a) Provided there exists no Default, upon notice to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly notify the Revolving Credit Lenders) specifying in reasonable detail the proposed terms thereof, the Borrowers may from time to time after the Amendment Effective Date, request an increase in the Revolving Credit Facility (which shall be on the same terms as the Revolving Credit Facility) by an amount (for all such requests, together with all requests for Incremental Term Loan Commitments pursuant to Section 2.21) not exceeding \$250,000,000; *provided* that (i) any such request for an increase shall be in a minimum amount of the lesser of (x) \$25,000,000 and (y) the entire remaining amount of increases available under this Section and (ii) the Borrowers shall make no more than a total of three requests for increases in the Revolving Credit Facility under this Section 2.22 and/or Incremental Term Loan Commitments under Section 2.21. At the time of sending such notice, the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent shall specify

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the time period within which each Revolving Credit Lender is requested to respond (which shall in no event be less than ten Business Days from the date of delivery of such notice to the Revolving Credit Lenders).

(b) Each Revolving Credit Lender shall notify the Administrative Agent within such time period whether or not it agrees to increase its Revolving Credit Commitment and, if so, whether by a percentage of the requested increase equal to, greater than, or less than its Applicable Percentage in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility. Any Revolving Credit Lender approached to provide all or a portion of the increase in the Revolving Credit Facility may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide such increase of the loans thereunder. Any Revolving Credit Lender not responding within such time period shall be deemed to have declined to increase its Revolving Credit Commitment.

(c) The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrowers and each Revolving Credit Lender of the Revolving Credit Lenders' responses to each request made hereunder. To achieve the full amount of a requested increase, the Borrowers may also invite Eligible New Lenders to become Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to a joinder agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(d) If the Revolving Credit Facility is increased in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent and the Borrowers shall determine the effective date (the "Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date") and the final allocation of such increase. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrowers and the Revolving Credit Lenders of the final allocation of such increase and the Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date. In connection with any increase in the Revolving Credit Facility, this Agreement and the other Loan Documents may be amended in a writing (which may be executed and delivered by the Obligors and the Administrative Agent, without the consent of any Lender) to reflect any technical changes necessary to give effect to such increase in accordance with its terms as set forth herein (such amendment, an "Increased Revolving Credit Facility Amendment Agreement").

(e) As conditions precedent to such increase,

(i) each Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a certificate of such Borrower dated as of the Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date signed by a Responsible Officer of such Borrower, certifying and attaching the resolutions adopted by such Borrower approving or consenting to such increase, and certifying that the conditions precedent set out in the following subclauses (ii) through (iv) have been satisfied (which certificate shall include supporting calculations demonstrating compliance with the conditions set forth in clause (iv) below),

(ii) no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result from such increase,

(iii) the representations and warranties of the Obligors set forth in this Agreement, and of each Credit Party in each of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date, except for representations and warranties expressly stated to relate to a specific earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date,

(iv) immediately after giving effect to such increase, the Obligors shall be in Pro Forma Compliance, and

(v) to the extent reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent shall have received legal opinions, board resolutions, officers' certificates and/or reaffirmation agreements consistent with those delivered on the Amendment Effective Date under Section 5.01 with respect to the Obligors and each other

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Credit Party evidencing the approval of such increase by the Obligors and each other Credit Party.

(f) On the Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date, the Borrowers shall (A) prepay the outstanding Revolving Credit Loans (if any) in full; (B) simultaneously borrow new Revolving Credit Loans hereunder in an amount equal to such prepayment, *provided* that with respect to subclauses (A) and (B), (x) the prepayment to, and borrowing from, any existing Revolving Credit Lender shall be effected by book entry to the extent that any portion of the amount prepaid to such Revolving Credit Lender will be subsequently borrowed from such Revolving Credit Lender and (y) the existing Revolving Credit Lenders and any Eligible New Lenders that become Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to this Section, if any, shall make and receive payments among themselves, in a manner acceptable to the Administrative Agent, so that, after giving effect thereto, the Revolving Credit Loans are held ratably by the Revolving Credit Lenders in accordance with the respective Revolving Credit Commitments of such Revolving Credit Lenders (after giving effect to such increase); and (C) pay to the Revolving Credit Lenders the amounts, if any, payable under Section 2.15 as a result of any such prepayment. Concurrently therewith, the Revolving Credit Lenders shall be deemed to have adjusted their participation interests in any outstanding Letters of Credit so that such interests are held ratably in accordance with their Revolving Credit Commitments as so increased.

SECTION 2.23 Additional Borrowers. An Affiliate of an Obligor may, with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender (*provided* that no such consent shall be required for any Affiliate of an Obligor organized under the laws of any Permitted Jurisdiction with respect to which at least 10 Business Days' (or such shorter period as the Administrative Agent shall otherwise agree) prior notice to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders has been given) and subject to the immediately following sentence, become a party to this Agreement as a Borrower and be deemed a Borrower for all purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (such Affiliate of an Obligor, an "Additional Borrower") by delivery to the Administrative Agent of an Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement executed by such Additional Borrower and the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 5.04(a). No Additional Borrower shall be admitted as a party to this Agreement as a Borrower unless at the time of such admission and after giving effect thereto (a) the representations and warranties set forth in Article IV shall be true and correct with respect to such Additional Borrower, (b) such Additional Borrower shall be in compliance in all material respects with all of the terms and provisions set forth herein on its part to be observed or performed at the time of the admission and after giving effect thereto, and (c) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

SECTION 2.24 Additional Guarantors.

(a) Parent Guarantors. The Obligors may at any time and from time to time, including for purposes of complying with Section 7.05, designate any Additional Parent Guarantor as a Parent Guarantor hereunder, by delivery to the Administrative Agent of a Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement executed by such Additional Parent Guarantor and the satisfaction of the conditions with respect to such Additional Guarantor set forth in Section 5.04(b) (or waiver thereof in accordance with Section 10.02).

(b) Subsidiary Guarantors. The Obligors may at any time and from time to time, including for purposes of complying with Section 7.01, designate any of their Subsidiaries as a Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder (such Subsidiary, an "Additional Subsidiary Guarantor"), by delivery to the Administrative Agent of the Subsidiary Guarantor Agreement (or, if the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement shall have been theretofore executed and delivered, a Subsidiary Guarantee Joinder Agreement) executed by such Additional Subsidiary Guarantor and the satisfaction of the conditions with respect to such Additional Subsidiary Guarantor set forth in Section 5.04(b) (or waiver thereof in accordance with Section 10.02).

ARTICLE III  
GUARANTEE

SECTION 3.01 The Guarantee. The Parent Guarantors hereby jointly and severally guarantee to each Holder and their successors and permitted assigns the prompt payment in full when due

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(whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, including amounts that would become due but for the operation of the automatic stay under applicable Debtor Relief Laws) of the Obligations. The Parent Guarantors hereby further jointly and severally agree that if the Credit Parties shall fail to pay in full when due (whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, including amounts that would become due but for the operation of the automatic stay under applicable Debtor Relief Laws) any of the Obligations, the Parent Guarantors will promptly pay the same, without any demand or notice whatsoever, and that in the case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any of the Obligations, the same will be promptly paid in full when due (whether at extended maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) in accordance with the terms of such extension or renewal.

SECTION 3.02 Obligations Unconditional.

(a) Guarantee Absolute. The obligations of the Parent Guarantors under this Article are primary, absolute and unconditional, joint and several, irrespective of the value, genuineness, validity, regularity or enforceability of the obligations of the Credit Parties under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents or any other agreement or instrument referred to herein or therein, or any substitution, release or exchange of any other guarantee of or security for any of the Obligations, and, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, irrespective of any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a surety or guarantor, it being the intent of this Section that the obligations of the Parent Guarantors hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional, joint and several, under any and all circumstances and shall apply to any and all Obligations now existing or in the future arising. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is agreed that the occurrence of any one or more of the following shall not affect the enforceability of this Agreement in accordance with its terms or affect, limit, reduce, discharge, terminate, alter or impair the liability of the Parent Guarantors hereunder, which shall remain absolute and unconditional as described above:

- (i) at any time or from time to time, without notice to the Parent Guarantors, the time for any performance of or compliance with any of the Obligations shall be extended, or such performance or compliance shall be waived;
- (ii) any of the acts mentioned in any of the provisions of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents or any other agreement or instrument referred to herein or therein shall be done or omitted;
- (iii) the maturity of any of the Obligations shall be accelerated, or any of the Obligations shall be modified, supplemented or amended in any respect, or any right under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents or any other agreement or instrument referred to herein or therein shall be waived or any other guarantee of any of the Obligations or any security therefor shall be released or exchanged in whole or in part or otherwise dealt with;
- (iv) any application by any of the Holders of the proceeds of any other guaranty of or insurance for any of the Obligations to the payment of any of the Obligations;
- (v) any settlement, compromise, release, liquidation or enforcement by any of the Holders of any of the Obligations;
- (vi) the giving by any of the Holders of any consent to the merger or consolidation of, the sale of substantial assets by, or other restructuring or termination of the corporate existence of, any Borrower or any other Person, or to any disposition of any Equity Interests by any Borrower or any other Person;
- (vii) the exercise by any Holder of any of their rights, remedies, powers and privileges under the Loan Documents;

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(viii) the entering into any other transaction or business dealings with the Borrowers or any other Person; or

(ix) any combination of the foregoing.

(b) Waiver of Defenses. The enforceability of this Agreement and the liability of the Parent Guarantors and the rights, remedies, powers and privileges of the Holders under this Agreement shall not be affected, limited, reduced, discharged or terminated, and each Parent Guarantor hereby expressly waives to the fullest extent permitted by law any defense now or in the future arising, by reason of:

(i) the illegality, invalidity or unenforceability of any of the Obligations, any Loan Document or any other agreement or instrument whatsoever relating to any of the Obligations;

(ii) any disability or other defense with respect to any of the Obligations, including the effect of any statute of limitations, that may bar the enforcement thereof or the obligations of such Parent Guarantor relating thereto;

(iii) the illegality, invalidity or unenforceability of any other guaranty of or insurance for any of the Obligations;

(iv) the cessation, for any cause whatsoever, of the liability of the Borrowers or any Parent Guarantor with respect to any of the Obligations;

(v) any failure of any of the Holders to marshal assets, to pursue or exhaust any right, remedy, power or privilege it may have against the Borrowers or any other Person, or to take any action whatsoever to mitigate or reduce the liability of any Parent Guarantor under this Agreement, the Holders being under no obligation to take any such action notwithstanding the fact that any of the Obligations may be due and payable and that the Borrower may be in default of its obligations under any Loan Document;

(vi) any counterclaim, set-off or other claim which the Borrowers or any Parent Guarantor has or claims with respect to any of the Obligations;

(vii) any failure of any of the Holders to file or enforce a claim in any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other proceeding with respect to any Person;

(viii) any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding-up or adjustment of debts, or appointment of a custodian, liquidator or the like of it, or similar proceedings commenced by or against the Borrowers or any other Person, including any discharge of, or bar, stay or injunction against collecting, any of the Obligations (or any interest on any of the Obligations) in or as a result of any such proceeding;

(ix) any action taken by any of the Holders that is authorized by this Section or otherwise in this Agreement or by any other provision of any Loan Document, or any omission to take any such action; or

(x) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a surety or guarantor.

(c) Waiver of Counterclaim. The Parent Guarantors expressly waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, for the benefit of each of the Holders, any right of set-off and counterclaim with respect to payment of its obligations hereunder, and all diligence, presentment, demand of payment or performance, protest, notice of nonpayment or nonperformance, notice of protest, notice of dishonor and all other notices or demands whatsoever, and any requirement that

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any Holder exhaust any right, power, privilege or remedy or proceed against the Credit Parties under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents or any other agreement or instrument referred to herein or therein, or against any other Person under any other guarantee of, or security for, any of the Obligations, and all notices of acceptance of this Agreement or of the existence, creation, incurrence or assumption of new or additional Obligations. Each Parent Guarantor further expressly waives the benefit of any and all statutes of limitation, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

(d) Other Waivers. Each Parent Guarantor expressly waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, for the benefit of each of the Holders, any right to which it may be entitled:

(i) that the assets of the Borrowers first be used, depleted and/or applied in satisfaction of the Obligations prior to any amounts being claimed from or paid by such Parent Guarantor;

(ii) to require that the Borrowers be sued and all claims against the Borrowers be completed prior to an action or proceeding being initiated against such Parent Guarantor; and

(iii) to have its obligations hereunder be divided among the Parent Guarantors, such that each Parent Guarantor's obligation would be less than the full amount claimed.

SECTION 3.03 Reinstatement. The obligations of the Parent Guarantors under this Article shall be automatically reinstated if and to the extent that for any reason any payment by or on behalf of any Credit Party in respect of the Obligations is rescinded or must be otherwise restored by any holder of any of the Obligations, whether as a result of any proceedings in bankruptcy or reorganization or otherwise, and the Parent Guarantors jointly and severally agree that they will indemnify each Holder on demand for all reasonable costs and expenses (including fees of counsel) incurred by such Holder in connection with such rescission or restoration, including any such costs and expenses incurred in defending against any claim alleging that such payment constituted a preference, fraudulent transfer or similar payment under any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law.

SECTION 3.04 Subrogation. The Parent Guarantors hereby jointly and severally agree that until the payment and satisfaction in full of all Obligations (other than any contingent or indemnification obligations) and the expiration and termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments and all LC Exposure of the Lenders under this Agreement they shall not exercise any right or remedy arising by reason of any performance by them of their guarantee in Section 3.01, whether by subrogation or otherwise, against any Credit Party or any other guarantor of any of the Obligations or any security for any of the Obligations. All rights and claims arising under this Section or based upon or relating to any other right of reimbursement, indemnification, contribution or subrogation that may at any time arise or exist in favor of any Parent Guarantor as to any payment on account of the Obligations made by it or received or collected from its property shall be fully subordinated in all respects to the prior payment in full of the Obligations. If any such payment or distribution is made or becomes available to any Parent Guarantor in any bankruptcy case or receivership, insolvency or liquidation proceeding, such payment or distribution shall be delivered by the Person making such payment or distribution directly to the Administrative Agent, for application to the payment of the Obligations. If any such payment or distribution is received by any Parent Guarantor, it shall be held by such Parent Guarantor in trust, as trustee of an express trust for the benefit of the Holders, and shall forthwith be transferred and delivered by such Parent Guarantor to the Administrative Agent, in the exact form received and, if necessary, duly endorsed.

SECTION 3.05 Remedies. The Parent Guarantors jointly and severally agree that, as between the Parent Guarantors and the Lenders, the obligations of the Borrowers under this Agreement may be declared to be forthwith due and payable as provided in Article VIII (and shall be deemed to have become

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automatically due and payable in the circumstances provided in Article VIII) for purposes of Section 3.01 notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such declaration (or such obligations from becoming automatically due and payable) as against the Borrowers and that, in the event of such declaration (or such obligations being deemed to have become automatically due and payable), such obligations (whether or not due and payable by the Borrowers) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Parent Guarantors for purposes of Section 3.01.

SECTION 3.06 Continuing Guarantee. The guarantee in this Article is a continuing guarantee and is a guarantee of payment and not merely of collection, and shall apply to all Obligations whenever arising.

SECTION 3.07 Rights of Contribution. The Parent Guarantors hereby agree, as between themselves, that if any Parent Guarantor shall become an Excess Funding Guarantor (as defined below) by reason of the payment by such Parent Guarantor of any Obligations, each other Parent Guarantor shall, on demand of such Excess Funding Guarantor (but subject to the next sentence), pay to such Excess Funding Guarantor an amount equal to such Parent Guarantor's Pro Rata Share (as defined below and determined, for this purpose, without reference to the properties, debts and liabilities of such Excess Funding Guarantor) of the Excess Payment (as defined below) in respect of such Obligations. The payment obligation of a Parent Guarantor to any Excess Funding Guarantor under this Section shall be subordinate and subject in right of payment to the prior payment in full of the obligations of such Parent Guarantor under the other provisions of this Section and such Excess Funding Guarantor shall not exercise any right or remedy with respect to such excess until payment and satisfaction in full of all of such obligations. For purposes of this Section, (i) "Excess Funding Guarantor" means, in respect of any Obligations, a Parent Guarantor that has paid an amount in excess of its Pro Rata Share of such Obligations, (ii) "Excess Payment" means, in respect of any Obligations, the amount paid by an Excess Funding Guarantor in excess of its Pro Rata Share of such Obligations and (iii) "Pro Rata Share" means, for either Parent Guarantor, the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of (x) the amount by which the aggregate fair saleable value of all properties of such Parent Guarantor (excluding any shares of stock or other equity interest of any other Parent Guarantor) exceeds the amount of all the debts and liabilities of such Parent Guarantor (including contingent, subordinated, unmatured and unliquidated liabilities, but excluding the obligations of such Parent Guarantor hereunder and any obligations of any other Parent Guarantor that have been Guaranteed by such Parent Guarantor) to (y) the amount by which the aggregate fair saleable value of all properties of both Parent Guarantors exceeds the amount of all the debts and liabilities (including contingent, subordinated, unmatured and unliquidated liabilities, but excluding the obligations of the Parent Guarantors hereunder and under the other Loan Documents) of all of the Parent Guarantors, determined, with respect to each Parent Guarantor, as of the date that the Guarantee under this Section shall become effective with respect to such Parent Guarantor.

SECTION 3.08 General Limitation on Obligations. In any action or proceeding involving any state corporate law, or any state or Federal bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other law affecting the rights of creditors generally, if the obligations of any Parent Guarantors under this Article would otherwise, taking into account the provisions of Section 3.07, be held or determined to be void, invalid or unenforceable, or subordinated to the claims of any other creditors, on account of the amount of its liability under this Article, then, notwithstanding any other provision hereof to the contrary, the amount of such liability shall, without any further action by such Parent Guarantor, any Holder or any other Person, be automatically limited and reduced to the highest amount that is valid and enforceable and not subordinated to the claims of other creditors as determined in such action or proceeding. Each Parent Guarantor agrees that the Obligations may at any time and from time to time be incurred or permitted in an amount exceeding the maximum liability of such Parent Guarantor under this Section without impairing the guarantee contained in this Article or affecting the rights and remedies of any Holder hereunder.

ARTICLE IV  
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Each Obligor represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders that:

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SECTION 4.01 Organization; Powers. Each of the Credit Parties and the Material Subsidiaries is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (or, only where applicable, the equivalent status in any foreign jurisdiction) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, is qualified to do business in, and is in good standing (or, only where applicable, the equivalent status in any foreign jurisdiction) in, every jurisdiction where such qualification is required.

SECTION 4.02 Authorization; Enforceability. The Transactions are within the corporate and other organizational powers of each of the Credit Parties and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate and other organizational action of each of the Credit Parties and, if required, by all necessary shareholder action of each of the Credit Parties. Each Loan Document has been duly executed and delivered by each Credit Party party thereto and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Person, enforceable against such Person in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by (a) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws of general applicability affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights and (b) the application of general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

SECTION 4.03 Governmental Approvals; No Conflicts. The Transactions:

(a) except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, do not require any consent or approval (including any exchange control approval) of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority, except for such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect,

(b) will not violate the charter, by-laws or other organizational documents of any Credit Party and, except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, will not violate the charter, by-laws or other organizational documents of any Subsidiary of the Obligors,

(c) except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, will not (i) violate any Contractual Obligation of any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries and (ii) violate any Requirement of Law with respect to any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries, and

(d) except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries.

SECTION 4.04 Financial Condition; No Material Adverse Change.

(a) Financial Condition. The Obligors have heretofore furnished to the Lenders the combined and consolidated balance sheet and statements of operations, changes in members' equity and partners' capital and cash flows of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, reported on by Ernst & Young LLP, independent public accountants, and (ii) as of and for the fiscal quarter and the portion of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. Such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations and cash flows of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries as of such dates and for such periods in accordance with GAAP, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes in the case of the statements referred to in clause (ii) of the first sentence of this paragraph.

(b) No Material Adverse Change. Since December 31, 2017, there has been no material adverse change, or any event or occurrence which will have a material adverse change, in the business, financial condition, operations or properties of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

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SECTION 4.05 Properties. Each of the Obligors and its Subsidiaries has good title to, or valid leasehold interests in, all its property, subject only to Liens permitted by Section 7.02 and except where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 4.06 Litigation and Environmental Matters.

(a) Actions, Suits and Proceedings. Except as disclosed, prior to the date hereof and in connection with the Amendment Effective Date, in writing by the Obligors to the Administrative Agent (for delivery to each Lender), there are no actions, suits, proceedings or investigations by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority now pending against or, to the knowledge of any Obligor, likely to be commenced within a reasonable period of time against any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries (i) that would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) that restrain, prevent or impose or can reasonably be expected to impose materially adverse conditions upon the Transactions.

(b) Environmental Matters. Except with respect to any matters that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, none of the Obligors nor any of their Subsidiaries (i) has failed to comply with any Environmental Law or to obtain, maintain or comply with any permit, license or other approval required under any Environmental Law or (ii) has become subject to any Environmental Liability.

SECTION 4.07 Compliance with Laws; No Default. Each of the Obligors and its Subsidiaries is in compliance with all Requirements of Law with respect to it, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

SECTION 4.08 Investment Company Status. Each of the Obligors and its Subsidiaries (other than any Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party and that is organized for purposes of making co-investments) is not an "investment company" registered or required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

SECTION 4.09 Taxes. Each of the Obligors and its Subsidiaries has timely filed or caused to be filed all tax returns and reports required to have been filed and has paid or caused to be paid all Taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns, except (a) Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which such Person has set aside on its books any reserves required in conformity with GAAP or (b) to the extent that the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 4.10 ERISA. No ERISA Event has occurred within the past five years or is reasonably expected to occur that, when taken together with all other such ERISA Events for which liability to any Obligor or its Subsidiaries is reasonably expected to occur, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, the present value of all accumulated benefit obligations under each Plan (based on the assumptions used for purposes of The Financial Accounting Board Accounting Standards Notification Topic 715) did not, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, exceed the fair market value of the assets of such Plan.

SECTION 4.11 Disclosure.

(a) None of the written information (excluding the projections and pro forma information referred to below) furnished by or on behalf of the Obligors to the Lenders in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or delivered hereunder or thereunder (as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished), taken as a whole, contains any untrue statement of material fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of

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the circumstances under which they were made, not materially misleading; *provided* that, with respect to projected and pro forma financial information, the Obligors represent only that such information was based upon good faith estimates and assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time made, it being recognized by the Lenders that such information as it relates to future events is not to be viewed as fact and that actual results during the period or periods covered by such information may differ from the projected results set forth therein by a material amount.

(b) As of the Amendment Effective Date, the information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification provided on or prior to the Amendment Effective Date to any Lender in connection with this Agreement is true and correct in all material respects.

SECTION 4.12 Use of Credit. Neither any Obligor nor any of its Subsidiaries is engaged principally, or as one of its important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose, whether immediate, incidental or ultimate, of buying or carrying Margin Stock, and no part of the proceeds of any extension of credit hereunder will be used to buy or carry any Margin Stock.

SECTION 4.13 Legal Form. Each of the Loan Documents is in a legal form which under the law of the Cayman Islands would be enforceable against each Credit Party incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands in accordance with its terms. All formalities required in the Cayman Islands for the validity and enforceability of each of the Loan Documents (including any necessary registration, recording or filing with any court or other authority in Cayman Islands) have been accomplished (save for any stamp duty that may be payable if the Loan Documents are brought into or executed in the Cayman Islands), and no Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes are required to be paid to Cayman Islands (save for any stamp duty that may be payable if the Loan Documents are brought into or executed in the Cayman Islands), or any political subdivision thereof or therein, and no notarization is required, for the validity and enforceability thereof.

SECTION 4.14 Ranking. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the obligations evidenced hereby and thereby are and will at all times be direct and unconditional general obligations of the Credit Parties, and rank and will at all times rank in right of payment and otherwise at least *pari passu* with all other unsecured Indebtedness of the Credit Parties, whether now existing or hereafter outstanding.

SECTION 4.15 Commercial Activity; Absence of Immunity. Each Credit Party is subject to civil and commercial law with respect to its obligations under this Agreement and each of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party. The execution, delivery and performance by each Credit Party of this Agreement and each of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party constitute private and commercial acts rather than public or governmental acts. None of the Credit Parties, nor any of their properties or revenues, is entitled to any right of immunity in any jurisdiction from suit, court jurisdiction, judgment, attachment (whether before or after judgment), setoff or execution of a judgment or from any other legal process or remedy relating to the obligations of such Credit Party under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party.

SECTION 4.16 Solvency. Each Credit Party is and immediately after giving effect to each Borrowing and the use of proceeds thereof, will be, Solvent.

SECTION 4.17 No Burdensome Restrictions. The Transactions will not subject any Credit Party to one or more charter or corporate restrictions that would reasonably be expected to have, in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect. To the best knowledge of the Obligors, there are no Requirements of Law with respect to any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries the compliance with which by such Obligor or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, would reasonably be expected to have, in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 4.18. Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions. The Obligors have implemented and maintain in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Obligors, their Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable

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Sanctions, and each Obligor, its Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of such Obligor or any such Subsidiary, its officers, employees, directors and agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in (a) a Material Adverse Effect or (b) any Lender violating any applicable Sanctions, and are not knowingly engaged in any activity that would reasonably be expected to result in such Obligor being designated as a Sanctioned Person. None of (a) the Obligors, any Subsidiary nor, to the knowledge of any Obligor or any Subsidiary any of their respective directors, officers or employees, or (b) to the knowledge of each Obligor, any agent of such Obligor or any Subsidiary that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the credit facility established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person or is the target of Sanctions. No Borrowing or Letter of Credit, use of proceeds or other transaction contemplated by the Agreement will violate Anti-Corruption Laws or applicable Sanctions.

## ARTICLE V CONDITIONS

SECTION 5.01 Conditions to Effectiveness. The amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement provided for hereby and the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of the Issuing Banks to issue Letters of Credit hereunder shall not become effective unless and until each of the following conditions shall have been satisfied in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (or such condition shall have been waived in accordance with Section 10.02):

(a) Executed Counterparts. The Administrative Agent shall have received from each party hereto either (i) a counterpart of this Agreement signed on behalf of such party or (ii) written evidence satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which may include telecopy transmission of a signed signature page to this Agreement) that such party has signed a counterpart of this Agreement.

(b) Opinion of Counsel to the Credit Parties. The Administrative Agent shall have received a favorable written opinion (addressed to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and dated the Amendment Effective Date) of (i) Latham & Watkins LLP, special New York counsel for the Credit Parties, (ii) Walkers, special Cayman Islands counsel for each Credit Party organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands and (iii) Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP, special Quebec counsel for each Credit Party organized under the laws of Quebec.

(c) Closing Certificates. The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate of each Obligor dated the Amendment Effective Date, substantially in the form of Exhibit C, with appropriate insertions and attachments.

(d) Financial Statements. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) the combined and consolidated balance sheet and statements of operations, changes in members' equity and partners' capital and cash flows of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, reported on by Ernst & Young LLP, independent public accountants, and (ii) the combined and consolidated balance sheet and statements of operations, changes in members' equity and partners' capital and cash flows of the Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries as of and for the first three fiscal quarters of 2018.

(e) Solvency Certificate. The Administrative Agent shall have received a solvency certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of each Obligor, substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto.

(f) Necessary Consents and Approvals. All consents, licenses, permits and governmental and third-party consents and approvals required for the due execution, delivery and performance by the Credit Parties of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby have been obtained and remain in full force and effect, except, in each case, as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

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(g) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of the Obligor set forth in this Agreement, and of each Credit Party in each of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the Amendment Effective Date, except for representations and warranties expressly stated to relate to a specific earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date.

(h) No Default. No Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

(i) Know Your Customer Information. The Lenders shall have received, to the extent requested, (A) all documentation and other information reasonably requested by the Lenders or the Administrative Agent under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA Patriot Act and (B) if any Borrower qualifies as a “legal entity customer” under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, the Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to such Borrower.

(i) Confirmation. The Administrative Agent shall have received the Confirmation, duly executed and delivered by each Credit Party.

(j) Existing Credit Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall be satisfied that on the Amendment Effective Date all Existing Term Loans, all interest and fees under the Existing Credit Agreement and all other amounts then due and payable thereunder shall have been paid in full, excluding principal of the Revolving Credit Loans (except to the extent required under Section 2.01(a)).

The amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement provided for hereby and the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of the Issuing Banks to issue Letters of Credit hereunder is also subject to (i) the payment by the Obligor of all fees and expenses (including fees and expenses of one counsel per jurisdiction to the Lead Arrangers) for which reasonably detailed invoices (which may include estimates) have been provided to the Obligor not later than three Business Days prior to the Amendment Effective Date and required to be paid to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders on the Amendment Effective Date and (ii) the absence of a material adverse change, or any event or occurrence which could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change, in the business, financial condition, operations or properties of the Obligor and their consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, since December 31, 2017. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Lenders and the Obligor of the occurrence of the Amendment Effective Date.

#### SECTION 5.02 Reserved.

SECTION 5.03 Conditions to each Credit Event. The obligation of each Lender to make any Loan, and of each Issuing Bank to issue, amend, renew or extend any Letter of Credit, is additionally subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) delivery to the Administrative Agent of a Borrowing Request in accordance with Section 2.03;

(b) the representations and warranties of the Obligor set forth in this Agreement (other than Section 4.04(b) and Section 4.06(a)), and of each Credit Party in each of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date of such Loan or the date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, except for representations and warranties expressly stated to relate to a specific earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date; and

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(c) at the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Loan or the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

Each Borrowing and each issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to constitute a representation and warranty by the Obligors on the date thereof as to the matters specified in clauses (b) and (c) of the preceding sentence.

SECTION 5.04 Additional Credit Parties.

(a) Joinder of Additional Borrower. The effectiveness of the designation of any Additional Borrower as a Borrower hereunder in accordance with Section 2.23 is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

(i) the Administrative Agent shall have received an Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement duly executed by such Additional Borrower;

(ii) the Administrative Agent shall have received such documents (including such legal opinions) as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request relating to the formation, existence and good standing of such Additional Borrower, the authorization and legality of the Transactions insofar as they relate to such Additional Borrower and any other legal matters relating to such Additional Borrower, the Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement or such Transactions, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;

(iii) the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received, at least five Business Days (or such other period as the Administrative Agent may reasonably agree) prior to the effectiveness of the designation of such Additional Borrower as a Borrower, all documentation and other information relating to such Additional Borrower reasonably requested by them for purposes of ensuring compliance with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act, which documentation and other information shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders;

(iv) the Administrative Agent shall have received such information demonstrating how such Additional Borrower fits into the organizational structure of the Carlyle Group and its Subsidiaries as it shall reasonably request;

(v) in the case of any Additional Borrower that is not organized under the laws of a Permitted Jurisdiction, the Administrative Agent shall have received satisfactory evidence that each Lender shall have consented to such Additional Borrower becoming a Borrower under this Agreement; and

(vi) the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall be reasonably satisfied that (A) the designation of any Additional Borrower as a Borrower hereunder, and the performance of its obligations hereunder, would not result in the occurrence of any event giving rise to the operation of Section 2.13 or Section 2.14 with respect to any Lender, (B) any payments by or on account of such Additional Borrower hereunder or under any Loan Document will not be subject to deduction or withholding for any Taxes (whether or not indemnified under this Agreement) and (C) such designation will not subject any Lender to any Taxes (whether or not indemnified under this Agreement) to which they otherwise would not have been subject.

(b) Joinder of Additional Guarantor. The effectiveness of the designation of any Additional Guarantor as a Parent Guarantor or as a Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder in accordance with Section 2.24 is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

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(i) (A) in the case of any Additional Parent Guarantor, the Administrative Agent shall have received a Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement duly executed by all parties thereto and (B) in the case of any Additional Subsidiary Guarantor, the Administrative Agent shall have received the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement (or, if the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement shall have been therefore executed and delivered, a Subsidiary Guarantee Joinder Agreement) duly executed by all parties thereto;

(ii) the Administrative Agent shall have received such documents (including such legal opinions) as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request relating to the formation, existence and good standing of such Additional Guarantor, the authorization and legality of the Transactions insofar as they relate to such Additional Guarantor and any other legal matters relating to such Additional Guarantor, the Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement, the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement or the Subsidiary Guarantee Joinder Agreement or such Transactions, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;

(iii) the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received, at least five Business Days prior to the effectiveness of the designation of such Additional Guarantor as a Parent Guarantor or a Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, all documentation and other information relating to such Additional Guarantor reasonably requested by them for purposes of ensuring compliance with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act, which documentation and other information shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders; and

(iv) the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall be reasonably satisfied that (A) the designation of any Additional Guarantor as a Parent Guarantor or as a Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder, and the performance of its obligations hereunder, would not result in the occurrence of any event giving rise to the operation of Section 2.13 or 2.14 with respect to any Lender, (B) any payments by or on account of such Additional Guarantor hereunder or under any Loan Document will not be subject to deduction or withholding for any Taxes (whether or not indemnified under this Agreement) and (C) such designation will not subject any Lender to any Taxes (whether or not indemnified under this Agreement) to which they otherwise would not have been subject.

(c) Notice of Joinder. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Obligors and the Lenders of the effectiveness of the designation of any Additional Borrower as a Borrower hereunder, any Additional Parent Guarantor as a Parent Guarantor hereunder and any Additional Subsidiary Guarantor as a new Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding.

#### ARTICLE VI AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Until the Revolving Credit Commitments have expired or been terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees or other amounts payable hereunder shall have been paid in full (other than contingent or indemnification obligations not then due), and all Letters of Credit (that have not been cash collateralized in accordance with Section 2.04(k)) shall have expired or terminated and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed, each Obligor covenants and agrees with the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders that:

SECTION 6.01 Financial Statements and Other Information. The Obligors will furnish to the Administrative Agent (for delivery to each Lender):

(a) within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of Carlyle Group, (A) the audited combined and consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, changes in members' equity and partners' capital and cash flows of Carlyle Group and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as

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of the end of and for such fiscal year, setting forth in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all reported on by Ernst & Young LLP or other independent public accountants of recognized national standing (without a “going concern” or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of Carlyle Group and its Consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied (it being agreed that the information required by this clause (A) may be furnished in the form of a Form 10-K to the extent such Form 10-K satisfies the requirements of this clause (A)), (B) the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined statement of financial condition and condensed consolidated and combined statements of income and cash flows as of the end of and for such fiscal year of the combined Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries, setting forth in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all certified by a Responsible Officer on behalf of the Obligors as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the combined Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries on a condensed consolidated and combined basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, and (C) a reconciliation prepared by a Responsible Officer on behalf of the Obligors of the audited financial statements referred to in clause (A) of this paragraph (a) to the unaudited financial statements referred to in clause (B) of this paragraph (a);

(b) within 60 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of Carlyle Group, (A) the combined and consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, changes in members’ equity and partners’ capital and cash flows of Carlyle Group and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the end of and for such fiscal quarter and the then elapsed portion of the fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of the previous fiscal year (or, in the case of the balance sheet, for the most recently ended fiscal year), all certified by a Responsible Officer of the Obligors as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of Carlyle Group and its Consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes (it being agreed that the information required by this clause (A) may be furnished in the form of a Form 10-Q to the extent such Form 10-Q satisfies the requirements of this clause (A)), (B) the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined statement of financial condition and condensed consolidated and combined statements of income and cash flows of the combined Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the end of and for such fiscal quarter and the then-elapsed portion of the fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of the previous fiscal year (or, in the case of the balance sheet, for the most recently ended fiscal year), all certified by a Responsible Officer on behalf of the Obligors as presenting fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the combined Obligors and their Consolidated Subsidiaries on a condensed consolidated and combined basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and absence of footnotes, and (C) a reconciliation prepared by a Responsible Officer on behalf of the Obligors of the unaudited financial statements referred to in clause (A) of this paragraph (b) to the unaudited financial statements referred to in clause (B) of this paragraph (b);

(c) concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under clause (a) or (b) of this Section, a certificate of a Responsible Officer on behalf of the Obligors (i) certifying (to the knowledge of such Responsible Officer) as to whether a Default has occurred and, if a Default has occurred, specifying the details thereof and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto, (ii) setting forth reasonably detailed calculations demonstrating compliance with Section 7.08 and Section 7.10 and reasonable detail of any portion of the EBITDA that is attributable to a CLO Management Subsidiary or a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary and (iii) stating whether any change in GAAP or in the application thereof has occurred since the date of the audited financial statements referred to in Section 4.04 and has resulted in a change to such financial statements and, if any such change has occurred, specifying the effect of such change on the financial statements accompanying such certificate;

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(d) concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under clause (b) of this Section that are substantially different in form from the financial statements previously delivered pursuant to clause (b) of this Section, a certificate of a Responsible Officer on behalf of the Obligors containing a reasonably detailed reconciliation, prepared by management of the Obligors, of such delivered financial statements with the applicable previously delivered financial statements; *provided* that, no such reconciliation shall be required to the extent any difference in the form of the financial statements (x) does not result in any changes to net income for such period than would otherwise be calculated therefor or (y) results primarily from newly adapted accounting standards under GAAP;

(e) promptly after the same become publicly available, copies of all periodic and other reports, proxy statements and other materials filed by Carlyle Group, such Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries with the SEC, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any or all of the functions of the SEC, or with any national securities exchange, or distributed by such Obligor to its public shareholders generally as the case may be; *provided* that the documents required to be delivered pursuant to this clause (e) shall be deemed to have been furnished by the Obligors to the Administrative Agent (and by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders) on the date on which such materials are publicly available as posted on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system (EDGAR);

(f) promptly following any request therefor, such other financial information regarding the operations, business affairs and financial condition of such Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries, or compliance with the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, as the Administrative Agent, including on behalf of any Lender, may reasonably request, *provided* that such Obligor shall not be required to provide such information if such disclosure would, in the reasonable judgment of the Obligors, reasonably be expected to be a violation of any applicable Requirement of Law; and

(g) promptly following any request therefor, information and documentation reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender for purposes of compliance with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA Patriot Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation;

SECTION 6.02 Notices of Material Events. Each Obligor will furnish to the Administrative Agent (for delivery to each Lender) prompt written notice of the following:

(a) the occurrence of any Default;

(b) the filing or commencement of any action, suit or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority against or affecting any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries;

(c) the occurrence of any ERISA Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events that have occurred, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(d) the assertion of any environmental matters by any Person against, or with respect to the activities of, any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries and any alleged violation of or non-compliance with any Environmental Laws or any permits, licenses or authorizations, other than any environmental matters or alleged violation that would not (either individually or in the aggregate) reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(e) any other development that results in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect; and

(f) any change in the information provided in the Beneficial Ownership Certification delivered to any Lender that would result in a change to the list of beneficial owners identified in such certification.

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Each notice delivered under this Section shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer on behalf of the relevant Obligor, setting forth the details of the event or development requiring such notice and any action taken or proposed to be taken by such Obligor with respect thereto.

SECTION 6.03 Existence; Conduct of Business. Each Obligor will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its legal existence and the rights, licenses, permits, privileges and franchises material to the conduct of its business, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; *provided* that the foregoing shall not prohibit any transaction permitted under Section 7.03.

SECTION 6.04 Payment of Taxes. Each Obligor will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, pay its Taxes, governmental assessments and governmental charges (other than Indebtedness) that, if not paid, would result in a Material Adverse Effect before the same shall become delinquent or in default, except where the validity or amount thereof is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and such Obligor or such Subsidiary has set aside on its books any reserves with respect thereto required in conformity with GAAP.

SECTION 6.05 Maintenance of Properties; Insurance. Each Obligor will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, (a) keep and maintain all property useful and necessary to the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and (b) maintain, with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, insurance in such amounts and against such risks as are customarily maintained (as determined by such Obligor in good faith) by companies engaged in the same or similar businesses operating in the same or similar locations.

SECTION 6.06 Books and Records; Inspection Rights. Each Obligor will, and will cause the Credit Parties collectively to, (a) keep proper books of records and accounts in a manner necessary to permit the delivery of the financial statements required in Sections 6.01(a) and (b); (b) permit representatives of any Lender to visit and inspect any of its properties and examine and make abstracts from any of its books and records upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours (*provided* that such visits shall be coordinated by the Administrative Agent, and such visits shall be limited to no more than one such visit per calendar year, except, in each case, during the continuance of an Event of Default); and (c) permit representatives of any Lender to have reasonable discussions regarding the business, operations, properties and financial and other condition of the Obligors and their Subsidiaries with officers and employees of the Obligors and their Subsidiaries and with their independent certified public accountants (*provided* that a Responsible Officer of either Obligor shall be present during such discussions, any such discussions with independent certified public accountants shall be coordinated by the Administrative Agent and such discussions shall be at the Lender's expense and shall be limited to no more than one such visit per calendar year, except, in each case, during the continuance of an Event of Default).

SECTION 6.07 Compliance with Laws. Each Obligor will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, comply with all Requirements of Law (including, all Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions) with respect to it, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Each Obligor will maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Obligors, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 6.08 Use of Proceeds and Letters of Credit. The proceeds of the Revolving Credit Loans and the Letters of Credit will be used by the Obligors and their Subsidiaries for working capital and general corporate purposes, including Investments. The proceeds of Incremental Term Loans will be used by the Obligors and their Subsidiaries for general corporate purposes, including Investments. No part

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of the proceeds of any Loan will be used, whether directly or indirectly, for any purpose that entails a violation of any of the Regulations of the Board, including Regulations U and X.

SECTION 6.09 Certain Obligations Respecting Management Fees and Carried Interest; Further Assurances.

(a) Distributions. The Obligors shall cause (i) each of the Fund Entities to make all distributions in respect of Carried Interest and make all payments of Management Fees in accordance with the requirements in respect thereof under the relevant organization documents or Management Fee Agreement, (ii) all payments and distributions in respect of Management Fees and Carried Interest to be promptly paid at reasonable intervals (but in no event less than quarterly) directly or indirectly to an Obligor and (iii) all payments and distributions in respect of Management Fees and Carried Interest from any Fund Entity to any Subsidiary of any Obligor to be promptly paid or distributed directly to a deposit account or securities account of such Obligor; *provided* that (x) the Obligors and their Subsidiaries may maintain reasonable reserves in respect of Carried Interest, (y) the Obligors may permit any of their respective Subsidiaries that is a general partner of any Fund Entity to retain Management Fees and Carried Interest in amounts equal to the amounts required for such Subsidiary, in its capacity as general partner of such Fund Entity, to pay the administrative and reasonable expenses of such Fund Entity incurred in the ordinary course of business, and (z) the Obligors may permit any of their Subsidiaries to retain Management Fees and Carried Interest in aggregate amounts necessary to satisfy the requirements of relevant Governmental Authorities (including requirements with respect to capitalization).

(b) Further Assurances. The Obligors shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, from time to time execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, such additional instruments, certificates or documents, and take all such actions, as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request for the purposes of implementing or effectuating the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 6.10 Governmental Approvals. Each Obligor agrees that it will promptly obtain from time to time at its own expense all such governmental licenses, authorizations, consents, permits and approvals as may be required for such Obligor to comply with its obligations, and preserve its rights under, each of the Loan Documents, except in each case where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 6.11 Designation of Subsidiaries.

(a) Designation of CLO Management Subsidiary. The Borrowers may at any time designate any Subsidiary of a Credit Party as a CLO Management Subsidiary, and may un-designate any previously designated CLO Management Subsidiary; *provided* that (i) immediately before and after the effectiveness of such designation or un-designation, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (ii) immediately after giving effect to the effectiveness of such designation or un-designation, the Obligors shall be in Pro Forma Compliance and (iii) at least three days prior to the effectiveness of such designation or un-designation, the Borrowers shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an officer's certificate containing the effective date of such designation or un-designation and confirming that such designation or un-designation is in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; *provided further* that if any CLO Management Subsidiary has been un-designated in accordance herewith, such Subsidiary may not be redesignated as a CLO Management Subsidiary until at least twelve months after such un-designation (unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent). Upon the un-designation of any previously designated CLO Management Subsidiary, any outstanding Indebtedness of such Subsidiary must be permitted under Section 7.01 (other than under clause (o) thereof).

(b) Designation of Broker-Dealer Subsidiary. The Borrowers may at any time designate any Subsidiary of a Credit Party as a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary, and may un-designate any previously designated Broker-Dealer Subsidiary; *provided* that (i) immediately before and after the effectiveness of such designation or un-designation, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing,

(ii) immediately after giving effect to the effectiveness of such designation or un-designation, the Obligors shall be in Pro Forma Compliance and (iii) at least three days prior to the effectiveness of such designation or un-designation, the Borrowers shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an officer's certificate containing the effective date of such designation or un-designation and confirming that such designation or un-designation, is in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; *provided further* that if any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary has been un-designated in accordance herewith, such Subsidiary may not be redesignated as a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary until at least twelve months after such un-designation (unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent). Upon the un-designation of any previously designated Broker-Dealer Subsidiary, any outstanding Indebtedness of such Subsidiary must be permitted under Section 7.01 (other than under clause (p) thereof).

ARTICLE VII  
NEGATIVE COVENANTS

Until the Revolving Credit Commitments have expired or been terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees or other amounts payable hereunder shall have been paid in full (other than contingent or indemnification obligations not then due), and all Letters of Credit (that have not been cash collateralized in accordance with Section 2.04(k)) shall have expired or terminated and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed, each Obligor covenants and agrees with the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders that:

SECTION 7.01 Indebtedness. Each Obligor will not, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except:

(a) Indebtedness created hereunder;

(b) Indebtedness of any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries; *provided* that (i) at the time such Indebtedness is incurred, and immediately after giving effect to the incurrence thereof, no Default shall have occurred under Section 6.01 and the ratio of Total Indebtedness of the Obligors and their Subsidiaries to EBITDA (such EBITDA to be determined as of the end of the fiscal quarter most recently ended for which financial statements have been delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 6.01) shall not exceed 3.0 to 1.0 and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness of all Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries incurred pursuant to this clause (b) shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$500,000,000 and (y) the amount equal to the Total Indebtedness of the Obligors and their Subsidiaries that would not breach the 3.0 to 1.0 ratio above *multiplied by* 35% (in the case of this clause (y), calculated at the time of the incurrence of such Indebtedness on a pro forma basis based on EBITDA as of the fiscal quarter most recently ended for which financial statements have been delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 6.01);

(c) Indebtedness of any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries to any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries;

(d) Guarantees by any Obligor of obligations of any Obligor or any Subsidiary of any Obligor;

(e) Guarantees by any Subsidiary of any Obligor of obligations of any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries; *provided* that (i) at the time such Indebtedness is incurred, and immediately after giving effect to the incurrence thereof, no Default shall have occurred under Section 6.01, and (ii) the aggregate amount of all Guarantees by Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries permitted pursuant to this clause (e) at any time, when added to the sum of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Indebtedness of the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries permitted under clause (b) of this Section, shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$500,000,000 and (y) the amount equal to the Total Indebtedness of the Obligors and their Subsidiaries that would not breach the 3.0 to 1.0 ratio above *multiplied by* 35% (in the case of this clause (y), calculated at the time of the incurrence of such Indebtedness on a pro

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forma basis based on EBITDA as of the fiscal quarter most recently ended for which financial statements have been delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 6.01);

(f) Indebtedness of the Obligors or any of their Subsidiaries arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument inadvertently drawn by such Obligor or such Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business against insufficient funds, so long as such Indebtedness is promptly repaid;

(g) Guarantees made in the ordinary course of business; provided that such Guarantees are not of Indebtedness for borrowed money and such Guarantees would not otherwise in the aggregate reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(h) the Employee Loan Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$50,000,000 at any time outstanding;

(i) Indebtedness existing on the Amendment Effective Date that, prior to the date hereof and in connection with the Amendment Effective Date, has been disclosed in writing by the Obligors to the Administrative Agent (for delivery to each Lender), and extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof;

(j) Indebtedness to any Global Partner so long as such Indebtedness is unsecured and subordinated as to payment of principal to the Obligations on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, provided that payments of principal in respect of such Indebtedness shall be permitted so long as, immediately before and after giving effect to such payment, no Payment Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

(k) Indebtedness of the Obligors or any of their Subsidiaries in respect of workers' compensation claims, property casualty or liability insurance, take-or-pay obligations in supply arrangements, self-insurance obligations, performance, bid and surety bonds and completion guaranties, in each case in the ordinary course of business;

(l) Indebtedness issued in lieu of cash payments of Restricted Payments permitted by Section 7.06; *provided* that such Indebtedness is subordinated to the Obligations on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;

(m) Indebtedness owing to any insurance company in connection with the financing of any insurance premiums permitted by such insurance company in the ordinary course of business;

(n) other Indebtedness of the Obligors and the Subsidiary Guarantors (including Guarantees of any Indebtedness) in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$200,000,000 at any time outstanding; *provided* that, immediately after giving effect to such Indebtedness, the Obligors shall be in Pro Forma Compliance (it being understood and agreed that the proceeds of such Indebtedness shall not be included as Unrestricted Cash for purposes of such calculation);

(o) Indebtedness incurred by any CLO Management Subsidiary to finance any Investment made to comply with any regulatory requirements with respect to a CLO (including risk retention requirements); *provided* that (i) such Indebtedness is a limited recourse obligation of such CLO Management Subsidiary payable solely from the assets of such CLO Management Subsidiary, (ii) following realization of the assets of such CLO Management Subsidiary and application of the proceeds thereof all obligations of such CLO Management Subsidiary in respect of such Indebtedness are expected to be extinguished and, to the extent of such proceeds, shall be repaid and shall not thereafter revive, (iii) neither the Obligors nor any of their Subsidiaries (other than such CLO Management Subsidiary) (x) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness) to such CLO Management Subsidiary,

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(y) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor in connection with such Indebtedness or (z) is a creditor in respect of such Indebtedness, *provided* that none of the foregoing shall prevent the Obligors and their Subsidiaries from making any reasonable and customary representations, warranties, covenants (which covenants shall not relate to the payment of such Indebtedness) and indemnities in connection with such Indebtedness, and (iv) no default with respect to such Indebtedness (including any rights that the holders of such Indebtedness may have to take enforcement action against such CLO Management Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness of the Obligors or any of their Subsidiaries (other than such CLO Management Subsidiary) to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment of such Indebtedness of such CLO Management Subsidiary to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity; and

(p) Indebtedness incurred by any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary; *provided* that (i) such Indebtedness is a limited recourse obligation of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary payable solely from the assets of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary, (ii) following realization of the assets of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary and application of the proceeds thereof all obligations of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary in respect of such Indebtedness are expected to be extinguished and, to the extent of such proceeds, shall be repaid and shall not thereafter revive, (iii) neither the Obligors nor any of their Subsidiaries (other than such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary) (x) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness) to such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary, (y) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor in connection with such Indebtedness or (z) is a creditor in respect of such Indebtedness, *provided* that none of the foregoing shall prevent the Obligors and their Subsidiaries from making any reasonable and customary representations, warranties, covenants (which covenants shall not relate to the payment of such Indebtedness) and indemnities in connection with such Indebtedness, and (iv) no default with respect to such Indebtedness (including any rights that the holders of such Indebtedness may have to take enforcement action against such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness of the Obligors or any of their Subsidiaries (other than such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary) to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment of such Indebtedness of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity;

*provided* that, notwithstanding the last sentence of the definition of "Guarantee", for purposes of determining the aggregate outstanding principal amount of any Indebtedness, the amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to equal the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Indebtedness that is guaranteed by such Guarantee.

SECTION 7.02 Liens. Each Obligor will not, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien on any property or asset now owned or hereafter acquired by it, or (except in connection with a transaction permitted by Section 7.03(d)) assign or sell any income or revenues (including accounts receivable) or rights in respect of any thereof, except:

(a) Permitted Encumbrances;

(b) any Lien on any property or asset of any of the Obligors or any of their Subsidiaries existing on the Amendment Effective Date that, prior to the date hereof and in connection with the Amendment Effective Date, has been disclosed in writing by the Obligors to the Administrative Agent (for delivery to each Lender); *provided* that (i) no such Lien shall extend to any other property or asset of such Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries and (ii) any such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the Amendment Effective Date and extensions, renewals and replacements thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof;

(c) any interest or title of a lessor under any lease or sublease entered into by any Obligor or any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of its business and covering only the assets so leased, and any financing statement filed in connection with any such lease;

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(d) Liens solely on any cash earnest money deposits made by any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with an Investment;

(e) Liens on cash or cash equivalents used to defease or to satisfy and discharge Indebtedness, *provided* that such defeasance or satisfaction and discharge is not otherwise prohibited hereunder;

(f) (i) Liens that are contractual rights of set-off (A) relating to the establishment of depository relations with banks not given in connection with the issuance of Indebtedness, (B) relating to pooled deposit or sweep accounts of the Obligors or any Subsidiary to permit satisfaction of overdraft or similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Obligors and the Subsidiaries or (C) relating to purchase orders and other agreements entered into with customers of the Obligors or any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business and (ii) other Liens securing cash management obligations (that do not constitute Indebtedness) in the ordinary course of business;

(g) Liens arising solely by virtue of any statutory or common law provision relating to banker's liens, rights of set-off or similar rights;

(h) other Liens with respect to obligations that do not exceed an aggregate amount of \$200,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

(i) Liens granted in the ordinary course of business by any Subsidiary (other than an Obligor) of any Obligor that is the general partner of a Fund Entity securing Indebtedness of such Fund Entity on the right of such Subsidiary to issue or make capital calls in its capacity as the general partner of such Fund Entity;

(j) Liens on Investments of a CLO Management Subsidiary securing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to and in accordance with Section 7.01(o) to the extent such Lien covers only the assets of such CLO Management Subsidiary; and

(k) Liens on Investments of a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary securing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to and in accordance with Section 7.01(p) to the extent such Lien covers only the assets of such Broker-Dealer Subsidiary.

SECTION 7.03 Fundamental Changes. Each Obligor will not, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, enter into any transaction of merger or consolidation or amalgamation, or liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself (or suffer any liquidation or dissolution) or divide. Each Obligor will not, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to convey, sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of, in one transaction or a series of transactions, all or any substantial part of the consolidated assets (including by way of sale or transfer of stock of Subsidiaries) of the Obligors and their Subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section:

(a) any Obligor or any Subsidiary of an Obligor may be merged or consolidated with or into any other Obligor or any Subsidiary of an Obligor; *provided* that (i) if any such transaction shall be between a Subsidiary (other than an Obligor or a Subsidiary Guarantor) and a wholly owned Subsidiary (other than an Obligor or a Subsidiary Guarantor), the wholly owned Subsidiary shall be the continuing or surviving entity, (ii) if any such transaction shall involve an Obligor, an Obligor shall be the continuing or surviving entity, and (iii) if any such transaction shall be between a Subsidiary Guarantor and a Non-Subsidiary Guarantor, such Subsidiary Guarantor shall be the continuing or surviving entity;

(b) any Subsidiary of an Obligor may sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its property (upon voluntary liquidation or otherwise) to (i) an Obligor or (ii) in the case of any such Subsidiary that is not itself an Obligor, any wholly owned Subsidiary of an Obligor;

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(c) the Equity Interests of any Subsidiary of an Obligor may be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of to (i) an Obligor or (ii) in the case of any such Subsidiary that is not itself an Obligor, any wholly owned Subsidiary of such Obligor;

(d) (i) the Subsidiaries (other than an Obligor) of the Obligors may undergo a restructuring and (ii) any Obligor or any Subsidiary of an Obligor may be reorganized as a corporation in its jurisdiction of organization or in any Permitted Jurisdiction (each of the transactions described in clauses (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (d), a "Restructuring Transaction"), in each case so long as

(u) such Restructuring Transaction could not reasonably be expected to materially reduce the expected distributions to be received by the Obligors in respect of Management Fees and Carried Interest,

(v) immediately before and after the consummation of such Restructuring Transaction, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing,

(w) immediately after giving effect to the consummation of such Restructuring Transaction, the Obligors shall be in Pro Forma Compliance (and a Responsible Officer on behalf of the Obligors shall have certified as such to the Administrative Agent),

(x) the Obligors shall have delivered a notice to the Administrative Agent containing a reasonably detailed description of such Restructuring Transaction at least 10 Business Days prior to the consummation of such Restructuring Transaction,

(y) such Restructuring Transaction could not reasonably be expected to adversely affect the priority in right of payment of the Obligations, or the priority of any claims the Holders may have against any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case relative to (1) any other creditor of any Obligor or any Subsidiary of an Obligor and (2) any Person to whom any Obligor or any Subsidiary of an Obligor owes Indebtedness, and

(z) with respect to clause (ii) above, if any such Restructuring Transaction shall involve an Obligor, an Obligor shall be the continuing or surviving entity;

(e) any Subsidiary (other than an Obligor) of an Obligor may enter into a transaction of merger, consolidation or amalgamation, liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself, in each case, in the ordinary course of business, and to the extent not otherwise material to the Obligors and their Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis;

(f) the Obligors and the Subsidiaries may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any assets or property for cash or other consideration, in each case, reasonably determined by the Obligors to be in an amount at least equal to the fair value of such assets or property; and

(g) the Obligors and the Subsidiaries may enter into mergers and consolidations to effect asset acquisitions; *provided* that (i) if any Obligor is party to such transaction, such Obligor shall be the continuing or surviving entity, and (ii) if any Subsidiary Guarantor is a party to such transaction, such Subsidiary Guarantor shall be the continuing or surviving entity.

Solely for the purpose of determining whether a Subsidiary is a wholly owned Subsidiary under this Section, if, with respect to any Subsidiary, a de minimis amount of the Equity Interests of such Subsidiary are required to be held by another Person under applicable Requirements of Law (including qualifying directors shares and similar requirements), effect shall not be given to such de minimis holding in determining whether such Subsidiary is wholly-owned.

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SECTION 7.04 Lines of Business. Each Obligor will not, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, engage to any material extent in any business other than the business of the type conducted by the Obligors and their Subsidiaries on the Amendment Effective Date and the Core Business, and, in each case, businesses reasonably related thereto and reasonable extensions thereof.

SECTION 7.05 Ownership of Core Businesses. Each Obligor will not permit any Equity Interests that are owned by Carlyle Group, either directly or through its direct or indirect subsidiaries, in a Core Business Entity, to be owned by any Person other than the Obligors and their Subsidiaries (unless such Core Business Entity is itself an Obligor); *provided* that the foregoing will not prohibit Carlyle Group's indirect ownership of such Equity Interests through its direct or indirect ownership of Equity Interests in the Obligors.

SECTION 7.06 Restricted Payments. Each Obligor will not, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, declare or make, or agree to pay or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment when a Default has occurred and is continuing, *provided* that

(a) irrespective of the occurrence of any Default, (i) any Subsidiary of any Obligor may make Restricted Payments to any wholly-owned Subsidiary of any Obligor, (ii) any Obligor may make Restricted Payments in the form of Equity Interests of such Obligor, (iii) any Subsidiary of any Obligor (including a Subsidiary that is also an Obligor) may make Restricted Payments to any Obligor, (iv) any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries may make Restricted Payments on account of Deal Team Interest consisting of "class B carried interest" to members, partners, employees, contractors or advisors of the Borrowers or any of their Affiliates and (v) any Subsidiary that does not Guarantee the Obligations and is not wholly-owned by the Obligors may make a Restricted Payment to the holders of the Equity Interests in such Subsidiary on a pro rata basis for all such holders with respect to both the amount and form of such Restricted Payment;

(b) so long as immediately before and after giving effect to such payment, no Payment Default or Bankruptcy Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Obligors may make cash distributions to the owners of their Equity Interests, on a pro rata basis, in an amount necessary to provide the Carlyle Group with funds to make regular quarterly cash distributions to its common unit holders in an amount not to exceed the amount determined in accordance with the distribution policy described in the most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q or annual report on Form 10-K, as applicable, of the Carlyle Group filed with the SEC, so long as any such cash distributions by the Obligors (A) are not in the aggregate, net of applicable taxes, in excess of the amounts of such quarterly distributions by the Carlyle Group and (B) are made not more than 15 days prior to the payment date for such quarterly distributions by the Carlyle Group; and

(c) so long as immediately before and after giving effect to such payment, no Payment Default or Bankruptcy Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, in respect of any period during which any Obligor qualifies as a partnership or disregarded entity thereof for U.S. federal and applicable state income tax purposes, such Obligor (including any Additional Parent Guarantor) shall be permitted to make "Tax Distributions" on the basis of the "Assumed Tax Rate" (as each such term is defined in the September 13, 2017 Second Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Carlyle Holding I L.P. (the "Tax Agreement Form"), which Tax Agreement Form may be delivered by the Administrative Agent to each Lender upon request) in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Tax Agreement Form.

SECTION 7.07 Transactions with Affiliates. Each Obligor will not, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, sell, lease or otherwise transfer any property or assets to, or purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any property or assets from, or otherwise engage in any other transactions with, any of its Affiliates, except (a) transactions otherwise not prohibited under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (b) transactions in the ordinary course of business at prices and on terms and conditions not less favorable to an Obligor or such Subsidiary than could be obtained on an arm's-length basis from unrelated third parties and (c) transactions between or among an Obligor and any other Obligor and transactions between or among an

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Obligor and any wholly owned Subsidiary of any Obligor, in each case not involving any other Affiliate. For the avoidance of doubt, this Section shall not apply to employment, bonus, retention and severance arrangements with, and payments of compensation or benefits to or for the benefit of, current or former employees, consultants, officers or directors of any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

SECTION 7.08 Minimum Management Fee Earnings Assets Amount. Each Obligor will not permit the Management Fee Earnings Assets Amount on any Quarterly Date commencing with the Quarterly Date occurring on the last Business Day of March 2019 to be less than \$75,000,000,000.

SECTION 7.09 Modifications of Certain Documents. Other than pursuant to a transaction permitted by Section 7.03, each Obligor will not, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, consent to any amendment, modification, rescission or termination of or waiver under any documents relating to the organization or existence of any such Person or any document relating to any Management Fees or Carried Interest, to the extent that such amendment, modification, rescission, termination or waiver:

(a) could reasonably be expected to materially reduce the then-expected distributions to be received by the Obligors, taken as a whole, in respect of Management Fees and Carried Interest; or

(b) could materially impair (i) the credit worthiness of any Credit Party or (ii) the rights and interests of the Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents.

SECTION 7.10 Total Indebtedness Ratio. Each Obligor will not permit the Total Indebtedness Ratio on the last day of any fiscal quarter to exceed 3 to 1.

SECTION 7.11. Use of Proceeds in Compliance with Sanctions Laws. Each Borrower will not request any Borrowing or Letter of Credit, and each Obligor shall not use, and shall procure that its Subsidiaries and its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents shall not use, the proceeds of any Borrowing or Letter of Credit (A) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, directly or, to the knowledge of such Obligor, indirectly to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (B) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, or (C) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

SECTION 7.12. CLO Management Subsidiaries. No Credit Party shall permit any CLO Management Subsidiary to engage in any business other than the management, servicing or administration performed in connection with a Fund Entity that is a CLO (or similar funds established to invest primarily in leveraged loans) and the holding of Investments in such a Fund Entity or other CLO Management Subsidiary and activities reasonably related or incidental thereto (including the incurrence of Indebtedness to finance such Investments to the extent permitted under and in accordance with Section 7.01(o)).

SECTION 7.13. Broker-Dealer Subsidiaries. No Credit Party shall permit any Broker-Dealer Subsidiary to engage in any business other than a Broker-Dealer and the holding of Investments in a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary and activities reasonably related or incidental thereto (including the incurrence of Indebtedness to finance such Investments to the extent permitted under and in accordance with Section 7.01(p)).

ARTICLE VIII  
EVENTS OF DEFAULT

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SECTION 8.01 Events of Default. If any of the following events (“Events of Default”) shall occur:

(a) any Borrower shall fail to pay (i) any principal of any Loan when due in accordance with the terms hereof or (ii) any reimbursement obligation in respect of any LC Disbursement when and as the same shall become due in accordance with the terms hereof, whether at the due date thereof or at a date fixed for prepayment thereof or otherwise;

(b) any Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount (other than an amount referred to in clause (a) of this Article) payable under this Agreement or under any other Loan Document, when and as the same shall become due and payable, and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of five or more Business Days;

(c) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by any Credit Party (including any Responsible Officer on behalf of any Credit Party) in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any amendment or modification hereof or thereof, or any waiver hereunder or thereunder, or in any report, certificate or other document furnished pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any amendment or modification hereof or thereof, or any waiver hereunder or thereunder, shall prove to have been incorrect when made or deemed made in any material respect;

(d) any Obligor shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in Section 6.02(a), Section 6.03 (with respect to such Obligor’s existence and conduct of business), Section 6.08 or in Article VII;

(e) any Credit Party shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in this Agreement (other than those specified in clause (a), (b) or (d) of this Article) or any other Loan Document and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 or more days after notice thereof from the Administrative Agent or any Lender to the Borrowers;

(f) any Credit Party or any Material Subsidiary shall fail to make any payment of principal or interest (beyond any grace period applicable thereto) in respect of any Material Indebtedness, when and as the same shall become due and payable; *provided* that this clause (f) shall not apply to (i) any Guarantees except to the extent such Guarantees shall become due and payable by any Credit Party or any Material Subsidiary and remain unpaid after any applicable grace period or period permitted following demand for the payment thereof, (ii) any Indebtedness of a CLO Management Subsidiary incurred pursuant to and in accordance with Section 7.01(o) or (iii) any Indebtedness of a Broker-Dealer Subsidiary incurred pursuant to and in accordance with Section 7.01(p);

(g) any event or condition occurs that results in any Material Indebtedness becoming due prior to its scheduled maturity or that enables or permits the holder or holders of any Material Indebtedness or any trustee or agent on its or their behalf to cause (with the giving of notice if required) any Material Indebtedness to become due, or to require the prepayment, repurchase, redemption or defeasance thereof, prior to its scheduled maturity; *provided* that this clause (g) shall not apply to (i) secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the sale or transfer of all or a portion of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness or (ii) any Guarantees except to the extent such Guarantees shall become due and payable by any Obligor, any Material Subsidiary or any Fund Entity and remain unpaid after any applicable grace period or period permitted following demand for the payment thereof;

(h) an involuntary proceeding shall be commenced or an involuntary petition shall be filed seeking (i) liquidation, reorganization or other relief in respect of any Subject Party or its debts, or of a substantial part of its assets, under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect or (ii) the appointment of a receiver, trustee,

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custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for any Subject Party or for a substantial part of its assets, and, in any such case, such proceeding or petition shall continue undismissed for a period of 60 or more days or an order or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered;

(i) any Subject Party shall (i) voluntarily commence any proceeding or file any petition seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect, (ii) consent to the institution of, or fail to contest in a timely and appropriate manner, any proceeding or petition described in clause (h) of this Article, (iii) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for such Subject Party or for a substantial part of its assets, (iv) file an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding, (v) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or (vi) take any partnership or formal action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing;

(j) any Credit Party or any Material Subsidiary thereof shall become unable, admit in writing its inability or fail generally to pay its debts as they become due;

(k) the failure by any Credit Party or any Material Subsidiary thereof to pay one or more final judgments aggregating in excess of \$50,000,000 (net of any amounts which are covered by insurance or bonded), which judgments are not discharged or effectively waived or stayed for a period of 30 consecutive days, or any action shall be legally taken by a judgment creditor to levy upon assets or properties of any Borrower or any Material Subsidiary thereof to enforce any such judgment;

(l) an ERISA Event shall have occurred that, when taken together with all other ERISA Events that have occurred, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(m) a Change in Control shall occur; or

(n) the Guarantee pursuant to Article III by any Parent Guarantor or the Guarantee pursuant to the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement by any Subsidiary Guarantor shall cease to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with the terms thereof) or shall be asserted in writing by any Credit Party not to be in effect or not to be legal, valid and binding obligations;

then, and in every such event (other than a Bankruptcy Event of Default), and at any time thereafter during the continuance of such event, the Administrative Agent may, and at the request of the Required Lenders shall, by notice to the Borrowers, take either or both of the following actions, at the same or different times: (i) terminate the Revolving Credit Commitments, and thereupon the Revolving Credit Commitments shall terminate immediately, and (ii) declare the Loans then outstanding to be due and payable in whole (or in part, in which case any principal not so declared to be due and payable may thereafter be declared to be due and payable), and thereupon the principal of the Loans so declared to be due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Obligors accrued hereunder, shall become due and payable immediately, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by each Obligor; and in case of any Bankruptcy Event of Default, the Revolving Credit Commitments shall automatically terminate and the principal of the Loans then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Obligors accrued hereunder, shall automatically become due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by each Obligor. A vote of the Required Lenders shall be effective to rescind acceleration of the Loans (except with respect to any acceleration resulting from any Bankruptcy Event of Default).

ARTICLE IX  
AGENCY

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SECTION 9.01 The Administrative Agent. Each of the Lenders and the Issuing Banks hereby irrevocably appoints Citibank to act on its behalf as the Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto.

The Person serving as Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as Administrative Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Each such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with the Obligors or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent shall not:

(a) be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing;

(b) have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that the Administrative Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents); *provided* that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Administrative Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable law; and

(c) except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, or shall be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to any Obligor or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.

The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Section 10.02) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until notice describing such Default is given to the Administrative Agent by the Obligors, a Lender or an Issuing Bank.

The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article V or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

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The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or an Issuing Bank, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or such Issuing Bank unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or such Issuing Bank prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for an Obligor), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

The Administrative Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through its Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent and any such sub-agents, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as the Administrative Agent.

Subject to, and effective upon, the appointment and acceptance of a successor Administrative Agent as provided below, the Administrative Agent may resign at any time by notifying the Lenders and the Borrowers. Upon any such resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right to appoint a successor with the consent of the Borrowers (which consent (i) shall not be required if a Payment Default or Bankruptcy Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed). If no successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and approved by the Borrowers and shall have accepted such appointment within 45 days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders with the consent of the Borrowers (which consent (i) shall not be required if a Payment Default or Bankruptcy Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), appoint a successor Administrative Agent which shall be a bank with an office in New York, New York and an office in London, England (or a bank having an Affiliate with such an office) having a combined capital and surplus that is not less than \$500,000,000 or an Affiliate of any such bank. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder by a successor bank, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Administrative Agent and the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder. After an Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder, the provisions of this Article and Section 10.03 shall continue in effect for its benefit in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was acting as Administrative Agent.

Each Lender and each Issuing Bank acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender and each Issuing Bank also

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acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

SECTION 9.02 Bookrunners, Etc. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the bookrunners, arrangers, co-documentation agents or syndication agent listed on the cover page hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent, a Lender or an Issuing Bank hereunder.

SECTION 9.03 Certain ERISA Matters.

(a) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent, the Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrowers or any other Credit Party, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(b) such Lender is not using “plan assets” (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans in connection with the Revolving Credit Loans, Revolving Credit Commitments or the Letters of Credit,

(i) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Revolving Credit Loans, the Revolving Credit Commitments, the Letters of Credit and this Agreement,

(ii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a “Qualified Professional Asset Manager” (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Revolving Credit Loans, the Revolving Credit Commitments, the Letters of Credit and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Revolving Credit Loans, the Revolving Credit Commitments, the Letters of Credit and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Revolving Credit Loans, the Revolving Credit Commitments, the Letters of Credit and this Agreement, or

(iii) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

(b) In addition, unless either (1) sub-clause (i) in the immediately preceding clause (a) is true with respect to a Lender or (2) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with sub-clause (iv) in the immediately preceding clause (a), such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to,

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and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent, the Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Credit Party, that none of the Administrative Agent, the Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates is a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in the Revolving Credit Loans, the Revolving Credit Commitments, the Letters of Credit and this Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related to hereto or thereto).

ARTICLE X  
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 10.01 Notices.

(a) Notices Generally. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in paragraph (b) below), all notices and other communications provided for herein and in the other Loan Documents shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopier, as follows:

(i) if to any Credit Party, to it at 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 220S, Washington, D.C., 20004, Attention of William Winnicki, Vice President (Telecopier No. (202) 347-5550; Telephone No. (202) 729-5383), with a copy to Jeffrey W. Ferguson, Managing Director and General Counsel (Telecopier No. (202) 347-5550; Telephone No. (202) 729-5325);

(ii) if to the Administrative Agent, to Citibank Delaware, 1615 Brett Road, OPS III, New Castle, DE 19720, Attn: Agency Operations, (Telecopier No. (646) 274-5080; Telephone No. (302) 894-6010;

(iii) if to Citibank as Issuing Bank, to it at 3800 Citibank Center, Building B, Tampa, FL 33610-9122, Attention of Karen Kunze (Telecopier No. (813) 604-7187; Telephone No. (813) 604-7038); and 388 Greenwich St, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10013, Attention of Anthony Lieggi (Telecopier No. (646) 291-1716; Telephone No. (212) 816-4131); and

(iv) if to a Lender, to it at its address (or telecopier number) set forth in its Administrative Questionnaire;

or, as to the any Credit Party or the Administrative Agent, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other parties hereto and, as to each other party hereto, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent. Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent by telecopier shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient). Notices delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in paragraph (b) below, shall be effective as provided in said paragraph (b).

(b) Electronic Communications. Notices and other communications to the Lenders and the Issuing Banks hereunder and under the other Loan Documents may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent; *provided* that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or any Issuing Bank pursuant to Article II if such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as applicable, has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic

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communication. The Administrative Agent or the Borrowers may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; *provided* that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications. Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement); *provided* that if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding:

(x) So long as Citibank or any of its Affiliates is the Administrative Agent, materials required to be delivered pursuant to Section 6.01 shall be delivered to the Administrative Agent in an electronic medium in a format acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders by e-mail at [oploanswebadmin@citigroup.com](mailto:oploanswebadmin@citigroup.com). The Credit Parties agree that the Administrative Agent may make such materials, as well as any other written information, documents, instruments and other material relating to a Credit Party, any of its Subsidiaries or any other materials or matters relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby (collectively, the "Communications") available to the Lenders by posting such notices on Intralinks or a substantially similar electronic system (the "Platform"). The Borrowers and the Lenders acknowledge that (1) although the Platform and its primary web portal are secured with generally applicable security procedures and policies implemented or modified by the Administrative Agent from time to time, the distribution of material through an electronic medium is not necessarily secure and that there are confidentiality and other risks associated with such distribution, (2) the Platform is provided "as is" and "as available" and (3) neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its Affiliates warrants the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of the Communications or the Platform and each expressly disclaims liability for errors or omissions in the Communications or the Platform, except to the extent such errors or omissions are due to the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates. No warranty of any kind, express, implied or statutory, including, without limitation, any warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, non-infringement of third party rights or freedom from viruses or other code defects, is made by the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in connection with the Platform.

(y) Each Lender agrees that notice to it (as provided in the next sentence) (a "Notice") specifying that any Communications have been posted to the Platform shall constitute effective delivery of such information, documents or other materials to such Lender for purposes of this Agreement; *provided* that if requested by any Lender, the Administrative Agent shall deliver a copy of the Communications to such Lender by email or telecopier. Each Lender agrees (1) to notify the Administrative Agent in writing of such Lender's e-mail address to which a Notice may be sent by electronic transmission (including by electronic communication) on or before the date such Lender becomes a party to this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter to ensure that the Administrative Agent has on record an effective e-mail address for such Lender) and (2) that any Notice may be sent to such e-mail address.

#### SECTION 10.02 Waivers; Amendments.

(a) No Deemed Waivers; Remedies Cumulative. No failure or delay by the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender in exercising any right or power hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or power, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right or power, preclude any other

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or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or power. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders hereunder are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or consent to any departure by any Obligor therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by paragraph (b) of this Section, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the making of a Loan or issuance of a Letter of Credit shall not be construed as a waiver of any Default, regardless of whether the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank may have had notice or knowledge of such Default at the time.

(b) Amendments. Neither this Agreement nor any other Loan Document nor any provision hereof or thereof may be waived, amended or modified except pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the applicable Credit Parties and the Required Lenders or by the applicable Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent with the consent of the Required Lenders; *provided* that no such agreement shall

(i) increase any Revolving Credit Commitment of any Lender or add or increase any commitment to fund Incremental Term Loans of any Lender without the written consent of such Lender,

(ii) reduce the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement or reduce the rate of interest thereon (except for reduction of interest by virtue of a default waiver), or reduce any fees payable hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby,

(iii) postpone the scheduled date of payment of the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement, or any interest thereon, or any fees payable hereunder, or reduce the amount of, waive or excuse any such payment, or postpone the scheduled date of expiration of any Revolving Credit Commitment, without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby,

(iv) change Section 2.17(c) or (d) in a manner that would alter the *pro rata* sharing of payments required thereby without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby,

(v) change any of the provisions of this Section or the percentage in the definition of the term "Required Lenders" or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to waive, amend or modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender, or

(vi) release all or substantially all of the Parent Guarantors from their guarantee obligations under Article III or the Subsidiary Guarantors from their guarantee under the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement, without the written consent of each Holder, and in each case except pursuant to a transaction permitted by Section 7.03;

and *provided further* that (x) no such agreement shall amend, modify or otherwise affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent or any Issuing Bank hereunder or under the other Loan Documents without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be and (y) any modification or supplement of Article III shall require the consent of the Parent Guarantors.

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SECTION 10.03 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

(a) Costs and Expenses. The Borrowers shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of not more than one counsel per jurisdiction (unless multiple counsels are necessary to avoid conflicts of interest) for the Administrative Agent), in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof, (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by any Issuing Bank in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder, (iii) all documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender (including the fees, charges and disbursements of not more than one counsel per jurisdiction (unless multiple counsels are necessary to avoid conflicts of interest) for the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender) in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including its rights under this Section, or (B) in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit and (iv) all transfer, stamp, documentary or other similar taxes, assessments or charges levied by any governmental or revenue authority in respect of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any other document referred to herein or therein.

(b) Indemnification by the Borrowers. The Borrowers shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Lender and each Issuing Bank, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an “Indemnitee”) against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related costs and expenses (including the fees, charges and disbursements of not more than one counsel per jurisdiction (unless multiple counsels are necessary to avoid conflicts of interest)) incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by such Borrower or any other Credit Party any Obligor arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of any action, claim, judgment or suite arising out of or in connection with (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by any Issuing Bank to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any Environmental Liability related in any way to the Borrowers or any of their Subsidiaries, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by such Borrower or any other Credit Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; *provided* that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related costs and expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final non-appealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of, or the breach of any Loan Document by, such Indemnitee or any of its Affiliates or the directors, officers, employees or advisors of any of them.

(c) Reimbursement by Lenders. To the extent that the Borrowers (and, with respect to the guarantees hereunder, the Parent Guarantors) for any reason fail to indefeasibly pay

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any amount required under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section to be paid by them to the Administrative Agent (or any sub-agent thereof) or any Issuing Bank or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to such Agent (or any such sub-agent) or such Issuing Bank or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's Applicable Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount; *provided* that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or such Issuing Bank in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or such Issuing Bank in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this paragraph (c) are several obligations.

(d) Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Obligor shall assert, and each Obligor hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof.

(e) Payments. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable promptly after receipt of a reasonably detailed invoice therefor.

#### SECTION 10.04 Successors and Assigns.

(a) Successors and Assigns Generally. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that none of the Obligors may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder (except pursuant to a transaction permitted hereunder) without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender, and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of paragraph (f) of this Section (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, each Issuing Bank, Participants, to the extent provided in paragraph (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent, each Issuing Bank and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) Assignments by Lenders. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Revolving Credit Commitments and the Loans at the time owing to it) to any Person; *provided* that any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) Minimum Amounts.

(A) In the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Revolving Credit Commitments and the Loans at the time owing to it

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or in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund, no minimum amount need be assigned; and

(B) in any case not described in paragraph (b)(i)(A) of this Section, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the applicable Revolving Credit Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date) shall not be less than \$5,000,000, in the case of any assignment in respect of a Revolving Credit Commitment, or \$1,000,000, in the case of any assignment in respect of any Incremental Term Loan, unless each of the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Non-Consent Event has occurred and is continuing, the Borrowers otherwise consent (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

(ii) Proportionate Amounts. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loan or the Revolving Credit Commitment assigned, except that this clause (ii) shall not prohibit any Lender from assigning all or a portion of its rights and obligations in respect of Revolving Credit Commitments and Incremental Term Loans on a non-*pro rata* basis.

(iii) Required Consents. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by paragraph (b)(i)(B) of this Section and, in addition:

(A) the consent of the Borrowers (such consents not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (x) a Non-Consent Event has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment or (y) such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; *provided* that the Borrowers shall be deemed to have consented to such assignment if the Borrowers do not respond within ten Business Days of a written request for its consent with respect to such assignment;

(B) the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; and

(C) the consent of the Issuing Banks (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any assignment that increases the obligation of the assignee to participate in exposure under one or more Letters of Credit (whether or not then outstanding).

(iv) Assignment and Assumption. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500, and the assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.

(v) No Assignment to the Obligors. No such assignment shall be made to any Obligor or any of its Affiliates or Subsidiaries.

(vi) No Assignment to Natural Persons. No such assignment shall be made to a natural person.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Administrative Agent pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the

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interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Section 2.15 and Section 10.03 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment.

(c) Register. The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrowers, shall maintain at one of its offices in New York, New York a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders and the Revolving Credit Commitments and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Loans owing to each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be presumptively correct absent manifest error, and the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrowers and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(d) Participations. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural person or the Obligors or any of the Obligors' Affiliates or Subsidiaries) in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Revolving Credit Commitment and/or the Loans owing to it); *provided* that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, (iii) the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement and (iv) the consent of the Borrowers (such consents not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any such participation unless (x) a Non-Consent Event has occurred and is continuing at the time of such participation or (y) such participation is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund.

Each Lender that sells a participation pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower and solely for tax purposes, shall maintain a register comparable to the Register on which it shall enter the name and address of each Participant and the economic interests of each Participant in all or a portion of the participating Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Revolving Credit Commitment and/or the Loans owing to it) (the "Participant Register"). The entries in the Participant Register shall be presumptively correct absent manifest error, and the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register pursuant to the terms hereof as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such Lender shall not be required to disclose the Participant Register except that (i) such Lender shall be required to make its Participant Register available to the Administrative Agent or to the Borrower if requested by the Borrower in connection with the exercise by a related Participant of remedies hereunder and (ii) such Lender shall be required to make its Participant Register available to the Internal Revenue Service if requested by the Internal Revenue Service or the Borrower and to the extent such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury

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Regulations and Proposed Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(b) (or any amended or successor version)..

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; *provided* that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver described in the proviso of Section 10.02(b) that directly and adversely affects such Participant. Subject to paragraph (e) of this Section, the Borrowers agree that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.14, 2.15 and 2.16 to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 10.08 as though it were a Lender; *provided* that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.17(d) as though it were a Lender.

(e) Limitations upon Participant Rights. A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.14 and Section 2.16 than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Borrowers' prior written consent after disclosure of such greater payments. A Participant that would be a Foreign Lender if it were a Lender shall not be entitled to the benefits of Section 2.16 unless the Borrowers are notified of the participation sold to such Participant and such Participant agrees, for the benefit of the Borrowers, to comply with Section 2.16(e) as though it were a Lender and any such Participant shall be deemed to be a Lender for the purposes of the definition of Excluded Taxes.

(f) Certain Pledges. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; *provided* that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

SECTION 10.05 Survival. All representations and warranties made by the Obligors herein and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of any Loans and issuance of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount payable under this Agreement is outstanding and unpaid or any Letter of Credit is outstanding and so long as the Revolving Credit Commitments have not expired or terminated. The provisions of Section 2.14, Section 2.15, Section 2.16, Section 3.03 and Section 10.03 and Article IX shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of the Loans, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit and the Revolving Credit Commitments or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

SECTION 10.06 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents (and any separate letter agreements among the Obligors and Citibank and certain affiliates thereof, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and certain affiliates thereof and and Credit Suisse Loan Funding LLC and certain affiliates thereof, with respect to fees payable thereto and their initial Revolving

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Credit Commitments and the syndication thereof) constitute the entire contract between and among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by electronic transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

SECTION 10.07 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof; and the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 10.08 Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, each Issuing Bank and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender, such Issuing Bank or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of any Credit Party against any and all of the obligations of such Credit Party now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender or such Issuing Bank, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or such Issuing Bank shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of such Credit Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch or office of such Lender or such Issuing Bank different from the branch or office holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. The rights of each Lender, each Issuing Bank and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, such Issuing Bank or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and each Issuing Bank agrees to notify the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application; *provided* that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

SECTION 10.09 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Service of Process; Etc.

(a) Governing Law. This Agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

(b) Submission to Jurisdiction. Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State or Federal court located in the City of New York, sitting in New York County, in any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any Loan Document, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims with respect to any such suit, action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York State court or, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, in such Federal court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such suit, action or proceeding will be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law.

(c) Service of Process. Each party hereto irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 10.01. Each Credit Party that is incorporated or organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United States of America, any state or territory thereof or the District of Columbia hereby irrevocably appoints TC Group, L.L.C., as its agent to receive on its behalf, service of process that may be served in any action, litigation or proceeding referred to in clause (b) of this Section 10.09. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. Nothing herein shall in any way be deemed to limit the ability of any party hereto to serve any such writs, process or summonses in any other manner permitted by

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applicable law or to obtain jurisdiction over any other party hereto in such other jurisdictions, and in such manner, as may be permitted by applicable law.

(d) Waiver of Venue. Each party hereto irrevocably waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document brought in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and further irrevocably waives any claim that any such action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

SECTION 10.10 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 10.11 No Immunity. To the extent that any Obligor may be or become entitled, in any jurisdiction in which judicial proceedings may at any time be commenced with respect to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, to claim for itself or its properties or revenues any immunity from suit, court jurisdiction, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution of a judgment, execution of a judgment or from any other legal process or remedy relating to its obligations under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and to the extent that in any such jurisdiction there may be attributed such an immunity (whether or not claimed), each Obligor hereby irrevocably agrees not to claim and hereby irrevocably waives such immunity to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of such jurisdiction.

SECTION 10.12 European Monetary Union.

(a) Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“EMU” means economic and monetary union as contemplated in the Treaty on European Union.

“EMU Legislation” means legislative measures of the European Council for the introduction of, changeover to or operation of a single or unified European currency (whether known as the euro or otherwise), being in part the implementation of the third stage of EMU.

“Euros” or “€” refers to the single currency of Participating Member States of the European Union, which shall be an Agreed Foreign Currency and a Foreign Currency under this Agreement.

“National Currency” means the Currency, other than the Euro, of a Participating Member State.

“Participating Member State” means each state so described in any EMU Legislation.

“Target Operating Day” means any day that is not (i) a Saturday or Sunday, (ii) Christmas Day or New Year’s Day or (iii) any other day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time

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Gross Settlement Express Transfer system (or any successor settlement system) is not scheduled to operate (as determined by the Administrative Agent).

“Treaty on European Union” means the Treaty of Rome of March 25, 1957, as amended by the Single European Act 1986 and the Maastricht Treaty (which was signed at Maastricht on February 7, 1992, and came into force on November 1, 1993).

(b) Effectiveness of Provisions. The provisions of paragraphs (c) through (h) of this Section shall be effective on the Amendment Effective Date; *provided* that, if and to the extent that any such provision relates to any state (or the Currency of such state) that is not a Participating Member State on the Amendment Effective Date, such provision shall become effective in relation to such state (and such Currency) at and from the date on which such state becomes a Participating Member State.

(c) Redenomination and Alternative Currencies. Each obligation under this Agreement of a party to this Agreement which has been denominated in the National Currency of a Participating Member State shall be redenominated in Euros in accordance with EMU Legislation; *provided* that, if and to the extent that any EMU Legislation provides that following the Amendment Effective Date an amount denominated either in Euros or in the National Currency of a Participating Member State and payable within the Participating Member State by crediting an account of the creditor can be paid by the debtor either in Euros or in such National Currency, any party to this Agreement shall be entitled to pay or repay any such amount either in Euros or in such National Currency.

(d) Payments by the Administrative Agent Generally. With respect to the payment of any amount denominated in Euros or in a National Currency, the Administrative Agent shall not be liable to the Obligors or any of the Lenders in any way whatsoever for any delay, or the consequences of any delay, in the crediting to any account of any amount required by this Agreement to be paid by the Administrative Agent if the Administrative Agent shall have taken all relevant steps to achieve, on the date required by this Agreement, the payment of such amount in immediately available, freely transferable, cleared funds (in Euros or in such National Currency, as the case may be) to the account of any Lender in the Principal Financial Center in the Participating Member State which the Obligors or such Lender, as the case may be, shall have specified for such purpose. For the purposes of this paragraph, “all relevant steps” means all such steps as may be prescribed from time to time by the regulations or operating procedures of such clearing or settlement system as the Administrative Agent may from time to time determine for the purpose of clearing or settling payments in Euros or such National Currency.

(e) Certain Rate Determinations. For the purposes of determining the date on which the LIBO Rate is determined under this Agreement for the Interest Period for any Borrowing denominated in Euros (or in any National Currency), references in this Agreement to Business Days shall be deemed to be references to Target Operating Days. In addition, if the Administrative Agent determines, with respect to the Interest Period for any Borrowing denominated in a National Currency, that there is no LIBOR displayed on the Reuters’ Service for deposits denominated in such National Currency, the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period shall be based upon LIBOR displayed on the Reuters’ Service for the offering of deposits denominated in Euros.

(f) Basis of Accrual. If the basis of accrual of interest or fees expressed in this Agreement with respect to the Currency of any state that becomes a Participating Member State shall be inconsistent with any convention or practice in the interbank market for the basis of accrual of interest or fees in respect of the Euro, such convention or practice shall replace such expressed

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basis effective as of and from the date on which such state becomes a Participating Member State; *provided* that, with respect to any Borrowing denominated in such Currency that is outstanding immediately prior to such date, such replacement shall take effect at the end of the Interest Period therefor.

(g) Rounding. Without prejudice and in addition to any method of conversion or rounding prescribed by the EMU Legislation, each reference in this Agreement to a minimum amount, or to a multiple of a specified amount, in a National Currency to be paid to or by the Administrative Agent shall be replaced by a reference to such reasonably comparable and convenient amount, or to a multiple of such reasonably comparable and convenient amount, in Euros as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably specify.

(h) Other Consequential Changes. Without prejudice to the respective liabilities of the Obligors to the Lenders and the Lenders to the Obligors under or pursuant to this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Section, each provision of this Agreement shall be subject to such reasonable changes of construction as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably specify to be necessary or appropriate to reflect the introduction of or changeover to the Euro in Participating Member States.

SECTION 10.13 Judgment Currency. This is an international loan transaction in which the specification of Dollars or any Foreign Currency, as the case may be (the "Specified Currency"), and payment in New York City or the country of the Specified Currency, as the case may be (the "Specified Place"), is of the essence, and the Specified Currency shall be the currency of account in all events relating to Loans denominated in the Specified Currency. The payment obligations of each Obligor under this Agreement shall not be discharged or satisfied by an amount paid in another currency or in another place, whether pursuant to a judgment or otherwise, to the extent that the amount so paid on conversion to the Specified Currency and transfer to the Specified Place under normal banking procedures does not yield the amount of the Specified Currency at the Specified Place due hereunder. If for the purpose of obtaining judgment in any court it is necessary to convert a sum due hereunder in the Specified Currency into another currency (the "Second Currency"), the rate of exchange that shall be applied shall be the rate at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Administrative Agent could purchase the Specified Currency with the Second Currency on the Business Day next preceding the day on which such judgment is rendered. The obligation of each Obligor in respect of any such sum due from it to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder or under any other Loan Document (in this Section called an "Entitled Person") shall, notwithstanding the rate of exchange actually applied in rendering such judgment, be discharged only to the extent that on the Business Day following receipt by such Entitled Person of any sum adjudged to be due hereunder in the Second Currency such Entitled Person may in accordance with normal banking procedures purchase and transfer to the Specified Place the Specified Currency with the amount of the Second Currency so adjudged to be due; and each Obligor hereby, as a separate obligation and notwithstanding any such judgment, agrees to indemnify such Entitled Person against, and to pay such Entitled Person on demand, in the Specified Currency, the amount (if any) by which the sum originally due to such Entitled Person in the Specified Currency hereunder exceeds the amount of the Specified Currency so purchased and transferred.

SECTION 10.14 Headings. Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction of, or be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

SECTION 10.15 Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality.

(a) Treatment of Certain Information. Each Obligor acknowledges that from time to time financial advisory, investment banking and other services may be offered or provided to such Obligor or one or more of its Subsidiaries (in connection with this Agreement or otherwise) by any Lender or by one or more subsidiaries or affiliates of such Lender and each Obligor hereby

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authorizes each Lender to share any information delivered to such Lender by such Obligor and its Subsidiaries pursuant to this Agreement, or in connection with the decision of such Lender to enter into this Agreement, to any such subsidiary or affiliate, it being understood that any such subsidiary or affiliate receiving such information shall be bound by the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section as if it were a Lender hereunder. Such authorization shall survive the repayment of the Loans, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit and the Revolving Credit Commitments or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

(b) Confidentiality. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates' respective managers, administrators, trustees, partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors and other representatives (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, (ii) any actual or prospective party (or its managers, administrators, trustees, partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors and other representatives) to any swap or derivative or similar transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to any Credit Party and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder, (iii) any rating agency, or (iv) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar organization, (g) with the consent of the Borrowers, (h) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (y) becomes available to either Agent, any Issuing Bank, any Lender or any of their respective Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Credit Parties or (i) to market data collectors, similar service providers to the lending industry and service providers to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, subject, in each case, to customary confidentiality arrangements for service providers and limited to the existence of the Agreement and publicly available information for market data collectors. For purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from any Credit Party relating to such Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

SECTION 10.16 USA PATRIOT Act. Each Lender hereby notifies the Credit Parties that pursuant to the requirements of the Patriot Act, such Lender may be required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Credit Parties, which information includes the name and address of each Credit Party and other information that will allow such Lender to identify the Credit Parties in accordance with said Act.

SECTION 10.17 Interest Rate Limitation. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time the interest rate applicable to any Loan, together with all fees, charges and other amounts which

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are treated as interest on such Loan under applicable law (collectively the “Charges”), shall exceed the maximum lawful rate (the “Maximum Rate”) which may be contracted for, charged, taken, received or reserved by the Lender holding such Loan in accordance with applicable law, the rate of interest payable in respect of such Loan hereunder, together with all Charges payable in respect thereof, shall be limited to the Maximum Rate and, to the extent lawful, the interest and Charges that would have been payable in respect of such Loan but were not payable as a result of the operation of this Section shall be cumulated and the interest and Charges payable to such Lender in respect of other Loans or periods shall be increased (but not above the Maximum Rate therefor) until such cumulated amount, together with interest thereon at the Federal Funds Effective Rate for each day to the date of repayment, shall have been received by such Lender.

SECTION 10.18 Acknowledgments. Each Obligor hereby acknowledges that:

(a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents;

(b) neither the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks nor any Lender has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to such Obligor arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, and the relationship between the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and Lenders, on the one hand, and such Obligor, on the other hand, in connection herewith or therewith is solely that of creditor and debtor;

(c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Loan Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby; and

(d) each Lender, each Issuing Bank, the Administrative Agent and their Affiliates may have economic interests that conflict with those of the Loan Parties, the owners of their Equity Interests and/or their Affiliates.

SECTION 10.19 Fiscal Year. Each Obligor will not change the last day of its fiscal year from December 31, or the last days of the first three fiscal quarters in each of its fiscal years from March 31, June 30 and September 30, respectively, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 10.20 Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of EEA Financial Institutions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any EEA Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the write-down and conversion powers of an EEA Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by an EEA Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an EEA Financial Institution; and

(b) the effects of any Bail-in Action on any such liability, including, if applicable: (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability, (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such EEA Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the write-down and conversion powers of any EEA Resolution Authority.”

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered (and, in the case of each Person organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, as a deed) by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

BORROWERS

TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: /s/ Curtis L. Buser  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: /s/ Curtis L. Buser  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Witness: /s/ Donna L. Arrington  
Name: Donna L. Arrington

TC GROUP CAYMAN, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings III L.P., its general partner

By: /s/ Curtis L. Buser  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Witness: /s/ Donna L. Arrington  
Name: Donna L. Arrington

CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C.

By: /s/ Curtis L. Buser  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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PARENT GUARANTOR

TC GROUP, L.L.C.

By: Carlyle Holdings I L.P., its sole member

By: /s/ Curtis L. Buser

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Chief Financial Officer

CARLYLE HOLDINGS I L.P.

By: /s/ Curtis L. Buser

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Chief Financial Officer

CARLYLE HOLDINGS II L.P.

By: /s/ Curtis L. Buser

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Chief Financial Officer

CARLYLE HOLDINGS III L.P.

By: /s/ Curtis L. Buser

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

CITIBANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Michael Vondriska

Name: Michael Vondriska

Title: Vice President

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CITIBANK, N.A.

By: /s/ Michael Vondriska

Name: Michael Vondriska

Title: Vice President

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LENDERS

CREDIT SUISSE AG, CAYMAN ISLANDS BRANCH

By: /s/ Whitney Gaston

Name: Whitney Gaston

Title: Authorized Signatory

By: /s/ Komal Shah

Name: Komal Shah

Title: Authorized Signatory

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LENDERS

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

By: /s/ Matthew Griffith

Name: Matthew Griffith

Title: Executive Director

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LENDERS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

By: /s/ John McDowell

Name: John McDowell

Title: Director

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LENDERS

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

By: /s/ Michael Kusner

Name: Michael Kusner

Title: Director

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LENDERS

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

By: /s/ Ronnie Glenn

Name: Ronnie Glenn

Title: Director

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LENDERS

DEUTSCHE BANK AG NEW YORK BRANCH

By: /s/ Virginia Cosenza

Name: Virginia Cosenza

Title: Vice President

By: /s/ Ming K. Chu

Name: Ming K. Chu

Title: Director

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LENDERS

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA

By: /s/ Ryan Durkin

Name: Ryan Durkin

Title: Authorized Signatory

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HSBC BANK USA, N.A.

By: /s/ Mark Epley\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Mark Epley

Title: Head of FSG Americas

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Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A.

By: /s/ Michael King\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Michael King

Title: Authorized Signatory

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SOCIETE GENERALE

By: /s/ Scott W. Phillips

Name: Scott W. Phillips

Title: Managing Director

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LENDERS

UBS AG, STAMFORD BRANCH

By: /s/ Darlene Arias

Name: Darlene Arias

Title: Director

By: /s/ Housseem Daly

Name: Housseem Daly

Title: Associate Director

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SCHEDULE 1

Revolving Credit Commitments

	<u>Revolving Credit Commitment</u>
Citibank, N.A.	\$95,000,000
Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch	\$95,000,000
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$95,000,000
Bank of America, N.A.	\$70,000,000
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association	\$70,000,000
Barclays Bank PLC	\$50,000,000
Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch	\$50,000,000
Goldman Sachs Bank USA	\$50,000,000
HSBC Bank USA, N.A.	\$50,000,000
Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A.	\$50,000,000
Societe Generale	\$50,000,000
UBS AG, Stamford Branch	\$50,000,000
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	\$775,000,000

SCHEDULE 2

Subsidiary Guarantors as of the Amendment Effective Date

TC Group Investment Holdings Sub L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership

TC Group Cayman Sub L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership

TC Group Sub L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

Carlyle Knox Holdings, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company

Carlyle Holdings Finance L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company

Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company

Carlyle Finance L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company

EXHIBIT A

[Form of Assignment and Assumption]

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

This Assignment and Assumption (the "Assignment and Assumption") is dated as of the Effective Date set forth below and is entered into by and between [the][each] Assignor identified in item 1 below ([the][each, an] "Assignor") and [the][each] Assignee identified in item 2 below ([the][each, an] "Assignee"). [It is understood and agreed that the rights and obligations of [the Assignors][the Assignees] hereunder are several and not joint.] Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement identified below (as amended, the "Credit Agreement"), receipt of a copy of which is hereby acknowledged by [the][each] Assignee. The Standard Terms and Conditions set forth in Annex 1 attached hereto are hereby agreed to and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Assignment and Assumption as if set forth herein in full.

For an agreed consideration, [the][each] Assignor hereby irrevocably sells and assigns to [the Assignee][the respective Assignees], and [the][each] Assignee hereby irrevocably purchases and assumes from [the Assignor][the respective Assignors], subject to and in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions and the Credit Agreement, as of the Effective Date inserted by the Administrative Agent as contemplated below (i) all of [the Assignor's][the respective Assignors'] rights and obligations in [its capacity as a Lender][their respective capacities as Lenders] under the Credit Agreement and any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto to the extent related to the amount and percentage interest identified below of all of such outstanding rights and obligations of [the Assignor][the respective Assignors] under the respective facilities identified below (including any letters of credit and guarantees included in such facilities) and (ii) to the extent permitted to be assigned under applicable law, all claims, suits, causes of action and any other right of [the Assignor (in its capacity as a Lender)][the respective Assignors (in their respective capacities as Lenders)] against any Person, whether known or unknown, arising under or in connection with the Credit Agreement, any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto or the loan transactions governed thereby or in any way based on or related to any of the foregoing, including, but not limited to, contract claims, tort claims, malpractice claims, statutory claims and all other claims at law or in equity related to the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned by [the][any] Assignor to [the][any] Assignee pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) above being referred to herein collectively as [the][an] "Assigned Interest"). Each such sale and assignment is without recourse to [the][any] Assignor and, except as expressly provided in this Assignment and Assumption, without representation or warranty by [the][any] Assignor.

1. Assignor[s]: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Assignee[s]: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[for each Assignee, indicate [Affiliate][Approved Fund] of [identify Lender]

3. Borrowers: TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman, L.P. and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C.

4. Administrative Agent: Citibank, N.A., as the administrative agent under the Credit Agreement

5. Credit Agreement: The Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February [11], 2019 among the Borrowers, the Parent Guarantors party thereto, the Lenders party thereto, and Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent for the Lenders

6. Assigned Interest[s]:

Assignor[s]	Assignee[s]	Facility Assigned	Aggregate Amount of Commitment/Loans for all Lenders	Amount of Commitment/Loans Assigned <sup>B</sup>	Percentage Assigned of Commitment/Loans	CUSIP Number
			\$	\$	%	
			\$	\$	%	
			\$	\$	%	

[7. Trade Date: \_\_\_\_\_]

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Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ [TO BE INSERTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND WHICH SHALL BE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RECORDATION OF TRANSFER IN THE REGISTER THEREFOR.]

The terms set forth in this Assignment and Assumption are hereby agreed to:

ASSIGNOR[S]

[NAME OF ASSIGNOR]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

[NAME OF ASSIGNOR]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

ASSIGNEE[S]

[NAME OF ASSIGNEE]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

[NAME OF ASSIGNEE]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

[Consented to and] Accepted:

CITIBANK, N.A.,  
as Administrative Agent

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

[Consented to:]

[ISSUING BANK(S)]

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

[TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.]  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

[TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.]  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

[TC GROUP CAYMAN, L.P.]

By: Carlyle Holdings III L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Chief Financial Officer

[CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C.]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Chief Financial Officer

ANNEX 1

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR  
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1. Representations and Warranties.

1.1 Assignor[s]. [The][Each] Assignor (a) represents and warrants that (i) it is the legal and beneficial owner of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, (ii) [the][such] Assigned Interest is free and clear of any lien, encumbrance or other adverse claim and (iii) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and (b) assumes no responsibility with respect to (i) any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of the Loan Documents, (iii) the financial condition of the Obligors, any of their Subsidiaries or Affiliates or any other Person obligated in respect of any Loan Document or (iv) the performance or observance by the Obligors, any of their Subsidiaries or Affiliates or any other Person of any of their respective obligations under any Loan Document.

1.2. Assignee[s]. [The][Each] Assignee (a) represents and warrants that (i) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and to become a Lender under the Credit Agreement, (ii) satisfies the requirements to be an assignee under the Credit Agreement (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under the Credit Agreement), (iii) from and after the Effective Date, it shall be bound by the provisions of the Credit Agreement as a Lender thereunder and, to the extent of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, shall have the obligations of a Lender thereunder, (iv) it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to acquire assets of the type represented by the Assigned Interest and either it, or the person exercising discretion in making its decision to acquire the Assigned Interest, is experienced in acquiring assets of such type, (v) it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement, and has received or has been accorded the opportunity to receive copies of the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant thereto, as applicable, and such other documents and information as it deems appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the][such] Assigned Interest, (vi) it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the][such] Assigned Interest, and (vii) if it is a Foreign Lender, attached to the Assignment and Assumption is any documentation required to be delivered by it pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement, duly completed and executed by [the] [such] Assignee; and (b) agrees that (i) it will, independently and without reliance on the Administrative Agent, [the][any] Assignor or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Loan Documents, and (ii) it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of the Loan Documents are required to be performed by it as a Lender.

2. Payments. From and after the Effective Date, the Administrative Agent shall make all payments in respect of [the][each] Assigned Interest (including payments of principal, interest, fees and other amounts) to [the][the relevant] Assignor for amounts which have accrued to but excluding the Effective Date and to [the][the relevant] Assignee for amounts which have accrued from and after the Effective Date.

3. General Provisions. This Assignment and Assumption shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Assignment and Assumption may be executed in any number of counterparts, which together shall constitute one instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Assignment and Assumption by telecopy shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Assignment and Assumption. This Assignment and Assumption shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.



EXHIBIT B

[Form of Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement]

ADDITIONAL BORROWER JOINDER AGREEMENT

ADDITIONAL BORROWER JOINDER AGREEMENT dated as of [\_\_\_\_], 20[\_\_\_], among TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman, L.P. and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. (individually, an “Original Borrower”, and collectively, the “Original Borrowers”), [Insert name of Additional Borrower], a [\_\_\_\_] (the “Additional Borrower”), and CITIBANK, N.A., as administrative agent (the “Administrative Agent”).

The Original Borrowers, TC Group, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, as a Parent Guarantor, the Lenders party thereto and the Administrative Agent are parties to an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February [11], 2019 (as amended, supplemented and otherwise modified and in effect from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement.

The Original Borrowers and the Additional Borrower hereby request, pursuant to Section 2.23 of the Credit Agreement, that the Additional Borrower be admitted as an additional Borrower under the Credit Agreement.

The Additional Borrower hereby agrees to become a “Borrower” and an “Obligor” for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents and hereby unconditionally assumes and agrees to perform, and to be bound by all of the terms and provisions of, any and all obligations (including, without limitation, the obligation to pay the principal amount of any Loans and accrued interest thereon, all obligations in respect of any LC Exposure, fees and other amounts), covenants and agreements of a Borrower and an Obligor under the Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents and all obligations of each Original Borrower arising out of all representations, warranties, documents, instruments and certificates made or delivered by or on behalf of such Original Borrower under or in connection with the Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents, in each case to the same extent as if such Additional Borrower was an original party thereto (such obligations, covenants and agreements of the Original Borrowers, the “Assumed Obligations”). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or the Credit Agreement to the contrary, each Original Borrower hereby unconditionally confirms and ratifies and agrees to perform and observe, and to be bound by all of the terms and provisions of, any and all of the Assumed Obligations.

The Additional Borrower hereby acknowledges its joint and several liability for the Borrower Obligations as provided in Section 2.20 of the Credit Agreement.

The Additional Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders (it being agreed that the Additional Borrower represents and warrants only with respect to itself) that as of the date hereof and after giving effect to the admission of the Additional Borrower as an additional Borrower under the Credit Agreement: (i) the representations and warranties set forth in Article IV of the Credit Agreement are true and correct with respect to the Additional Borrower, (ii) the Additional Borrower is in compliance in all material respects with all the terms and provisions set forth in the Credit Agreement on its part to be observed or performed as of the date hereof and after giving effect thereto and (iii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

This Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement shall constitute a “Loan Document” for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents. This Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and both of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement by electronic transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement. This Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Additional Borrower and each Original Borrower has caused this Additional Borrower Joinder Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

ADDITIONAL BORROWER

[NAME OF ADDITIONAL BORROWER]

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

ORIGINAL BORROWERS

TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

TC GROUP CAYMAN, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings III L.P., its general partner  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Accepted and agreed:

CITIBANK, N.A.,  
as Administrative Agent

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

EXHIBIT C

[Form of Closing Certificate]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

Pursuant to Section 5.01(c) of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February [11], 2019 (the "Credit Agreement"; unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement), among TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman, L.P., Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C., TC Group, L.L.C., the lenders party thereto and Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ [Insert name of Responsible Officer], \_\_\_\_\_ [Insert title of Responsible Officer] of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Credit Party"), hereby certifies on behalf of the Credit Party as follows:

1. The representations and warranties of the Credit Party set forth in each of the Loan Documents to which it is a party or which are contained in any certificate furnished by or on behalf of the Credit Party pursuant to any of the Loan Documents to which it is a party are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date hereof, except for representations and warranties expressly stated to relate to a specific earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date. No Default has occurred and is continuing.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the duly elected and qualified [Assistant] Secretary of the Credit Party and the signature set forth for such Responsible Officer below is such Responsible Officer's true and genuine signature.

The undersigned [Assistant] Secretary of the Credit Party hereby certifies as follows:

- (i) Attached hereto as Annex 1 is a true and complete copy of a Certificate of Good Standing or the equivalent from the Credit Party's jurisdiction of organization dated as of a recent date prior to the date hereof.
- (ii) Attached hereto as Annex 2 is a true and complete copy of [resolutions][unanimous written consent] duly adopted by the [Board of Directors] of the Credit Party on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011. Such resolutions have not in any way been amended, modified, revoked or rescinded, have been in full force and effect since their adoption to and including the date hereof and are now in full force and effect and are the only corporate proceedings of the Credit Party now in force relating to or affecting the matters referred to therein.
- (iii) Attached hereto as Annex 3 is a true and complete copy of the [Certificate of Incorporation] [Memorandum of Association] of the Credit Party as in effect on the date hereof, and such [Certificate of Incorporation] [Memorandum of Association] has not been amended, repealed, modified or restated.
- (iv) Attached hereto as Annex 4 is a true and complete certified copy of the [Articles of Association][Bylaws] of the Credit Party as in effect on the date hereof, and such [Articles of Association][Bylaws] have not been amended, repealed, modified or restated.
- (v) The persons listed on Schedule I hereto are now duly elected and qualified officers of the Credit Party holding the offices indicated next to their respective names on Schedule I hereto, and the signatures appearing opposite their respective names on Schedule I hereto are the true and genuine signatures of such officers, and each of such officers is duly authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Credit Party each of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and any certificate or other document to be delivered by the Credit Party pursuant to the Loan Documents to which it is a party.
- (vi) Latham & Watkins LLP and (for Persons organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands) Maples and Calder may rely on this certificate in rendering their respective opinions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their names as of the first date set forth above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: [Insert title of Responsible Officer] Title: [Assistant] Secretary

Schedule I  
to Closing Certificate

**Name**

**Office**

**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Annex 1  
to Closing Certificate

[Certificate of Good Standing]

Annex 2  
to Closing Certificate

[Board Resolutions][Unanimous Written Consent]

Annex 3  
to Closing Certificate

[Articles of [Incorporation][Association]]

EXHIBIT D

[Form of Solvency Certificate]

\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

This Solvency Certificate is delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(e) of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February [11], 2019 (the "Credit Agreement"), among TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman, L.P., Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C., TC Group, L.L.C., the Lenders party thereto, and Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms defined in the Credit Agreement and not otherwise defined herein are used herein as defined therein.

The undersigned, being a Responsible Officer of [\_\_\_\_\_], the [general partner (the "General Partner") [managing member (the "Managing Member")]] of [TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P.] [TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P.] [TC Group Cayman, L.P.] [Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C.] [TC Group, L.L.C.] (the "Obligor"), hereby certifies on behalf of the Obligor that, immediately after giving effect to the Transactions and immediately following the making of each Loan and after giving effect to the application of the proceeds of each Loan, (a) the amount of the "present fair saleable value" of the assets of the Obligor will exceed the amount of all "liabilities of the Obligor, contingent or otherwise", as such quoted terms are determined in accordance with applicable federal and state laws governing determinations of the insolvency of debtors, (b) the present fair saleable value of the assets of the Obligor will be greater than the amount that will be required to pay the liability of the Obligor on its debts as such debts become absolute and matured, (c) the Obligor will not have an unreasonably small amount of capital with which to conduct its business and (d) the Obligor will be able to pay its debts as they mature. For purposes hereof, (i) "debt" means liability on a "claim", (ii) "claim" means any (x) right to payment, whether or not such a right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured or (y) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured or unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured and (iii) except as otherwise provided by applicable law, the amount of "contingent liabilities" at any time shall be the amount thereof which, in light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, can reasonably be expected to become actual or matured liabilities.

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WITNESS my hand dated as of the date first above written.

By [\_\_\_\_\_], as its [General Partner][Managing Member]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:  
Title:

EXHIBIT E

FORM OF

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

(For Foreign Lenders That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement dated as of February [11], 2019 (the "Credit Agreement"), among TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., TC Group Cayman, L.P., Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C., TC Group, L.L.C., the Lenders party thereto, and Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.16 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the Loan(s) (as well as any Letters of Credit evidencing such Loan(s)) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iii) it is not a "ten percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Code and (iv) it is not a "controlled foreign corporation" related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Administrative Agent and the Borrower with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this

certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Borrower and the Administrative Agent with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

FORM OF

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

(For Foreign Participants That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.16 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iii) it is not a "ten percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Code and (iv) it is not a "controlled foreign corporation" related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender in writing, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF PARTICIPANT]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20[ ~ ]  
FORM OF

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.16 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) its direct or indirect partners/members are the sole beneficial owners of such participation, (iii) with respect such participation, neither the undersigned nor any of its direct or indirect partners/members is a "bank" extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iv) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a "ten percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Code and (v) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a "controlled foreign corporation" related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E from each of such partner's/member's beneficial

owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF PARTICIPANT]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20[ ~ ]

FORM OF

### U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

(For Foreign Lenders That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

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Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20[ ~ ]

EXHIBIT F

[Form of Revolving Credit Loan Note]

REVOLVING CREDIT LOAN NOTE

[\$[\_\_\_\_\_] [\_\_\_\_\_] , 201[ ]

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDING, L.P., TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P., TC GROUP CAYMAN, L.P. AND CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C. (collectively, the "Borrowers"),

hereby promise to pay, jointly and severally, to [\_\_\_\_\_] or its registered permitted assigns (the “Lender”), at such of the offices of the Lender as shall be notified to the Borrowers from time to time, the principal sum of [\_\_\_\_\_] (\$[\_\_\_\_\_] ), in lawful money of the United States and in immediately available funds, on the dates and in the principal amounts provided in the Credit Agreement referred to below, or such lesser amount at any time as shall equal the then aggregate outstanding principal amount of Revolving Credit Loans by the Lender under the Credit Agreement, and to pay, jointly and severally, interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Credit Loan made by the Lender under the Credit Agreement, at such office, in like money and funds, for the period commencing on the date of such Revolving Credit Loan until such Revolving Credit Loan shall be paid in full, at the rates per annum and on the dates provided in the Credit Agreement.

This Note is one of the promissory notes referred to in Section 2.08(g) of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February [11], 2019 (the “Credit Agreement”) among the Borrowers, the Parent Guarantors party thereto from time to time, the Lenders party thereto and Citibank, N.A, as Administrative Agent, and evidences Revolving Credit Loans made by the Lender. This note is subject to, and the Lender is entitled to the benefits of, the provisions of the Credit Agreement and the Revolving Credit Loans evidenced hereby are guaranteed as provided for therein and in the other Loan Documents. Terms used but not defined in this Note have the respective meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement.

The date, amount, Type, interest rate and Interest Period of each Revolving Credit Loan made by the Lender to the Borrowers, and each payment made on account of the principal thereof, shall be recorded by the Lender on its books and, prior to any transfer of this Note, endorsed by the Lender on the Schedule attached hereto or any continuation thereof, provided that the failure of the Lender to make any such recordation (or any error in making any such recordation) or endorsement shall not affect the obligations of the Borrowers to make a payment when due of any amount owing under the Credit Agreement or hereunder.

The Credit Agreement provides for the acceleration of the maturity of this Note upon the occurrence of certain events and for prepayments hereof upon the terms and conditions specified therein.

No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any rights hereunder on the part of the holder hereof shall operate as a waiver of such rights.

Except as permitted by Section 10.04 of the Credit Agreement, this Note may not be assigned by the Lender to any other Person.

This Note shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.

By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TC GROUP CAYMAN, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings III L.P., its general partner  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING CREDIT LOANS

This Note evidences Revolving Credit Loans made under the within-described Credit Agreement to the Borrowers, on the dates, in the principal amounts and of the Types, and bearing interest at the rates and having the Interest Period set forth below, subject to the

payments and prepayments of principal set forth below:

<u>Principal Amount of Revolving Credit Loan</u>	<u>Type of Revolving Credit Loan</u>	<u>Interest Rate and Period</u>	<u>Amount Paid or Prepaid</u>	<u>Unpaid Principal Amount</u>	<u>Notation Made By</u>
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#### EXHIBIT G

[Form of Term Loan Note]

#### TERM LOAN NOTE

\$\_[ ] [ ]\_, 201[ ]

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDING, L.P., TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P., TC GROUP CAYMAN, L.P. AND CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C. (collectively, the "Borrowers"), hereby promise to pay, jointly and severally, to [ ] or its registered permitted assigns (the "Lender"), at such of the offices of the Lender as shall be notified to the Borrowers from time to time, the principal sum of [ ] (\$[ ]), in lawful money of the United States and in immediately available funds, on the dates and in the principal amounts provided in the Credit Agreement referred to below, or such lesser amount at any time as shall equal the then aggregate outstanding principal amount of Incremental Term Loans by the Lender under the Credit Agreement, and to pay, jointly and severally, interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Incremental Term Loan made by the Lender under the Credit Agreement, at such office, in like money and funds, for the period commencing on the date of such Incremental Term Loan until such Incremental Term Loan shall be paid in full, at the rates per annum and on the dates provided in the Credit Agreement.

This Note is one of the promissory notes referred to in Section 2.08(g) of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February [11], 2019 (the "Credit Agreement") among the Borrowers, the Parent Guarantors party thereto from time to time, the Lenders party thereto and Citibank, N.A, as Administrative Agent, and evidences Incremental Term Loans made by the Lender thereunder. This note is subject to, and the Lender is entitled to the benefits of, the provisions of the Credit Agreement and the Incremental Term Loans evidenced hereby are guaranteed as provided for therein and in the other Loan Documents. The Incremental Term Loans evidenced hereby are subject to prepayment prior to the Maturity Date, in whole or in part, as provided in the Credit Agreement. Terms used but not defined in this Note have the respective meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement provides for the acceleration of the maturity of this Note upon the occurrence of certain events and for prepayments hereof upon the terms and conditions specified therein.

No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any rights hereunder on the part of the holder hereof shall operate as a waiver of such rights.

Except as permitted by Section 10.04 of the Credit Agreement, this Note may not be assigned by the Lender to any other Person.

This Note shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

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#### EXHIBIT H

[Reserved]

#### EXHIBIT I

[Form of Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement]

#### PARENT GUARANTOR JOINDER AGREEMENT

PARENT GUARANTOR JOINDER AGREEMENT dated as of [ ]\_, 20[ ] by [NAME OF ADDITIONAL PARENT GUARANTOR], a [ ] (the "Additional Parent Guarantor"), in favor of CITIBANK, N.A., as administrative agent for the parties defined as "Holders" under the Credit Agreement referred to below (in such capacity, together with its successors in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent").

TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, TC Group Cayman, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership., and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, as Borrowers, TC Group, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, as a Parent Guarantor, the Lenders party thereto and the Administrative Agent are parties to an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of



February [11], 2019 (as modified and supplemented and in effect from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2.24(a) of the Credit Agreement, the Additional Parent Guarantor hereby agrees to become a "Parent Guarantor" and an "Obligor" for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and all other Loan Documents. Without limiting the foregoing, the Additional Parent Guarantor hereby:

(a) jointly and severally with the other Parent Guarantors, guarantees to each Holder and their respective successors and assigns the prompt payment in full when due (whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, including amounts that would become due but for the operation of the automatic stay under applicable Debtor Relief Laws) of all Obligations in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided in Article III of the Credit Agreement;

(b) makes the representations and warranties set forth in Article IV of the Credit Agreement with respect to itself and its obligations under this Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement, as if each reference in such Article to the Loan Documents included reference to this Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement; and

(c) agrees to be bound by all covenants, agreements and obligations of a Parent Guarantor and an Obligor pursuant to the Credit Agreement and all other Loan Documents to which it is or becomes a party.

This Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement shall constitute a "Loan Document" for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents. This Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and both of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement by electronic transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement. This Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Additional Parent Guarantor has caused this Parent Guarantor Joinder Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

[NAME OF ADDITIONAL PARENT GUARANTOR]

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

Accepted and agreed:

CITIBANK, N.A.,  
as Administrative Agent

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

#### EXHIBIT J

[Form of Confirmation]

#### CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION (this "Confirmation") dated as of February [11], 2019, among each of the companies or entities identified under the caption "OBLIGORS" on the signature pages hereto (collectively, the "Obligors") and CITIBANK, N.A., as administrative agent for the Lenders referred to in the Existing Credit Agreement referred to below (in such capacity, together with its successors in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent").

The Obligors, the lenders party thereto and Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent are parties to a Credit Agreement dated as of December 13, 2011 (as amended by Amendment No.1 thereto dated as of August 9, 2013, Amendment No. 2 thereto dated as of May 5, 2015 and Amendment No. 3 thereto dated as of May 3, 2016, the "Existing Credit Agreement"), providing for extensions of credit to be made by said Lenders to the Borrowers thereunder. Concurrently with the execution and delivery hereof, the Existing Credit Agreement is being amended and restated in its entirety pursuant to an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of the date hereof (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Amended and Restated Credit Agreement") among the Obligors, the lenders party thereto and Citibank, N.A. as Administrative Agent. Except as otherwise defined in this Confirmation, terms defined in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are used herein as defined therein. In connection with the Existing Credit Agreement, the Administrative Agent and the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto are party to a Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement dated as of May 2, 2012.

Each Credit Party, by its execution of this Confirmation, hereby (i) consents to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and (ii) unconditionally confirms and ratifies that all of its obligations as a guarantor under the Loan Documents (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) to which it is a party shall continue in full force and effect for the benefit of the Holders.

This Confirmation shall constitute a "Loan Document" for all purposes of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement. This Confirmation may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same amendatory instrument and any of the parties hereto may execute this Confirmation by signing any such counterpart. This Confirmation shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Credit Party has caused this Confirmation to be duly executed and delivered (and, in the case of each Person organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, as a deed) as of the date first above written.

CREDIT PARTIES

OBLIGORS

TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

TC GROUP CAYMAN, L.P.  
By: Carlyle Holdings III L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

CARLYLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT L.L.C.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

CARLYLE HOLDINGS I L.P.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

CARLYLE HOLDINGS II L.P.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

CARLYLE HOLDINGS III L.P.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS

TC GROUP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS SUB L.P.

By: TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P., its general partner  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

TC GROUP CAYMAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS SUB L.P.

By: TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P., its general partner  
By: Carlyle Holdings II L.P. its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

TC GROUP CAYMAN SUB L.P.

By: TC Group Cayman, L.P., its general partner  
By: Carlyle Holdings III L.P., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

TC GROUP SUB L.P.

By: TC Group, L.L.C., its general partner  
By: Carlyle Holdings I L.P., its sole member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

CARLYLE KNOX HOLDINGS, L.L.C.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Curtis L. Buser  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Accepted and Acknowledged by:

CITIBANK, N.A.,  
as Administrative Agent

By: \_\_

Name:

Title:

Schedule 1 to Credit Agreement

**THE CARLYLE GROUP L.P.  
2012 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

**GLOBAL DEFERRED RESTRICTED COMMON UNIT AGREEMENT**

*Participant:*

*Date of Grant:*

*Number of DRUs:*

1. Grant of DRUs. The Carlyle Group L.P. (the "Partnership") hereby grants the number of deferred restricted Common Units (the "DRUs") listed above to the Participant (the "Award"), effective as of [\_\_\_\_\_] (the "Date of Grant"), on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth in this agreement including Appendix A, which includes any applicable country-specific provisions (together, the "Award Agreement"). This grant is made pursuant to the terms of The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"), which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Award Agreement. Each DRU represents the unfunded, unsecured right of the Participant to receive a Common Unit on the delivery date(s) specified in Section 4 hereof.

2. Definitions. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as in the Plan.

(a) "Cause" shall mean the determination by the Administrator that the Participant has (i) engaged in gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of the Participant's duties, (ii) willfully engaged in conduct that the Participant knows or, based on facts known to the Participant, should know is materially injurious to the Partnership or any of its Affiliates, (iii) materially breached any material provision of the Participant's employment agreement or other Restrictive Covenant Agreement with the Partnership or its Affiliates, (iv) been convicted of, or entered a plea bargain or settlement admitting guilt for, fraud, embezzlement, or any other felony under the laws of the United States or of any state or the District of Columbia or any other country or any jurisdiction of any other country (but specifically excluding felonies involving a traffic violation), (v) been the subject of any order, judicial or administrative, obtained or issued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or similar agency or tribunal of any country, for any securities violation involving insider trading, fraud, misappropriation, dishonesty or willful misconduct (including, for example, any such order consented to by the Participant in which findings of facts or any legal conclusions establishing liability are neither admitted nor denied), or (vi) discussed the Partnership's (or its Affiliates') fundraising efforts, or the name of any fund vehicle that has not had a final closing of commitments, to any reporter or representative of any press or other public media.

(b) "Qualifying Event" shall mean, during the Participant's Services with the Partnership and its Affiliates, the Participant's death or Disability.

(c) “Restrictive Covenant Agreement” shall mean any agreement (including, without limitation, this Award Agreement), and any attachments or schedules thereto, entered into by and between the Participant and the Partnership or its Affiliates, pursuant to which the Participant has agreed, among other things, to certain restrictions relating to non-competition (if applicable), non-solicitation and/or confidentiality, in order to protect the business of the Partnership and its Affiliates.

(d) “Vested DRUs” shall mean those DRUs which have become vested pursuant to Section 3 or otherwise pursuant to the Plan.

(e) “Vesting Dates” shall mean each of the vesting dates set forth in Section 4(a) hereof.

### 3. Vesting.

(a) *Vesting – General.* Subject to the Participant’s continued Services with the Partnership and its Affiliates, the Award shall vest on the applicable Vesting Dates as follows:

(i) The DRUs granted hereunder shall vest in installments on each Vesting Date as set forth in Section 4(a) hereof.

(b) *Vesting – Death or Disability.* Upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Event, 100% of the DRUs granted hereunder shall vest (to the extent not previously vested) upon the date of such Qualifying Event.

(c) *Vesting – Terminations.* Except as otherwise set forth in Section 3(b), in the event the Participant’s Services with the Partnership and its Affiliates are terminated for any reason, the portion of the Award that has not yet vested pursuant to Section 3(a) or 3(b) hereof (or otherwise pursuant to the Plan) shall be cancelled immediately and the Participant shall automatically forfeit all rights with respect to such portion of the Award as of the date of such termination. For purposes of this provision, the effective date of termination of the Participant’s Services will be determined in accordance with Section 8(k) hereof.

### 4. Vesting and Delivery Dates.

(a) *Delivery – General.* The Partnership shall, on or within 30 days following a Vesting Date, deliver (or cause delivery to be made) to the Participant the Common Units underlying the DRUs that vest and become Vested DRUs on such Vesting Date. The general vesting and delivery terms with respect to the DRUs are set forth in the table below.

<u>Vesting Dates</u>	<u>Annual Vesting / Delivery</u>	<u>Cumulative Vesting / Delivery</u>

(b) *Delivery – Death or Disability.* Upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Event, the Partnership shall, within 30 days following the date of such event, deliver (or cause delivery of) Common Units to the Participant in respect of 100% of the DRUs which vest and become Vested DRUs on such date.

(c) *Delivery – Terminations.* Except as otherwise set forth in Section 4(b) or 4(d), in the event the Participant's Services with the Partnership and its Affiliates are terminated for any reason, the Partnership shall within 30 days following the date of such termination, deliver (or cause delivery of) Common Units to the Participant in respect of any then outstanding Vested DRUs.

(d) *Forfeiture – Cause Termination or Breach of Restrictive Covenants.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, upon the termination of the Participant's Services by the Partnership or any of its Affiliates for Cause or upon the Participant's breach of any of the restrictive covenants contained within an applicable Restrictive Covenant Agreement, all outstanding DRUs (whether or not vested) shall immediately terminate and be forfeited without consideration and no further Common Units with respect of the Award shall be delivered to the Participant or to the Participant's legal representative, beneficiaries or heirs. Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent permitted under applicable law, any Common Units that have previously been delivered to the Participant or the Participant's legal representative, beneficiaries or heirs pursuant to the Award and which are still held by the Participant or the Participant's legal representative, or beneficiaries or heirs as of the date of such termination for Cause or such breach, shall also immediately terminate and be forfeited without consideration.

5. Change in Control. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event of a Change in Control, (i) 100% of the DRUs granted hereunder which then remain outstanding shall vest (to the extent not previously vested) upon the date of such Change in Control, and (ii) the Partnership shall deliver (or cause delivery of) Common Units to the Participant at the same times as would otherwise be delivered pursuant to Section 4(a); provided, however, if such Change in Control (or any subsequent Change in Control) would constitute "a change in the ownership or effective control" or a "change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Partnership (in each case within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), the Partnership shall instead deliver (or cause delivery of) Common Units to the Participant in respect of 100% of the then outstanding DRUs on or within 10 days following such Change in Control.

6. No Dividends or Distributions on DRUs. No dividends or other distributions shall accrue or become payable with respect to any DRUs prior to the date upon which the Common Units underlying the DRUs are issued or transferred to the Participant.

7. Adjustments Upon Certain Events. The Administrator shall make certain substitutions or adjustments to any DRUs subject to this Award Agreement pursuant to Section 9 of the Plan.

8. Nature of Grant. In accepting the grant, the Participant acknowledges, understands, and agrees that:

(a) the Plan is established voluntarily by the Partnership, it is discretionary in nature and it may be modified, amended, suspended or terminated by the Partnership, at any time, to the extent permitted by the Plan;

(b) the grant of the DRUs is exceptional, voluntary and occasional and does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of DRUs, or benefits in lieu of DRUs, even if DRUs have been granted in the past;

(c) all decisions with respect to future DRUs or other grants, if any, will be at the sole discretion of the Partnership;

(d) the granting of the DRUs evidenced by this Award Agreement shall impose no obligation on the Partnership or any Affiliate to continue the Services of the Participant and shall not lessen or affect the Partnership's or its Affiliate's right to terminate the Services of such Participant;

(e) the Participant is voluntarily participating in the Plan;

(f) the DRUs and the Common Units subject to the DRUs, and the income from and value of same, are not intended to replace any pension rights or compensation;

(g) the DRUs and the Common Units subject to the DRUs, and the income from and value of same, are not part of normal or expected compensation for purposes of calculating any severance, resignation, termination, redundancy, dismissal, end-of-service payments, holiday pay, bonuses, long-service awards, pension or retirement or welfare benefits or similar payments;

(h) the DRUs should in no event be considered as compensation for, or relating in any way to, past services for the Partnership, the Employer or any Affiliate;

(i) unless otherwise agreed with the Partnership, the DRUs and the Common Units subject to the DRUs, and the income from and value of same, are not granted as consideration for, or in connection with, the Services Participant may provide as a director of an Affiliate;



(j) the future value of the underlying Common Units is unknown, indeterminable and cannot be predicted with certainty;

(k) in the event of termination of the Participant's Services for any reason, except as set forth in Sections 3(b) and 4(b) (whether or not later to be found invalid or in breach of employment laws in the jurisdiction where the Participant is employed or the terms of the Participant's employment agreement, if any), unless otherwise determined by the Partnership, the Participant's right to vest in the DRUs under the Plan, if any, will terminate effective as of the date that the Participant is no longer actively providing Services and will not be extended by any notice period (e.g., active Services would not include any contractual notice period or any period of "garden leave" or similar period mandated under employment laws in the jurisdiction where the Participant is employed, or the terms of the Participant's employment agreement, if any); the Administrator shall have the exclusive discretion to determine when the Participant is no longer actively providing Services for purposes of the DRUs grant (including whether the Participant may still be considered to be providing Services while on an approved leave of absence); and

(l) in addition to the provisions above in this Section 8, the following provisions apply if the Participant is providing Services outside the United States:

(i) no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages shall arise from forfeiture of the DRUs resulting from termination of the Participant's Services as set forth in Section 3(c), 4(c) or 4(d) above for any reason (whether or not later found to be invalid or in breach of employment laws in the jurisdiction where the Participant is employed or the terms of the Participant's employment agreement, if any), and in consideration of the grant of the DRUs, the Participant agrees not to institute any claim against the Partnership or any Affiliate;

(ii) the DRUs and the Common Units subject to the DRUs are not part of normal or expected compensation or salary for any purpose; and

(iii) neither the Partnership nor any Affiliate shall be liable for any foreign exchange rate fluctuation between the Participant's local currency and the United States Dollar that may affect the value of the DRUs or of any amounts due to the Participant pursuant to the settlement of the DRUs or the subsequent sale of any Common Units acquired upon settlement.

9. **No Advice Regarding Grant.** The Partnership is not providing any tax, legal or financial advice, nor is the Partnership making any recommendations regarding the Participant's participation in the Plan, or the Participant's acquisition or sale of the underlying Common Units. The Participant should consult with his or her own personal tax, legal and financial advisors regarding his or her participation in the Plan before taking any action related to the Plan.

10. **Data Privacy Information and Consent.** *The Partnership is located at 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004 U.S.A. and grants employees of the*

**Partnership and its Affiliates DRUs, at the Partnership's sole discretion. If the Participant would like to participate in the Plan, please review the following information about the Partnership's data processing practices and declare the Participant's consent.**

**(a) Data Collection and Usage: The Partnership collects, processes and uses personal data of Participants, including name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social insurance number or other identification number, salary, citizenship, job title, any Common Units or directorships held in the Partnership, and details of all DRUs, canceled, vested, or outstanding in the Participant's favor, which the Partnership receives from the Participant or the Employer. If the Partnership offers the Participant a grant of DRUs under the Plan, then the Partnership will collect the Participant's personal data for purposes of allocating Common Units and implementing, administering and managing the Plan. The Partnership's legal basis for the processing of the Participant's personal data would be his or her consent.**

**(b) Stock Plan Administration Service Providers: The Partnership transfers participant data to Morgan Stanley, an independent service provider based in the United States, which assists the Partnership with the implementation, administration and management of the Plan. In the future, the Partnership may select a different service provider and share the Participant's data with another company that serves in a similar manner. The Partnership's service provider will open an account for the Participant to receive and trade Common Units. The Participant will be asked to agree on separate terms and data processing practices with the service provider, which is a condition to the Participant's ability to participate in the Plan.**

**(c) International Data Transfers: The Partnership and its service providers are based in the United States. If the Participant is outside the United States, the Participant should note that his or her country has enacted data privacy laws that are different from the United States. For example, the European Commission has issued a limited adequacy finding with respect to the United States that applies only to the extent companies register for the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield program, which is open to companies subject to Federal Trade Commission jurisdiction and which the Partnership does not participate in. The Partnership's legal basis for the transfer of the Participant's personal data is his or her consent.**

**(d) Data Retention: The Partnership will use the Participant's personal data only as long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage the Participant's participation in the Plan or as required to comply with legal or regulatory obligations, including under tax and security laws. When the Partnership no longer needs the Participant's personal data, which will generally be seven years after the Participant is granted DRUs under the Plan, the Partnership will remove it from its systems. If the Partnership keeps the data longer, it would be to satisfy legal or regulatory obligations and the Partnership's legal basis would be relevant law or regulations.**

**(e) Voluntariness and Consequences of Consent Denial or Withdrawal: The Participant's participation in the Plan and the Participant's grant of consent is purely**

**voluntary. The Participant may deny or withdraw his or her consent at any time. If the Participant does not consent, or if the Participant withdraws his or her consent, the Participant cannot participate in the Plan. This would not affect the Participant's salary as an employee or his or her career; the Participant would merely forfeit the opportunities associated with the Plan.**

**(f) Data Subject Rights: The Participant has a number of rights under data privacy laws in his or her country. Depending on where the Participant is based, the Participant's rights may include the right to (i) request access or copies of personal data of the Partnership processes, (ii) rectification of incorrect data, (iii) deletion of data, (iv) restrictions on processing, (v) portability of data, (vi) lodge complaints with competent authorities in the Participant's country, and/or (vii) a list with the names and address of any potential recipients of the Participant's data. To receive clarification regarding the Participant's rights or to exercise the Participant's rights please contact the Partnership at The Carlyle Group, LP, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004 U.S.A., Attention: Equity Management.**

**If the Participant agrees with the data processing practices as described in this notice, please declare the Participant's consent by clicking the "Accept Award" button on the Morgan Stanley award acceptance page or signing below.**

11. No Rights of a Holder of Common Units. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Participant shall not have any rights as a holder of Common Units until such Common Units have been issued or transferred to the Participant.

12. Restrictions. Any Common Units issued or transferred to the Participant or to the Participant's beneficiary pursuant to Section 4 of this Award Agreement (including, without limitation, following the Participant's death or Disability) shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Administrator may deem advisable under the Plan or the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the SEC, any stock exchange upon which such Common Units are listed and any applicable U.S. or non-U.S. federal, state or local laws, and the Administrator may cause a notation or notations to be put entered into the books and records of the Partnership to make appropriate reference to such restrictions. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Participant's ability to sell or transfer the Common Units shall be subject to such trading policies or limitations as the Administrator may, in its sole discretion, impose from time to time on current or former senior professionals, employees, consultants, directors, members, partners or other service providers of the Partnership or of any of its Affiliates.

13. Transferability. Unless otherwise determined or approved by the Administrator, no DRUs may be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and any purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance not permitted by this Section 13 shall be void and unenforceable against the Partnership or any Affiliate.

14. Notices. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given (and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt) by delivery in person, by courier service, by fax, or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the respective parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this Section 14):

(a) If to the Partnership, to:

The Carlyle Group L.P.  
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004  
Attention: General Counsel  
Fax: (202) 315-3678

(b) If to the Participant, to the address appearing in the personnel records of the Partnership or any Affiliate.

15. Withholding. The Participant acknowledges that he or she may be required to pay to the Partnership or, if different, an Affiliate that employs the Participant (the "Employer"), and that the Partnership, the Employer, or any Affiliate shall have the right and are hereby authorized to withhold from any compensation or other amount owing to the Participant, applicable income tax, social insurance, payroll tax, fringe benefits tax, payment on account or other tax-related items (including taxes that are imposed on the Partnership or the Employer as a result of the Participant's participation in the Plan but are deemed by the Partnership or the Employer to be an appropriate charge to the Participant) (collectively, "Tax-Related Items"), with respect to any issuance, transfer, or other taxable event under this Award Agreement or under the Plan and to take such action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Partnership to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such Tax-Related Items. The Participant further acknowledges that the Partnership and/or the Employer (i) make no representations or undertakings regarding the treatment of any Tax-Related Items in connection with any aspect of the DRUs, including, but not limited to the grant or vesting of the DRUs and the subsequent sale of Common Units acquired upon settlement of the Vested DRUs; and (ii) do not commit to and are under no obligation to structure the terms of the grant or any aspect of the DRUs to reduce or eliminate the Participant's liability for Tax-Related Items or achieve a particular tax result. Further, if the Participant is subject to Tax-Related Items in more than one jurisdiction, the Participant acknowledges that the Partnership and/or the Employer (or former employer, as applicable) may be required to withhold or account for Tax-Related Items in more than one jurisdiction. Without limiting the foregoing, the Administrator may, from time to time, permit the Participant to make arrangements prior to any Vesting Date described herein to pay the applicable Tax-Related Items in a manner prescribed by the Administrator prior to the applicable Vesting Date; provided that, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, any such payment or estimate must be received by the Partnership prior to an applicable Vesting Date. Additionally, the Participant authorizes the Partnership and/or the Employer to satisfy the obligations with regard to all Tax-Related Items by withholding from proceeds of the sale of Common Units acquired upon

settlement of the Vested DRUs either through a voluntary sale or through a mandatory sale arranged by the Partnership (on the Participant's behalf pursuant to this authorization). Depending on the withholding method, the Partnership and/or the Employer may withhold or account for the Tax-Related Items by considering minimum statutory withholding amounts or other applicable withholding rates in the Participant's jurisdiction(s), including maximum applicable rates, in which case the Participant may receive a refund of any over-withheld amount in cash through the Employer's normal payroll process and will have no entitlement to the Common Unit equivalent. The Participant acknowledges that, regardless of any action taken by the Partnership, the Employer, or any Affiliate the ultimate liability for all Tax-Related Items, is and remains the Participant's responsibility and may exceed the amount, if any, actually withheld by the Partnership or the Employer. The Partnership may refuse to issue or deliver the Common Units or the proceeds from the sale of Common Units, if the Participant fails to comply with his or her obligations in connection with the Tax-Related Items.

16. Choice of Law; Venue. The interpretation, performance and enforcement of this Award Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of New York without regard to its conflict of law provisions. Any and all disputes, controversies or issues arising out of, concerning or relating to this Award, this Award Agreement or the relationship between the parties evidenced by the Award Agreement, including, without limitation, disputes, controversies or issues arising out of, concerning or relating to the construction, interpretation, breach or enforcement of this Award Agreement, shall be brought exclusively in the courts in the State of New York, City and County of New York, including the Federal Courts located therein (should Federal jurisdiction exist). Each of the parties hereby expressly represents and agrees that it/he/she is subject to the personal jurisdiction of said courts, irrevocably consents to the personal jurisdiction of such courts; and waives to the fullest extent permitted by law any objection which it/he/she may now or hereafter have that the laying of the venue of any legal lawsuit or proceeding related to such dispute, controversy or issue that is brought in any such court is improper or that such lawsuit or proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

17. WAIVER OF RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL. AS SPECIFICALLY BARGAINED FOR INDUCEMENT FOR EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO TO ENTER INTO THIS AWARD AGREEMENT (AFTER HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL OF ITS/HIS/HER CHOICE), EACH PARTY EXPRESSLY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LAWSUIT OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF, CONCERNING OR RELATING TO THIS AWARD, THIS AWARD AGREEMENT, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES EVIDENCED BY THIS AWARD AGREEMENT AND/OR THE MATTERS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY.

18. Subject to Plan. By entering into this Award Agreement, the Participant agrees and acknowledges that the Participant has received and read a copy of the Plan. All DRUs and Common Units issued or transferred with respect thereof are subject to the Plan. In the event of a conflict between any term or provision contained herein and a term or provision of the Plan, the applicable terms and provisions of the Plan will govern and prevail.

19. Entire Agreement. This Award Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the DRUs granted hereunder (including, without limitation, the vesting and delivery schedules described herein and in Appendix A), and hereby replaces and supersedes any prior communication and arrangements between the Participant and the Partnership or any of its Affiliates with respect to the matters set forth herein and any other pre-existing economic or other arrangements between the Participant and the Partnership or any of its Affiliates, unless otherwise explicitly provided for in any other agreement that the Participant has entered into with the Partnership or any of its Affiliates and that is set forth on Schedule A hereto. Unless set forth on Schedule A hereto, no such other agreement entered into prior to the Date of Grant shall have any effect on the terms of this Award Agreement.

20. Modifications. Notwithstanding any provision of this Award Agreement to the contrary, the Partnership reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of this Award Agreement, including, without limitation, the timing or circumstances of the issuance or transfer of Common Units to the Participant hereunder, to the extent such modification is determined by the Partnership to be necessary to comply with applicable law or preserve the intended deferral of income recognition with respect to the DRUs until the issuance or transfer of Common Units hereunder.

21. Signature in Counterparts; Electronic Acceptance. This Award Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. Alternatively, this Award Agreement may be granted to and accepted by the Participant electronically.

22. Electronic Delivery. The Partnership may, in its sole discretion, decide to deliver any documents related to current or future participation in the Plan by electronic means. The Participant hereby consents to receive such documents by electronic delivery and agrees to participate in the Plan through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Partnership or a third party designated by the Partnership.

23. Compliance with Law. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Award Agreement, unless there is an available exemption from any registration, qualification or other legal requirement applicable to the Common Units, the Partnership shall not be required to deliver any Common Units issuable upon settlement of the DRUs prior to the completion of any registration or qualification of the Common Units under any local, state, federal or foreign securities or exchange control law or under rulings or regulations of the SEC or of any other governmental regulatory body, or prior to obtaining any approval or other clearance from any local, state, federal or foreign governmental agency, which registration, qualification or approval the Partnership shall, in its absolute discretion, deem necessary or advisable. The Participant understands that the Partnership is under no obligation to register or qualify the Common Units with the SEC or any state or foreign securities commission or to seek approval or clearance from any governmental authority for the issuance or sale of the Common Units. Further, the Participant agrees that the Partnership shall have unilateral authority to amend the Plan and the Award Agreement without the Participant's consent to the extent necessary to comply with securities or other laws applicable to issuance of Common Units.

24. Language. The Participant acknowledges that he or she is sufficiently proficient in English, or has consulted with an advisor who is sufficiently proficient in English, so as to allow the Participant to understand the terms and conditions of this Award Agreement. Furthermore, if the Participant has received this Award Agreement or any other document related to the Plan translated into a language other than English and if the meaning of the translated version is different than the English version, the English version will control.

25. Severability. The provisions of this Award Agreement are severable and if any one or more provisions are determined to be illegal or otherwise unenforceable, in whole or in part, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless be binding and enforceable.

26. Appendix. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Award Agreement, the DRUs grant shall be subject to any special terms and conditions set forth in Appendix A to this Award Agreement for the Participant's country. Moreover, if the Participant relocates to another country, any special terms and conditions for such country will apply to the Participant, to the extent the Partnership determines that the application of such terms and conditions is necessary or advisable for legal or administrative reasons. Appendix A constitutes part of this Award Agreement.

27. Imposition of Other Requirements. The Partnership reserves the right to impose other requirements on the Participant's participation in the Plan, on the DRUs and on any Common Units acquired under the Plan, to the extent the Partnership determines it is necessary or advisable for legal or administrative reasons, and to require the Participant to sign any additional agreements or undertakings that may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

28. Waiver. The Participant acknowledges that a waiver by the Partnership of breach of any provision of this Award Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision of this Award Agreement, or of any subsequent breach by the Participant or any other participant.

29. Insider Trading Restrictions/Market Abuse Laws. The Participant acknowledges that, depending on his or her country of residence, or broker's country of residence, or where the Common Units are listed, Participant may be subject to insider trading restrictions and/or market abuse laws, which may affect the Participant's ability to directly or indirectly, accept, acquire, sell, or attempt to sell or otherwise dispose of Common Units or rights to Common Units (e.g., DRUs) under the Plan during such times as Participant is considered to have "inside information" regarding the Partnership (as defined by the laws or regulations in applicable jurisdictions or Participant's country). Local insider trading laws and regulations may prohibit the cancellation or amendment of orders placed by the Participant before possessing inside information. Furthermore, the Participant understands that he or she may be prohibited from (i) disclosing the inside information to any third party, including fellow employees (other than on a "need to know" basis) and (ii) "tipping" third parties or causing them to otherwise buy or sell securities. Any restrictions under these laws or regulations are separate from and in addition to any restrictions that may be imposed under any applicable Partnership insider trading policy. The Participant acknowledges that it is his or her responsibility to comply with any applicable restrictions, and the Participant should speak to his or her personal advisor on this matter.

30. Foreign Asset/Account Reporting. The Participant's country of residence may have certain foreign asset and/or account reporting requirements which may affect his or her ability to acquire or hold DRUs under the Plan or cash received from participating in the Plan (including sales proceeds arising from the sale of Common Units) in a brokerage or bank account outside the Participant's country. The Participant may be required to report such amounts, assets or transactions to the tax or other authorities in his or her country. The Participant also may be required to repatriate sale proceeds or other funds received as a result of participation in the Plan to the Participant's country through a designated broker or bank within a certain time after receipt. The Participant is responsible for ensuring compliance with such regulations and should speak with his or her personal legal advisor regarding this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Award Agreement.

**THE CARLYLE GROUP L.P.**

By: Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

If this Award Agreement is delivered to the Participant electronically, the Participant's electronic acceptance of the Award Agreement (pursuant to instructions separately communicated to the Participant) shall constitute acceptance of the Award Agreement and shall be binding on the Participant and the Partnership in lieu of any required signatures to this Award Agreement.



**APPENDIX A  
TO  
THE CARLYLE GROUP L.P.  
GLOBAL DEFERRED RESTRICTED COMMON UNIT AGREEMENT**

***Terms and Conditions***

This Appendix A includes additional terms and conditions that govern the Award of deferred restricted Common Units (“DRUs”) granted to the Participant under The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) if the Participant works and resides in one of the countries listed below. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Appendix A are defined in the Plan and/or Award Agreement and have the meanings set forth therein.

***Notifications***

This Appendix A also includes information regarding securities laws, exchange controls and certain other issues of which the Participant should be aware with respect to the Participant’s participation in the Plan. The information is based on the securities, exchange control and other laws in effect in the respective countries as of November 2018. Such laws are often complex and change frequently. As a result, the Partnership strongly recommends that the Participant not rely on the information noted in this Appendix A as the only source of information relating to the consequences of the Participant’s participation in the Plan because the information may be out of date by the time the Participant vests in the DRUs or sells Common Units acquired under the Plan.

In addition, the information contained herein is general in nature and may not apply to the Participant’s particular situation, and the Partnership is not in a position to assure the Participant of a particular result. Accordingly, the Participant should seek appropriate professional advice as to how the relevant laws in the Participant’s country may apply to the Participant’s situation.

Finally, the Participant understands that if he or she is a citizen or resident of a country other than the one in which the Participant is currently working, transfers employment after the Date of Grant, or is considered a resident of another country for local law purposes, the information contained herein may not apply to the Participant, and the Partnership shall, in its discretion, determine to what extent the terms and conditions contained herein shall apply to the Participant.

**UNITED STATES**

**Non-Solicitation Covenant.** This provision supplements Section 4(d) “Forfeiture – Cause Termination or Breach of Restrictive Covenants” of the Award Agreement:

Notwithstanding the Participant’s termination of Services and any other provision of this Award Agreement, for a period of twelve (12) months after the date of the Participant’s termination of Services, the Participant will not, directly or indirectly, without the prior written consent of the Partnership: (i) participate in any capacity, including as an investor or an advisor, in any transaction that the Partnership or any of its Affiliates was actively considering investing in or

offering to invest in prior to the Participant's date of termination of Services; (ii) solicit, contact or identify investors in any investment partnership, fund or managed account controlled or advised by the Partnership or its Affiliates (to the extent the Participant knows that such person or entity is an investor, directly or indirectly, in such partnership, fund or managed account) on behalf of any person or entity; or (iii) recruit, solicit, induce or seek to induce any current employee of the Partnership or its Affiliates to become employed by the Participant or any other person or entity. The Participant agrees that this non-solicitation covenant may limit the Participant's ability to earn a livelihood in a business similar to the business conducted by the Partnership, but the Participant nevertheless hereby agrees and hereby acknowledges that the consideration provided to the Participant in this Award Agreement is adequate to support the restrictions contained herein. The Participant further agrees that the restrictions set forth in this non-solicitation covenant are reasonable and necessary to protect the Partnership's trade secrets and other legitimate business needs. In the event that any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction shall determine this non-solicitation covenant to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, the Participant and the Partnership agree that this non-solicitation covenant shall be interpreted to extend only over the maximum period of time for which it may be enforceable, and/or the maximum geographical area as to which it may be enforceable, and/or to the maximum extent in any and all respects as to which it may be enforceable, all as determined by such court or tribunal. The Participant agrees and acknowledges that the foregoing non-solicitation covenant is a material inducement to the Partnership to enter into this Award Agreement and, as such, it is agreed by the parties that any violation of this non-solicitation covenant by the Participant will constitute a material breach of this Award Agreement and, in addition to any other remedies the Partnership may have, will result in the consequences set forth below in this Appendix A under "Breach of Non-Solicitation Covenant." The Participant further agrees that the remedy at law for any breach of this non-solicitation covenant may be inadequate, and that the Partnership shall, in addition to whatever other remedies it may have at law or in equity, be entitled (without posting bond or other security) to injunctive or other equitable relief, as deemed appropriate by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, to prevent a breach of the Participant's obligations as set forth in this non-solicitation covenant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, clauses (i) and (ii) shall not apply if the Participant's principal place of Services is in California. Additionally, if the Participant's principal place of Services is in any other jurisdiction where any provisions contained under clauses (i) or (ii) of this non-solicitation covenant are prohibited by applicable law, then such provisions shall not apply to the Participant to the extent prohibited by applicable law. Nothing in this Appendix A is intended to limit or supersede any other Restrictive Covenant Agreement to which the Participant is subject.

Breach of Non-Solicitation Covenant. If, following his or her termination of Services, the Participant breaches this non-solicitation covenant or other applicable provisions of the Award Agreement or the Plan:

- (a) all outstanding DRUs (whether or not vested, as allowable under applicable law) shall immediately terminate and be forfeited without consideration and no further Common Units with respect of the Award shall be delivered to the Participant or to the Participant's legal representative, beneficiaries or heirs; and

- (b) any Common Units that have previously been delivered to the Participant or the Participant's legal representative, beneficiaries or heirs pursuant to the Award, which are still held by the Participant or the Participant's legal representative, or beneficiaries or heirs as of the date of such breach, shall also immediately terminate and be forfeited without consideration.

## LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES

Company Name	Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization
A310 MSN 483 Limited	Bermuda
AAG Aviation Advisers LLC	Delaware
AAG Capital Markets LLC	Delaware
ACF VII Employee Co-Investment (Non-US) LP	Cayman Islands
ACF VII Employee Co-Investment, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Alp Holdings Coöperatief U.A.	Netherlands
Alp Holdings Ltd (Carlyle Entity)	Cayman Islands
Alp Lower Holdings Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AlpInvest Access GP LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Access II GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Beheer 2006 Ltd	Cayman Islands
AlpInvest C GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest CI VII B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Co-Investment VII GP LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Co-Investment VII Lux GP S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
AlpInvest FC Credit GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest FCR Secondaries GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest FCR Secondaries II GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Finance Street GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Fondo B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest FS GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest G Co-Investment GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest G GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest G GP S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
AlpInvest G Secondary GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest GA B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest GGG B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest GGG II GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Global Advantage GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest GRIO GP B.V.	Netherlands
Alpinvest GRIO GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest IIF GP LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Indiana GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Indiana-A GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest INext GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Investments B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest J GP B.V.	Netherlands

AlpInvest J GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest KP GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest KP GP S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
AlpInvest LIVE GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Live GP LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest M Capital Fund GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest M GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Mex B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Mex I LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Mex II LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Mich B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Mich SPV B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest MMBO Holdings GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest North Rush GP LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest North Rush II GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest NPE GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest NPE GP LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest NPE GP S.à.r.l.	Luxembourg
AlpInvest P GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2003 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2006 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2008 B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2009 B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2011 B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2011 LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Partners 2012 I BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2012 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2012 LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Partners 2014 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2014 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2014 LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Partners 2016 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2017 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners 2018 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Beheer 2006 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Clean Technology Investments 2007-2009 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Clean Technology Investments 2010-2011 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Co-Investments 2015 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Co-Investments 2015 I SPV B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Co-Investments 2015 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Co-Investments 2015 II SPV B.V.	Netherlands

AlpInvest Partners Co-Investments 2016 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Co-Investments BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Direct Investments 2003 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Direct Investments BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Direct Secondary Investments BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners European Mezzanine Investments BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2003 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2006 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2009 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2011 B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2012 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2012 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2013 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2013 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2014 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2014 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2015 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments 2015 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund Investments BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund of Funds Custodian IIA BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Fund of Funds Management IIA BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Later Stage Co-Investments Custodian II BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Later Stage Co-Investments Custodian IIA BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Later Stage Co-Investments Management II BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Later Stage Co-Investments Management IIA BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Limited	Hong Kong
AlpInvest Partners Mezzanine 2012-2014 B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Mezzanine Investments 2005/2006 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Mezzanine Investments 2007/2009 BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Secondary Investments 2015 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Secondary Investments 2015 II B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Secondary Investments 2016 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners Secondary Investments 2018/2019 I B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partners US Mezzanine Investments BV	Netherlands
AlpInvest Partnership Fund GP S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
AlpInvest Partnership Strategic Account GP, LLC	United States
AlpInvest PEP GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest Primary Non-US Co-Invest, L.P.	Cayman Islands
AlpInvest Primary US Co-Invest, L.P.	Cayman Islands
AlpInvest Private Equity Program 2017 GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Private Equity Program 2018 GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Private Equity Program GP II LLC	Delaware

AlpInvest Private Equity Program GP LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest PSS GP B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest PSS GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Secondaries V GP, LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Secondaries VI GP LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest Secondaries VI Lux GP S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
AlpInvest SF V B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest SF VI B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest United B.V.	Netherlands
AlpInvest US Co-Investment Access GP LLC	Delaware
AlpInvest US Holdings, LLC	Delaware
AMC 2012 Holdings Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AMC 2012 Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AMC 2013 Holdings Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AMC 2013 Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AMC 2014 Holdings Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AMC 2014 Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AMC 2015 Holdings Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AMC 2015 Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AP 2011-2014 SLP Ltd	Cayman Islands
AP 2014-2016 SLP Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AP Account Management B.V.	Netherlands
AP B.V.	Netherlands
AP Co-Invest 2016-2020 SLP Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AP H Secondaries B.V.	Netherlands
AP INPRS SLP Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AP M GP, LLC	United States
AP P GP, LLC	United States
AP Primary 2017-2021 SLP Ltd.	Cayman Islands
AP Private Equity Investments I B.V.	Netherlands
AP Private Equity Investments III B.V.	Netherlands
AP World Fund B.V.	Netherlands
Apollo Aviation Acquisitions, LLC	Florida
Apollo Aviation Fund Management II LLC	Delaware
Apollo Aviation Fund Management, LLC	Delaware
Apollo Aviation Group, L.L.C.	Florida
Apollo Aviation Holdings Limited	Bermuda
Apollo Aviation Holdings U.S., LLC	Florida
Apollo Aviation Lease Management, LLC	Delaware
Apollo Aviation Management Irish Holding Company Limited	Ireland
Apollo Aviation Management Limited	Bermuda
Apollo Aviation Management Singapore Pte. Ltd.	Singapore

Apollo Aviation Offshore Luxembourg S.à.r.l.	Luxembourg
Apollo Aviation Services II UGP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Apollo Aviation Services II, LP	Cayman Islands
Apollo Aviation Services III UGP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Apollo Aviation Services III, LP	Cayman Islands
Apollo Aviation Services IV UGP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Apollo Aviation Services IV, LP	Cayman Islands
Apollo Aviation Services Limited	Cayman Islands
Apollo Aviation, LLC	Florida
ASF V Co-Invest Holding Ltd.	Cayman Islands
ASF V Co-Invest Ltd.	Cayman Islands
ASF VI Co-Investment (Non-US) LP	Cayman Islands
ASF VI Co-Investment LP	Cayman Islands
ASP VI 2016-2020 SLP Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Aviation Income Return Advisers II LLC	Delaware
Aviation Income Return Advisers LLC	Delaware
Betacom Beheer 2004 BV	Netherlands
Betacom XLII B.V.	Netherlands
Betacom XLV BV	Netherlands
Brazil Internationalization II (Delaware), L.L.C.	Delaware
Brazil Internationalization, L.L.C.	Delaware
BRL Funding Partners II, L.P.	Ontario
BRL Funding Partners III, L.P.	Ontario
BRL Funding Partners, L.L.C.	Delaware
BRL Funding Partners, L.P.	Cayman Islands
BRL Partners LLC	Delaware
C/R ENERGY ILP GENERAL PARTNER LTD.	Cayman Islands
C/S Investment Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CAGP General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAGP IV AIV GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAGP IV General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAGP IV, L.L.C.	Delaware
CAGP V General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAGP V, L.L.C.	Delaware
CALF Holdings, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CALF I General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CALF Investment Limited	Cayman Islands
CAP Advisors (Hong Kong) Limited	Hong Kong
CAP General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAP II General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAP II, L.L.C.	Delaware
CAP III GENERAL PARTNER (SCOT) L.P.	Scotland



CAP III General Partner S3, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAP III General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAP III S3 Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CAP III, L.L.C.	Delaware
CAP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED	Hong Kong
CAP IV General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAP IV Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CAP IV, L.L.C.	Delaware
CAP MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED	Hong Kong
CAP V General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CAP V Lux GP, S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
CAP V, L.L.C.	Delaware
CARE Engagement, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle (Beijing) Asset Management Co., Ltd.	Beijing
Carlyle (Beijing) Investment Consulting Center, L.P.	China
Carlyle (Beijing) Investment Management Co., Ltd.	China
Carlyle Access GP 2014, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Access GP 2014, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Access GP 2015, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Access GP 2015, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Access GP III, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Access GP III, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Access GP IV, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Access GP IV, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Alternative Opportunities GP S1, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Alternative Opportunities GP S2, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Asia GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia Investment Advisors Limited	Hong Kong
Carlyle Asia PE Alternative Opportunities GP S2, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Asia Real Estate GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia Real Estate GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia Real Estate II GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia Real Estate II GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia Real Estate II, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia Real Estate III GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia Real Estate III, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia Real Estate, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Asia, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Australia Equity Management Pty Limited	Australia
Carlyle Australia Investment Advisors Limited	Hong Kong
Carlyle Australia Real Estate Advisors Pty Ltd	Australia

Carlyle Beratungs GmbH	Germany
Carlyle Brasil Consultoria em Investimentos Ltda.	Brazil
Carlyle Capital Coinvestment Partners, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Cavalier GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Cavalier GP, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle China Realty GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle China Realty Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle CIM Agent, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle CLO GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle CLO Holding L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle CLO ILP GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle CLO Investment Holdings, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle CLO Management L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle CLO Partners GP, L.L.C.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle CLO Partners GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Commodity Management, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Credit Partners Investment Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Egypt Investment Advisors LLC	Egypt
Carlyle Equity Opportunity GP AIV Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Equity Opportunity GP AIV III, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Equity Opportunity GP AIV, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Equity Opportunity GP AIV, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Equity Opportunity GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Equity Opportunity GP, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Equity Opportunity GP-S1, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Euro CLO 2017-1 Designated Activity Company	Ireland
Carlyle Euro CLO 2017-3 Designated Activity Company	Ireland
Carlyle Euro CLO 2018-1 Designated Activity Company	Ireland
Carlyle Euro CLO 2019-1 Designated Activity Company	Ireland
CARLYLE EUROPE LIMITED	England & Wales
Carlyle Europe Real Estate Master Coinvestment, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Europe Real Estate Partners II, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Europe Real Estate Partners, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Europe Real Estate St. Lazare GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Finance L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Financial Services II, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Financial Services III AIV, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Financial Services III, LLC	Delaware
Carlyle Financial Services, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Financial Services-A, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Global Credit (Asia) Limited	Hong Kong
Carlyle Global Credit Administration L.L.C.	Delaware

Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Global Market Strategies CLO 2012-1, LLC	Delaware
Carlyle Global Market Strategies CLO 2012-1, Ltd	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Global Market Strategies CLO 2012-2, LLC	Delaware
Carlyle Global Market Strategies CLO 2012-2, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Global Market Strategies CLO 2016-1, LLC	Delaware
Carlyle Global Market Strategies CLO 2016-1, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Commodities Funding 2014-1, LLC	Delaware
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Commodities Funding 2014-1, Ltd	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Commodities Funding 2015-1, LLC	Delaware
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Commodities Funding 2015-1, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Euro CLO 2013-1 B.V.	Netherlands
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Euro CLO 2015-1 Designated Activity Company	Ireland
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Euro CLO 2015-3 Designated Activity Company	Ireland
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Euro CLO 2016-1 Designated Activity Company	Ireland
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Euro CLO 2016-2 Designated Activity Company	Ireland
Carlyle GMS CLO 2016-2 Retention Investment LLC	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings Finance L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings I Finance L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings I GP Sub L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings I L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings II Finance L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings II Finance Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Holdings II GP L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings II L.P.	Quebec
Carlyle Holdings II Sub L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings III GP L.P.	Quebec
Carlyle Holdings III GP Limited Partner L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings III GP Management L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings III GP Sub L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Holdings III L.P.	Quebec
CARLYLE HONG KONG EQUITY MANAGEMENT LIMITED	Hong Kong
Carlyle IDF Management L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle India Advisors Private Limited	India
Carlyle Infrastructure General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Infrastructure GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Investment Administration Limited	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Investment Consulting (Shanghai) Co Ltd	China
Carlyle Investment GP Corp.	Delaware
Carlyle Investment Group, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C.	Delaware

Carlyle Ireland GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Japan Equity Management LLC	Delaware
Carlyle Japan II Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Japan III Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Japan Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Japan, LLC	Delaware
CARLYLE KNOX HOLDINGS, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Korea Ltd.	Korea, Republic of
Carlyle Latin America Holdings Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Latin America Real Estate Partners, L.P.	Ontario
Carlyle Management Hong Kong Limited	Hong Kong
CARLYLE MAPLE LEAF FINANCE CO., U.L.C.	Nova Scotia
Carlyle Maple Leaf Holdings (Cayman), L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Maple Leaf Holdings (Cayman), Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Maple Leaf Holdings, U.L.C.	Nova Scotia
Carlyle Mauritius CIS Investment Management Limited	Mauritius
Carlyle Mauritius Investment Advisors, Ltd	Mauritius
Carlyle MC GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle MENA (GCC) General Partner Limited	United Arab Emirates
Carlyle MENA General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle MENA Investment Advisors Limited	United Arab Emirates
Carlyle MENA Limited	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Mexico Advisors, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Carlyle Mexico General Partner, L.P.	Ontario
Carlyle Mexico Holdings, S.C.	Mexico
Carlyle Mexico L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Middle East, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle MSP Manager, L.L.C.	Delaware
CARLYLE NGP AGRIBUSINESS HOLDINGS, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle NGP X Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CARLYLE NGP XI HOLDINGS, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle NGP XII Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Nigeria Investment Advisors Limited	Nigeria
Carlyle Pacific GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Pacific Limited	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Pacific Red Oak GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Perú Consultoría de Inversiones S.R.L.	Peru
Carlyle Peru GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Power General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle PQ Opportunity GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle PQ/HDS GP Limited	Cayman Islands

Carlyle PQ/HDS Opportunity GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Property Investors GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Real Estate Advisors France Sarl	France
Carlyle Real Estate Advisors Italy S.r.l.	Italy
CARLYLE REAL ESTATE ADVISORS LLP	England & Wales
Carlyle Real Estate Advisors Spain, S.L.	Spain
Carlyle Real Estate Advisors Sweden AB	Sweden
CARLYLE REAL ESTATE ADVISORS UK LIMITED	England & Wales
Carlyle Real Estate Società di Gestione del Risparmio S.p.A.	Italy
Carlyle Realty Distressed RMBS GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty Distressed RMBS II, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty Distressed RMBS III, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty Distressed RMBS, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty Halley Coinvestment GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty II, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty III GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty III, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty III, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty Investment Holdings, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty IV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty IV, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty IV, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty V GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty V, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty V, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty VI, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty VII, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty VIII, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Realty, L.P.	Delaware
Carlyle Russia Investment Holdings, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Russia Limited	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Scopel Holdings Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Scopel Mezzanine Loan GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Scopel Mezzanine Loan Partners, L.P.	Ontario
Carlyle Scopel Real Estate GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Scopel Senior Loan Partners GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Scopel Senior Loan Partners GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle Selective Investors, L.L.C.	Delaware
CARLYLE SINGAPORE INVESTMENT ADVISORS PTE LTD	Singapore
Carlyle South Africa Advisors	South Africa
Carlyle Star Co-Investment GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle Structured Credit GP, L.L.C.	Delaware

Carlyle Structured Credit GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle UK GP Ltd.	England
Carlyle US CLO 2013-1 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2013-2 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2013-3 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2013-4 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2015-1 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2016-4 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2016-4, LLC	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2016-4, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Carlyle US CLO 2017-1 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2017-2 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2017-3 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2017-4 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle US CLO 2017-5 Risk Retention Investment, L.L.C.	Delaware
Carlyle-MRE Terra GP, L.P.	Delaware
CASCOF General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CASCOF, L.L.C.	Delaware
CAVP General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CCEE Advisors (Delaware), L.L.C.	Delaware
CCEEP Limited	Cayman Islands
CCIF Dollar Feeder GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CCIF GP Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CCIF GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CCOF General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
CCOF L.L.C.	Delaware
CCOF SPV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CDL 2018-1 GP, L.L.C.	United States
CDL 2018-1 GP, L.P.	United States
CDL 2018-2 GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CECP Advisors Ireland Limited	Ireland
CECP Advisors LLP	England & Wales
CECP Investment Advisors France S.A.R.L.	France
CECP INVESTMENT ADVISORS LIMITED	England & Wales
CECP, L.L.C.	Delaware
Celadon Partners, LLC	Delaware
CELFB ADVISORS LLP	England & Wales
CELFB INVESTMENT ADVISORS LIMITED	England & Wales
CELFB, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEMOF General Partner Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CEMOF General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
CEMOF GP Cayman, Ltd.	Cayman Islands

CEMOF II General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CEOF AIV GP Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CEOF AIV GP Cayman, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CEOF GP Cayman, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CEOF II DE AIV GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEOF II DE GP AIV, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEOF II GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEOF II GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CEP Advisors S.r.l.	Italy
CEP General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CEP II ARC 1S GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEP II ARC 2S GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEP II GP, L.P.	Alberta
CEP II Limited	Cayman Islands
CEP II Managing GP Holdings, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CEP II Managing GP, L.P.	Scotland
CEP III ARC 1P GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEP III ARC 1Q GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEP III ARC 2P GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEP III ARC 2Q GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEP III GP, L.P.	Scotland
CEP III Limited	Cayman Islands
CEP III Managing GP, L.P.	Scotland
CEP Investment Administration II Limited	Guernsey
CEP Investment Administration Limited	Guernsey
CEP IV ARC 1A GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEP IV ARC 2A GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEP IV Dollar Feeder GP, L.P.	Scotland
CEP IV Managing GP Holdings, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CEP IV MANAGING GP, L.P.	Scotland
CEP IV-C Limited Partner, L.P.	Scotland
CEP V Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEP V Lux GP S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
CEP V Managing GP, L.P.	Ontario
CER Berlin RP Co-Investment GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CER Berlin RP GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CER Berlin RP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CER Coinvest GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CER Coinvest, L.L.C.	Delaware
CER Coinvest, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CER Italian Logistics GP LLP	England & Wales
CER Italian Logistics GP, L.P.	Scotland

CER Italian Logistics Holdings, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CER Italian Logistics Managing GP, L.P.	Scotland
CER Net.Works GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CER Net.Works, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CEREP GP II, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP II Master Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP II Mezzanine GP B, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP II Mezzanine GP B-2, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP II Mezzanine GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP II Mezzanine Loan Partners B-2, L.P.	Delaware
CEREP III ARC 1O GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEREP III ARC 2O GP, L.P.	Delaware
CEREP III GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP III-X, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP Imprimerie Sarl	Luxembourg
CEREP Investment Holdings II, LLC	Delaware
CEREP Investment Holdings III, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP Investment Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CEREP Management Sarl	Luxembourg
CEREP Master Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CERF ARC LLP	England & Wales
CERF GP S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
CERF Managing GP Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CERF Managing GP, L.P.	Scotland
CETP ARC 1I GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP ARC 1J GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP ARC 2I GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP ARC 2J GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP GP (Cayman) Limited	Cayman Islands
CETP GP, L.P.	Scotland
CETP II ARC 1L GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP II ARC 1M GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP II ARC 2L GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP II ARC 2M GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP II GP (Cayman) Limited	Cayman Islands
CETP II GP, L.P.	Scotland
CETP II Managing GP Holdings, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CETP II Managing GP, L.P.	Scotland
CETP III ARC 1F GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP III ARC 1G GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP III ARC 2F GP, L.P.	Delaware



CETP III ARC 2G GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP III GP, L.P.	Scotland
CETP III Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CETP III Managing GP Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CETP III Managing GP, L.P.	Scotland
CETP III-F GP, L.P.	Delaware
CETP IV Holdings, L.L.C.	United States
CETP IV Lux GP S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
CETP IV Managing GP, L.P.	Ontario
CETP Managing GP Holdings, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CETP Managing GP, L.P.	Scotland
CEVP General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CEVP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CG Europe Real Estate S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
CGFSP II Limited	Cayman Islands
CGH, L.L.C.	Delaware
CGH-1, L.L.C.	Delaware
CGIOF Feeder (Scotland) GP, LLP	Scotland
CGIOF General Partner S1, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CGIOF General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CGIOF GP S1, L.L.C.	Delaware
CGIOF GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CGIOF Lux GP, S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
CGMS M-2015 General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CGMS M-2015 GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CGP General Partner (CY-1), L.P.	Cayman Islands
CGP General Partner (DE-1), L.P.	Delaware
CGP General Partner II, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CGP General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CGP II, L.L.C.	Delaware
China CMA GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
China CMA GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
China CMA II GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
China CMA II GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Churchill Financial LLC	Delaware
CIEP General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CIEP GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CIEP II GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CIEP II Lux GP S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
CIEP II Managing GP, L.P.	Ontario
CIM (Delaware), Inc.	Delaware
CIM Europe S.à r.l.	Luxembourg

CIM Global Cayman Limited	Cayman Islands
CIM Global, L.L.C.	Delaware
CIP ARC 1H GP, L.P.	Delaware
CIP ARC 2H GP, L.P.	Delaware
CIP Cayman GP Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CIP Direct GP (Cayman), L.P.	Cayman Islands
CIP Direct GP LLC	Delaware
CIP U.S. Direct GP, L.P.	Delaware
CIPA General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CIPA, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Citi Loan Funding 2018-1 GMS-B LLC	Cayman Islands
CJIP Co-Investment III GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CJIP III General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CJP Co-Investment II GP A, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CJP Co-Investment II GP B, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CJP Co-Investment III GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CJP General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CJP II General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CJP II International GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CJP III General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CLABF General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CLABF, L.L.C.	Delaware
CLARE Partners D, L.P.	Ontario
CLAREP Co-Investment, L.P.	Ontario
CLAREP GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CLAREP Mexico, L.P.	Ontario
CMMCP (Offshore) General Partner Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CMMCP (Onshore) General Partner, L.L.C.	Delaware
CMP General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
CMP II (Cayman) General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CMP II (Cayman) GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CMP II General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
CP II Investment Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
CP IV GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CP V General Partner, L.L.C.	Delaware
CP V Landmark GP LLC	Delaware
CP V S3 GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CPC V GP, LLC	Delaware
CPE Buyout GP, S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
CPP II General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
CREA Germany GmbH	Germany
CREA UK, L.L.C.	Delaware

Credit Acquisitions-2 General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Credit Acquisitions-2, L.L.C.	United States
CRFI IV AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CRP III AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CRP III AIV GP, L.P.	Delaware
CRP IV (NR) AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CRP IV (NR) AIV GP, L.P.	Delaware
CRP IV AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CRP IV AIV GP, L.P.	Delaware
CRP V AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CRP V AIV GP, L.P.	Delaware
CRP V-A AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CRQP III AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CRQP III-A AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CRQP IV AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CRQP IV-A AIV GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CSABF General Partner Limited	Cayman Islands
CSABF General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CSG IIF SM Member GP, LLC	Delaware
CSG IIF SM Member, L.P.	Delaware
CSG Manager, LLC	Delaware
CSG Special Member, LLC	Delaware
CSP General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
CSP II (CAYMAN) GENERAL PARTNER, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CSP II (Cayman) GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CSP II General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
CSP III (Cayman) General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CSP III AIV General Partner (Cayman), L.P.	Cayman Islands
CSP III AIV GP (Cayman), Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CSP III Cayman International AIV GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CSP III General Partner II, L.P.	Delaware
CSP III General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
CSP Investment Advisors (HK) Limited	Hong Kong
CSP IV (Cayman 1) General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CSP IV (Cayman 2) General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CSP IV (Cayman 2) GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CSP IV (Cayman 3) General Partner, L.P.	Cayman Islands
CSP IV (Cayman 3) GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CSP IV General Partner, L.P.	Delaware
CSSAF General Partner (SA) Partnership	South Africa
CSSAF GP Ltd.	Cayman Islands
CSSAF Managing Partnership, L.P.	Cayman Islands

CVP II DHS Holdings GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
CVP II GP (Cayman), L.P.	Cayman Islands
DBD Investors III, L.L.C.	Delaware
DGAM Management Services, Inc.	Cayman Islands
Direct Portfolio Management B.V.	Netherlands
Diversified Global Asset Management Corporation	Nova Scotia
EF Holdings, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
Guaymas GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
HSP ARC 1D GP, L.P.	Delaware
HSP ARC 1E GP, L.P.	Delaware
HSP ARC 2D GP, L.P.	Delaware
HSP ARC 2E GP, L.P.	Delaware
ITAPEVA VIII MULTICARTEIRA FUNDO DE INVESTIMENTO EM DIREITOS CREDITARIOS NAO-PADRONIZADOS	Brazil
LA Real Estate Partners C, L.P.	Ontario
LAREP B, L.P.	Ontario
Latin America RE Partners E, L.P.	Ontario
MAIN STREET 1045 (PTY) LTD.	South Africa
Metropolitan Real Estate Equity Management, LLC	Delaware
Metropolitan Real Estate Europe LLP	England & Wales
Metropolitan Real Estate Holdings, LLC	Delaware
MRE TPSF GP, L.P.	Delaware
MREP (GP of Second GP), L.P.	Delaware
MREP (GP) II, LLP	England & Wales
MREP (LP of GP), LLC	Delaware
MREP (Second GP) II, L.P.	Delaware
MREP (Second GP), L.P.	Delaware
MREP Co-Investments K GP, LLC	Delaware
MREP10, LLC	Delaware
MREPGlobal7, LLC	Delaware
MREPIntl6, LLC	Delaware
MREP-SCIF B Manager, LLC	Delaware
MREP-SCIF II B Manager, LLC	Delaware
MREP-SCIF II GP, L.P.	Delaware
MREP-SCIF, LLC	Delaware
OC Private Capital, LLC	Delaware
Oeral Investments BV	Netherlands
PrimeFlight Aviation Services, GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
PT. Carlyle Indonesia Advisors	Indonesia
RE BRASIL EMPREENDIMENTOS IMOBILIÁRIOS LTDA.	Brazil
RE RGS Empreendimentos Imobiliários Ltda.	Brazil
Rio Branco 2 GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
SCPI General Partner, L.L.C.	Delaware

Seed Coinvestment GP, L.P.	Cayman Islands
Siren Holdings GP, Ltd.	Cayman Islands
TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Limited Partner Ltd.	Cayman Islands
TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings Sub L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group Cayman Limited Partner Ltd.	Cayman Islands
TC Group Cayman Sub L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group CEMOF II, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CEMOF, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CMP II, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CMP, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CPP II, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CSP II, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CSP III Cayman, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CSP III Cayman-S3, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CSP III, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CSP IV, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group CSP, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group II, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group III (Cayman), L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group III, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group III, L.P.	Delaware
TC Group Infrastructure Direct GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group Infrastructure, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group Investment Holdings Limited Partner L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group Investment Holdings Sub L.P.	Delaware
TC Group Investment Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group Investment Holdings, L.P.	Delaware
TC Group IV Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group IV Managing GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group IV, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group IV, L.P.	Delaware
TC Group Management, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group Sub L.P.	Delaware
TC Group V Cayman S3, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group V Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group V Managing GP, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group V S1, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group V S1, L.P.	Delaware
TC Group V US, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group V US, L.P.	Delaware

TC Group V, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group V, L.P.	Delaware
TC Group VI - F, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC GROUP VI CAYMAN, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group VI Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group VI S1, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group VI S1, L.P.	Delaware
TC Group VI S1-F, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group VI, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group VI, L.P.	Delaware
TC Group VII Cayman, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group VII Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TC Group VII Lux GP, S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
TC Group VII S1, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group VII S1, L.P.	Delaware
TC Group VII, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group VII, L.P.	Delaware
TC Group, L.L.C.	Delaware
TC Group-Energy LLC	Delaware
TC Group-Energy-S2 LLC	Delaware
TCG 2014 Coinvestment Acquisitions, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG 2014 GP Ltd.	Cayman Islands
TCG AP Investment Holdings Ltd.	Cayman Islands
TCG Asnieres 1 S.à.r.l.	Luxembourg
TCG Asnieres 2 S.à.r.l.	Luxembourg
TCG Capital Markets L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Energy Investment Holdings (Cayman), L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG Energy Investment Holdings III Cayman, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG Energy Investment Holdings III Cayman-S1, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG Energy Investment Holdings III Cayman-S3, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG Energy Investment Holdings, L.P.	Delaware
TCG FBIE Advisory Services, L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG FBIE Holdings Ltd.	Cayman Islands
TCG FBIE Holdings, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG FBIE Manager (Delaware), L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Financial Services (Scot), L.P.	Scotland
TCG Financial Services II A, L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Financial Services II A1, L.P.	Delaware
TCG Financial Services II, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG Financial Services III AIV, L.P.	Delaware
TCG Financial Services III, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG Financial Services L.P.	Cayman Islands

TCG Financial Services-A, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG Gestor Ltda.	Brazil
TCG High Yield Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Holdings Finance Co. L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Horizon Strategic GP, LLC	Delaware
TCG Pattern Investment Holdings, L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG Power Opportunities, L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG R/C RW GP Corp	Delaware
TCG Realty Investment Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG RW ILP Corp	Delaware
TCG Securities, L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Senior Funding L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG V (SCOT), L.P.	Scotland
TCG Ventures II, L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Ventures II, L.P.	Delaware
TCG Ventures III (Cayman), L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Ventures III (Cayman), L.P.	Cayman Islands
TCG Ventures III, L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Ventures III, L.P.	Delaware
TCG Ventures Investment Holdings, L.L.C.	Delaware
TCG Ventures Limited	Cayman Islands
TCG Ventures, L.L.C.	Delaware
The Carlyle Group (Luxembourg) S.à.r.l.	Luxembourg
The Carlyle Group Employee Co., L.L.C.	Delaware
The Carlyle Group Espana, SL	Spain
The Carlyle Group L.P.	Delaware

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements:

- (1) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-181109) pertaining to The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan,
- (2) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-187264) pertaining to The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan,
- (3) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-194164) pertaining to The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan,
- (4) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-202315) pertaining to The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan,
- (5) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-209690) pertaining to The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan,
- (6) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-216100) pertaining to The Carlyle Group L.P. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan,
- (7) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-223051) pertaining to The Carlyle Group L.L. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan,
- (8) Registration Statement (Form S-3/A No. 333-188180) of The Carlyle Group L.P.,
- (9) Registration Statement (Form S-3 No. 333-192934) of The Carlyle Group L.P.,
- (10) Registration Statement (Form S-3 No. 333-199687) of The Carlyle Group L.P., and
- (11) Registration Statement (Form S-3ASR No. 333-220355) of The Carlyle Group L.P.;

of our reports dated February 13, 2019 with respect to the consolidated financial statements of The Carlyle Group L.P. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of The Carlyle Group L.P. included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of The Carlyle Group L.P. for the year ended December 31, 2018.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Tysons, VA  
February 13, 2019



I, Glenn A. Youngkin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 of The Carlyle Group L.P.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 13, 2019

/s/ Glenn A. Youngkin

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Glenn A. Youngkin  
Co-Chief Executive Officer  
Carlyle Group Management L.L.C.  
(Co-Principal Executive Officer)

I, Kewsong Lee, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 of The Carlyle Group L.P.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 13, 2019

/s/ Kewsong Lee

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Kewsong Lee

Co-Chief Executive Officer

Carlyle Group Management L.L.C.

(Co-Principal Executive Officer)

I, Curtis L. Buser, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 of The Carlyle Group L.P.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 13, 2019

/s/ Curtis L. Buser

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Curtis L. Buser

Chief Financial Officer

Carlyle Group Management L.L.C.

(Co-Principal Executive Officer)

**Certification of the Co-Chief Executive Officer  
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,  
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of The Carlyle Group L.P. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Glenn A. Youngkin, Co-Chief Executive Officer of Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., the general partner of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Glenn A. Youngkin

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Glenn A. Youngkin

Co-Chief Executive Officer

Carlyle Group Management L.L.C.

Date: February 13, 2019

\* The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

**Certification of the Chairman  
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,  
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of The Carlyle Group L.P. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Kewsong Lee, Co-Chief Executive Officer of Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., the general partner of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Kewsong Lee

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Kewsong Lee

Co-Chief Executive Officer

Carlyle Group Management L.L.C.

Date: February 13, 2019

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**Certification of the Chief Financial Officer  
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,  
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of The Carlyle Group L.P. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Curtis L. Buser, Chief Financial Officer of Carlyle Group Management L.L.C., the general partner of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Curtis L. Buser

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Curtis L. Buser

Chief Financial Officer

Carlyle Group Management L.L.C.

Date: February 13, 2019

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