# APOLLO

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# APOLLO

#### Firm Profile(1)

1990 Founded:

\$162.9bn(2) **AUM:** 

**Employees:** 869

**Investment Prof.:** 318

**Global Offices:** 15

#### **Business Segments**

#### **Private Equity** \$40.5bn aum

- > Opportunistic buyouts
- > Distressed buyouts and debt investments
- > Corporate carve-outs

#### Credit \$112.9bn AUM

- > U.S. Performing Credit
- Opportunistic Credit
- European Credit
- Non-Performing Loans
- Structured Credit
- Athene

#### **Real Estate** \$9.5bn AUM

- Residential and commercial
- > Global private equity and distressed debt investments
- > Performing fixed income (CMBS, CRE Loans)

#### **Investment Approach**

- Value-oriented
- Contrarian
- **Integrated** investment platform
- Opportunistic across market cycles and capital structures
- Focus on nine core industries

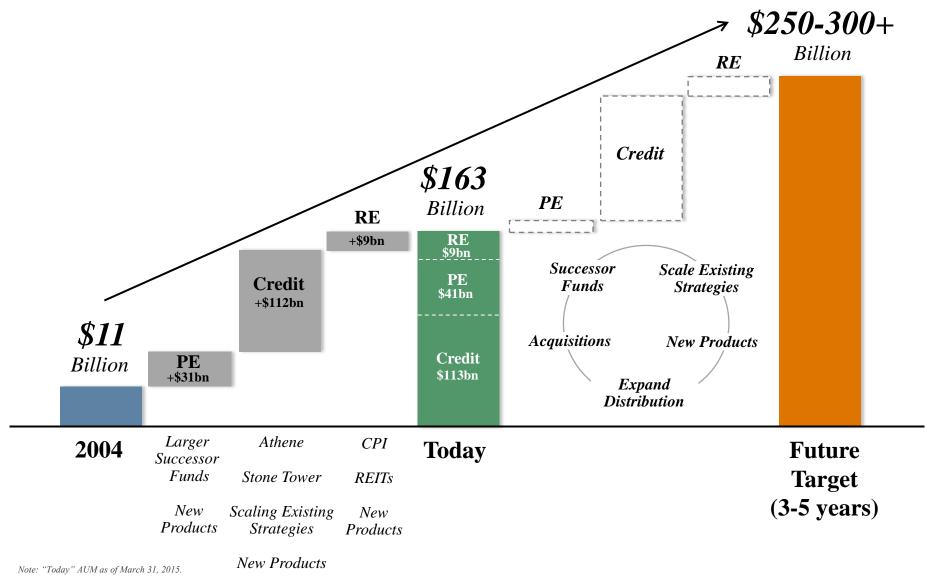


<sup>(1)</sup> As of March 31, 2015, except for number of offices, which is as of May 2015. (2) Please refer to the definition of Assets Under Management on Slide 31.

### Apollo's Platform is Built for Continued Growth and Innovation Apollo



Our stair step growth has been driven by Credit and this trend is likely to continue



# Apollo / Industry Outperformance Is Still Not Fairly Valued



	S&P 500	Traditional Mgrs <sup>(7)</sup>	Alt Asset Mgrs <sup>(8)</sup>	APO
AUM CAGR <sup>(1)</sup>	NA	7%	14%	24%
Mgmt. Revenue CAGR <sup>(2)</sup>	4%	9%	15%	20%
Dividend Yield (2016E) <sup>(3)</sup>	2.2%	2.8%	7.0%	9.2%
Cumulative Cash Returns <sup>(4)</sup>	9%	14%	32%	55%
P/E Multiple (2016E) <sup>(5)</sup>	16.0x	16.0x	10.3x	10.2x
P/E Multiple (5-Yr Avg Earnings / Current Price) <sup>(6)</sup>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	13.5x	8.4x

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents growth of total assets under management from 3/31/11 to 3/31/15. (2) Represents growth of total management revenue and transaction/advisory fees for APO and alternative asset managers, and total revenue for S&P and traditional asset managers. Figures reflect CAGR from 2011 to 2014. (3) Dividend Vield forecasts based on consensus dividend/distribution estimates for 2016 divided by price as of 5/22/15. (4) Cumulative cash return measured since Apollo IPO as a percent of March 30, 2011 share price. Alt Asset Manager average for this measure includes BX and KKR only, as available. S&P 500 as of 12/31/14. (5) P/E Multiple crepresents P/ENI multiple for APO and the Alt Asset Managers (except for OAK, which is based on ANI, as reported). P/E Multiple (2016E) measures consensus EPS estimate for 2016 divided by share price as of 5/22/15. (6) P/E Multiple (5-Year) measures as reported EPS have on company disclosed financial information if reported EPS not available, for years 2010-2014 divided by share price as of 5/22/15. (7) Traditional Managers include ARES, BX, CG, KKR and OAK (APO disclosed separately). Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, company reports, and Apollo

# Observations within the current market environment

# Year in Review: Current Macro Dynamics Here to Stay?



#### 2015 Forecasts: One Year Ago vs. Today

	United States	Europe	Asia  *:	World
GDP Growth	3.0% <b>→ 2.8%</b>	1.5% → <b>1.4%</b> (Incl. UK: 1.8% → <b>1.7%</b> )	Japan: 1.3% → <b>0.9%</b> China: 7.3% → <b>7.0%</b>	3.6% <b>→ 2.9%</b>
Inflation	Headline: 2.0% → <b>0.2%</b> Core: 1.8% → <b>1.4%</b>	1.2% <b>→ 0.1%</b>	Japan: 1.7% → <b>0.8%</b> China: 3.0% → <b>1.8%</b>	2.8% <b>→ 1.7%</b>
Interest Rates	1.0% <b>→ 0.75%</b>	0.13% <b>→ 0.05%</b>	Japan: 0.1% → <b>0.1%</b> China: 5.8% → <b>5.0%</b>	Low rate environment likely extended
Unemployment	5.9% <b>→ 5.4%</b>	11.7% <b>→ 11.1%</b>	Japan: 3.6% → 3.5% China: 4.1% → 4.1%	7.4% <b>&gt; 7.0%</b>
What Has Changed?	3% Growth remains elusive; Prospect of tightening by the Fed is balanced by headwinds from a strengthening USD	Europe remains fragmented; ECB's easing is expected to combat persistent unemployment and low inflation	Slowdown in China and lack of effectiveness of Abenomics weigh on growth prospects	Sustained period of recovery continues, with prospects for future growth muted; Global easing is likely to keep rates low

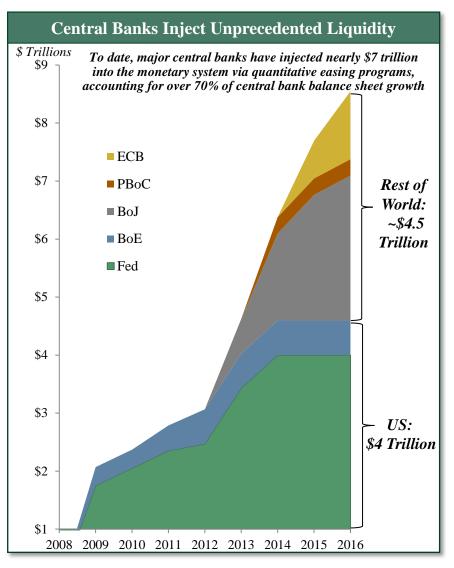
Muted Growth, Global Easing and Low Rate Environment are Likely to be Prolonged

## Easing Goes Global and Accelerates



The US has proven itself as the leader in monetary policy through swift, effective and sizable QE
 ECB's QE rivals the size of the Fed's easing programs relative to GDP

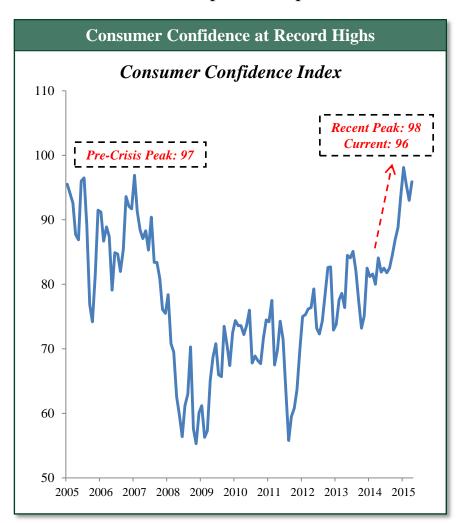
Recent Easing Programs					
Country	Timeframe	Action			
	2009 – 2014	QE programs totaled ~\$4 trillion and reached \$85 billion per month during QE3			
	March 2015  Duration: At least 18 months	Cut rates four years after the Fed Bond purchases began at \$65 billon per month (over \$1T)			
	2009 – 2012	Large Scale Asset Purchases through seven programs totaled ~\$600 billion			
	April 2013  Duration: At least 2 years	Goal of doubling monetary base and BoJ gov't bond holdings through purchases of \$75+ billion per month (at least \$2T)			
*;	June 2014	Lent state-owned China Development Bank \$163 billion, and announced medium-term lending facility of \$120 billion+ via loans to commercial banks			
	2015: Unconventional Easing Announcements and Rate Cuts	Switzerland: Abandoned FX cap, negative deposit rates  Denmark: 4 rate cuts in 6 weeks  Sweden: \$1.2 billion QE announced, negative deposit rates  13 other countries implemented unexpected rate cuts in 2015 to date			



### QE Has Worked in the U.S.



- Consumer confidence is strong and has surpassed its pre-crisis peak
- Momentum in the housing market continues, although it remains 35% below long-term levels as well as below the pre-crisis peak<sup>(1)</sup>



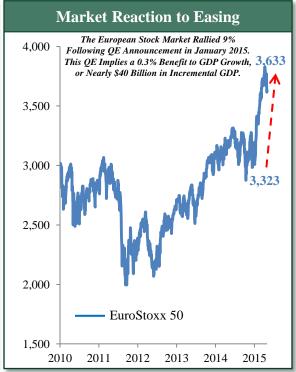


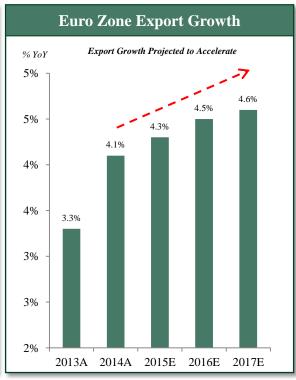
# QE Projected to Stimulate European Economy



- To combat deflation, the ECB has begun easing with bond purchases starting in March 2015, with the effect of depreciating the Euro to generate exports
  - To date, the Euro trade-weighted index has declined ~15% over the past year, and is projected to decline further as the ECB continues to be accommodative<sup>(1)</sup>
  - The OECD's economic models suggest that a 5% decline in the Euro's trade-weighted exchange rate may lift GDP by 0.3% in 2015 and 0.5% in 2016, and inflation by as much as 0.5% by 2017<sup>(1)</sup>
  - External exports account for over 25% of Europe's GDP, compared to less than 15% in the US<sup>(2)</sup>







Weaker Euro and Low Interest Rates are Projected to Stimulate Growth in Europe

# QE is Working in Europe



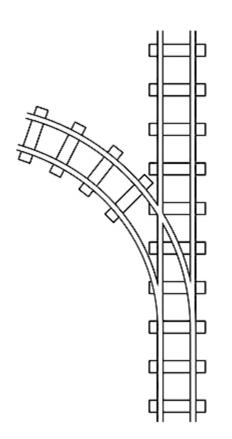
• Europe remains fragmented, with relatively stronger fundamentals in some economies (e.g., UK and Germany) offset by prolonged periods of contraction or no growth in weaker economies (e.g., France, Spain, Italy, Greece)

	GDP Growth		Unemployment		Inflation	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015E</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015E</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015E</u>
(United Kingdom)	2.6%	2.6%	5.8%	5.3%	1.5%	0.4%
(Germany)	1.6%	1.8%	6.6%	6.3%	0.8%	0.4%
(France)	0.4%	1.0%	10.5%	10.2%	0.6%	0.2%
(Spain)	1.4%	2.4%	23.7%	21.7%	(0.2%)	(0.6%)
(Italy)	(0.4%)	0.6%	13.0%	12.4%	0.2%	0.1%
(Greece)	0.8%	0.5%	26.4%	25.9%	(1.4%)	(1.4%)
(EuroZone, ex. UK)	0.9%	1.4%	11.5%	11.0%	0.4%	0.1%

Source: Bloomberg, as of May 1, 2015.



# Raise Rates: Risk Derailing Economic Recovery?

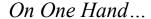


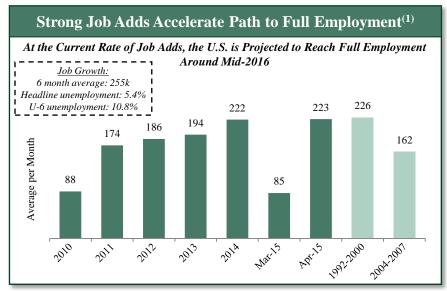
#### <u>Delay Raising Rates:</u> Cause a Bubble?

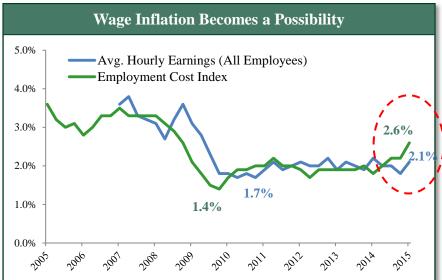


### The Fed's Conundrum (continued)

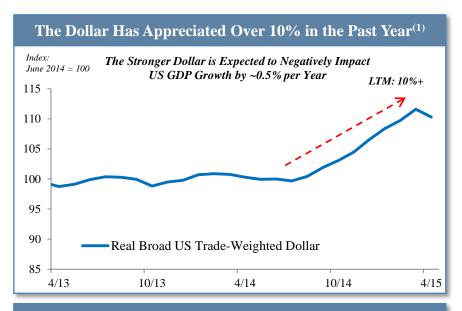


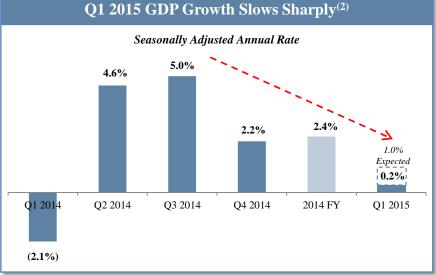






#### ... Yet on the Other Hand



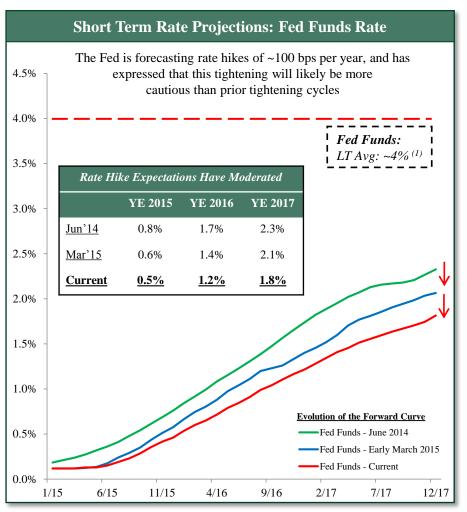


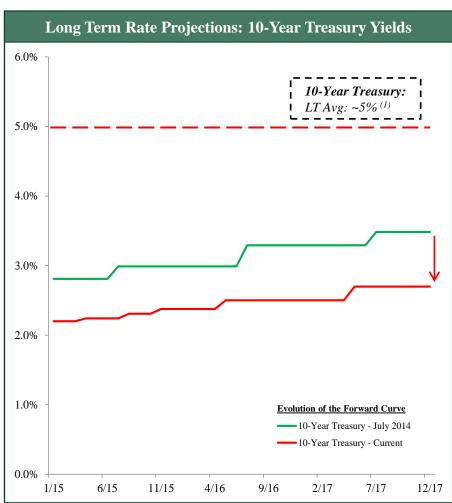
Source: Bloomberg, as of May 8, 2015.

# Market Conclusion: Zero Real Rate Environment Could Continue for Years



- To date, the Fed has kept rates at historical lows, and future hikes remain data dependent, with unemployment and inflation as key indicators
- Following the initial rate hike, expected in late 2015, the pace of hikes is expected to be muted and slower relative to prior cycles
- Even if the Fed wanted to raise rates, could they affect the long end of the curve, which drives valuations?

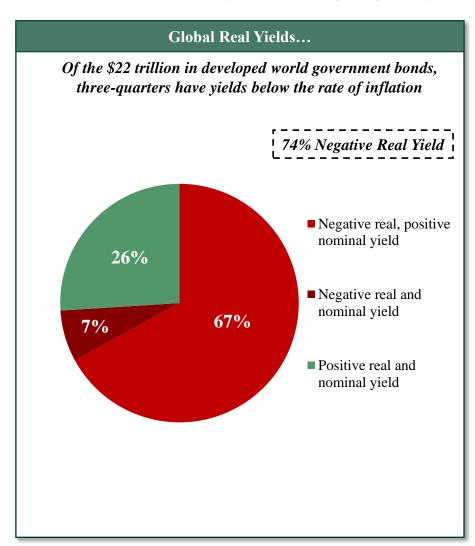


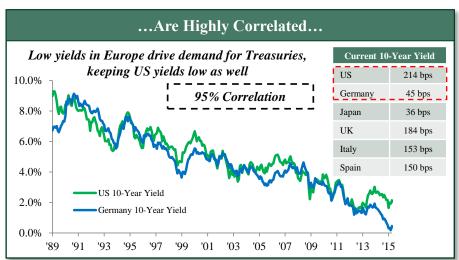


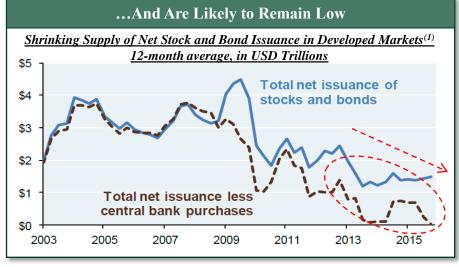
## Globally, Rates are Low and Highly Correlated



- Globally, rates remain at record lows, as three-quarters of world government bonds have negative real yields
- High correlation between global rates implies prolonged low-rate environment as global easing continues



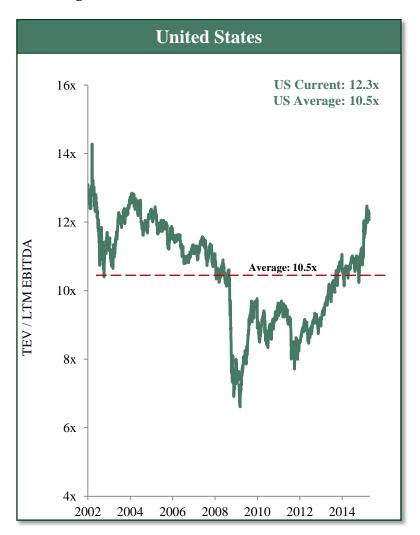


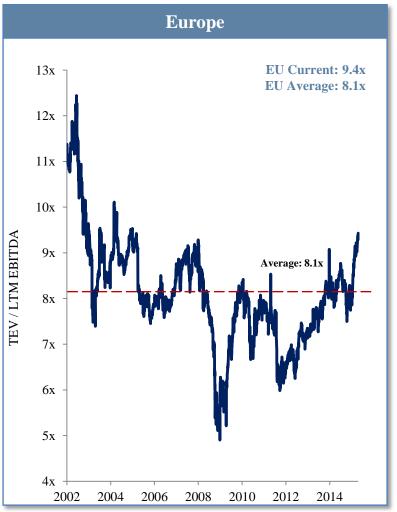


# Buoyed by Low Rates, Equity Markets are Overvalued...



 Valuations in the equity markets have surpassed their historical averages in the US and Europe, and are at or above their one standard deviation marks

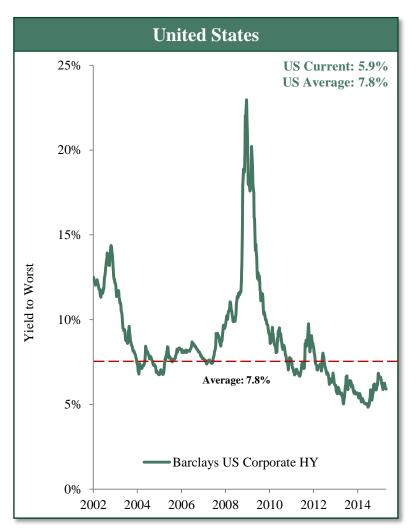


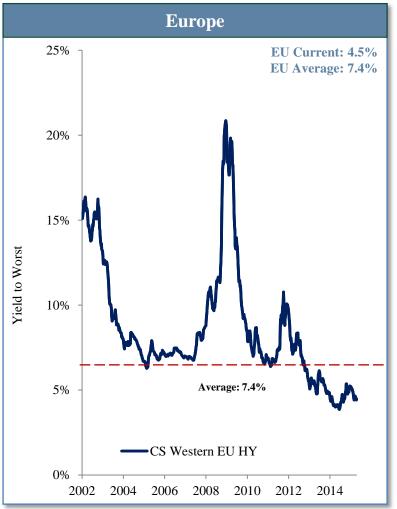


#### And Credit Markets are at Record Lows



- A rally in the credit markets has driven yields to all-time lows in the US and Europe
  - Yields have recently spiked given oil price volatility, although defaults have been benign

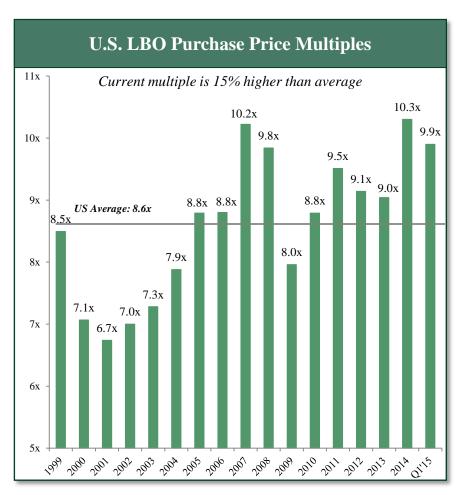


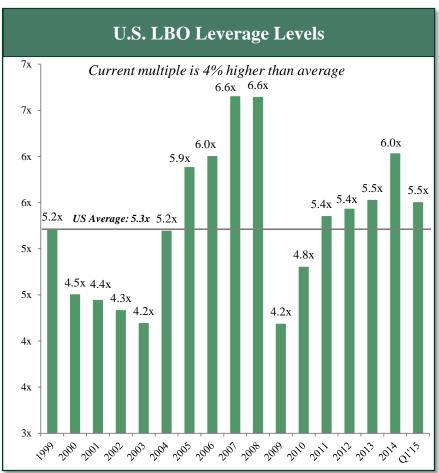


## Private Markets Are Fully Priced



- Private Equity valuations have reached 2007/2008 levels
- LBO leverage levels have likewise recently peaked at 6x in the U.S., their highest levels since the financial crisis
  - Recent retreat to 5.5x is likely due to leveraged lending regulations

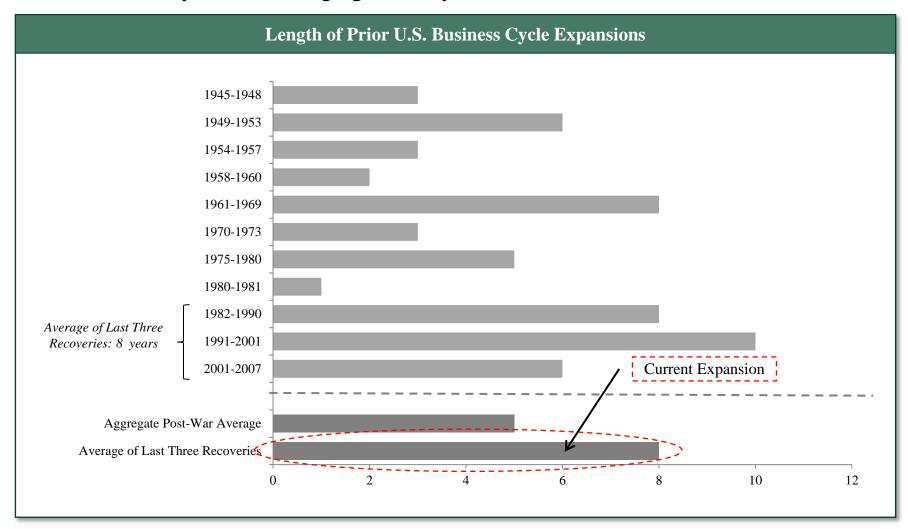




# Economic Recovery in the U.S. is Aging



We are now ~6 years into an aging recovery



We Do Not Believe Investing at High Valuations at the Tail End of a Cycle Makes Sense

# So how is Apollo positioned within this backdrop?

# Seeing Pockets of Opportunity in a Variety of Places



#### Europe

• European banks pulling out of the U.S. market coupled with new regulatory rules are creating opportunities to lend capital against both new and existing assets

#### Commodities / Energy

 Stress created from volatility in commodity prices as well as a lack of funding for project finance is creating primary and secondary opportunities

# Financial Services

 Regulation forcing banks to deleverage balance sheets, creating what we believe to be attractive risk/reward opportunities to purchase tranches of risk with full transparency into underlying credits

#### Direct Lending

- Continue to pursue an opportunistic approach targeting attractive situations
- Current considerations include signing selective partnerships, and expanding sourcing network

#### Retail

 Online competition causing retail margin compression for traditional retailers, creating actionable shorts in liquidations

#### **Shipping**

- Volumes for bulk commodities and containers are growing while shipping capacity growth is constrained by pricing and lack of capital
- We think commodity sell-off is driven by oversupply, not lack of demand

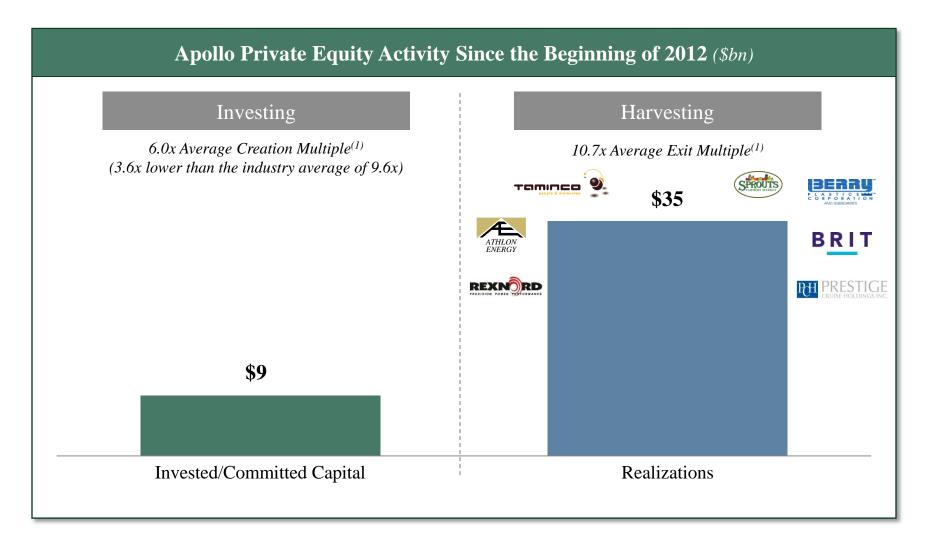
#### **Technology**

Idiosyncratic step functions in new technology underprice cash flow monopolies, creating interesting shorts

#### Given the Market Environment, We Have Been Net Sellers

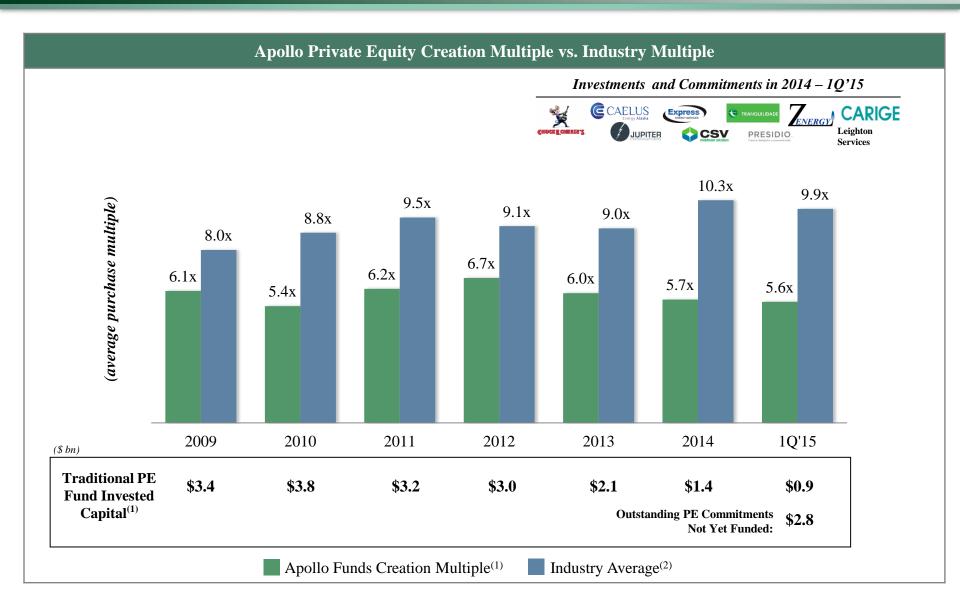


 We have taken advantage of the market environment to actively monetize our portfolio while investing in attractive opportunities



## We are Disciplined, Value-Oriented Buyers





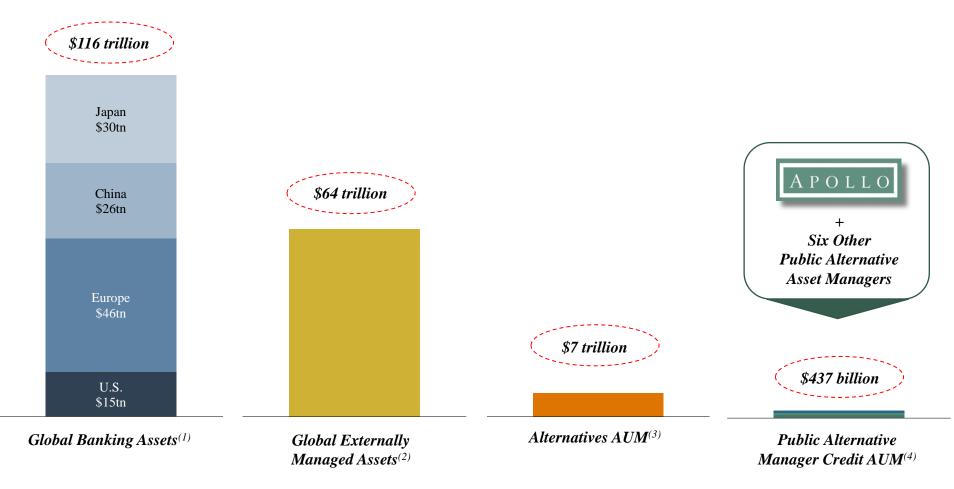
<sup>(1)</sup> Creation multiples may incorporate pro forma or other adjustments based on investment team's estimates and/or calculations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: S&P LCD - Leveraged Buyout Review, Q1 2015; representing deals greater than \$500 million.

# Significant Opportunity for Providers of Alternative Credit



Shrinking Bank Balance Sheets Coupled with Broad Base of Investable Assets Searching for Yield Poised to Drive Growth for Alternative Credit Managers



<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Federal Reserve (March 2015), ECB (June 2014), China Banking Regulatory Commission (March 2014), Bank of Japan (June 2013).

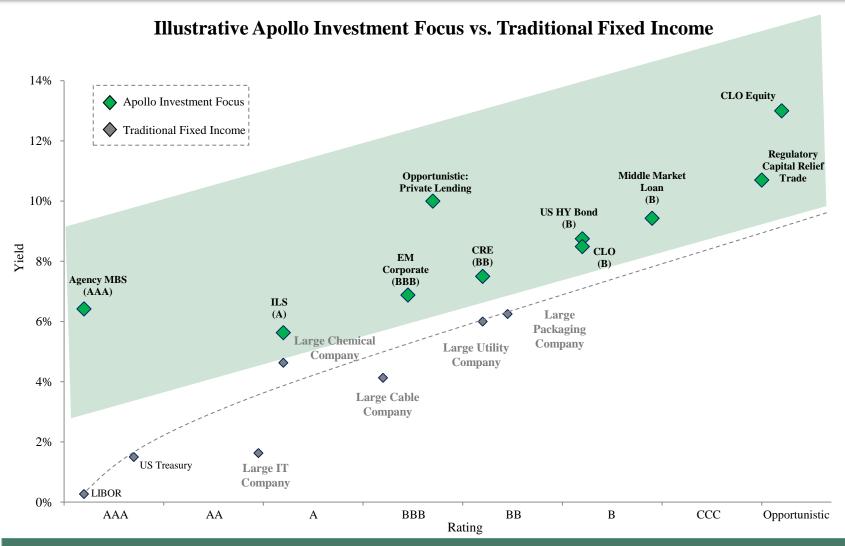
<sup>(2)</sup> Source: PwC, as of 2014, "Asset Management 2020: A brave new world."

<sup>(3)</sup> Source: McKinsey & Company, as of 2013.

<sup>(4)</sup> Source: Company reports for APO, ARES, BX, CG, FIG, KKR and OAK. Data as of March 31, 2015.

## In Credit, We're Creating Alpha Without Bearing Incremental Risk





We believe that broadening the opportunity set to a diversified basket of risk premium – credit, liquidity and complexity – will enable us to generate higher yields and create significant alpha

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- (i) the fair value of the investments of the private equity funds, partnerships and accounts we manage plus the capital that such funds, partnerships and accounts are entitled to call from investors pursuant to capital commitments;
- (ii) the net asset value, or "NAV," of the credit funds, partnerships and accounts for which we provide investment management services, other than certain collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs") and collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs"), which have a feegenerating basis other than the mark-to-market value of the underlying assets, plus used or available leverage and/or capital commitments;
- (iii) the gross asset value or net asset value of the real estate funds, partnerships and accounts we manage, and the structured portfolio company investments of the funds, partnerships and accounts we manage, which includes the leverage used by such structured portfolio company investments;
- (iv) the incremental value associated with the reinsurance investments of the portfolio company assets we manage; and
- (v) the fair value of any other assets that we manage for the funds, partnerships and accounts to which we provide investment management services, plus unused credit facilities, including capital commitments to such funds, partnerships and accounts for investments that may require pre-qualification before investment plus any other capital commitments to such funds, partnerships and accounts available for investment that are not otherwise included in the clauses above.

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