

# Management team with more than 40 years of combined experience in private equity with comprehensive CFO background



**Tom Alzin**Spokesman of the Board of Management



Joined DBAG in 2004 Member of the Board of Management since 2021 (appointed until Feb 2026)

Main responsibilities:

- Strategy and Business Development
- ► Investment Business
- Long-Term Investments
- ► Investor Relations
- Shareholder Relations
- Market Development Italy

Jannick Hunecke Member of the Board of Management



Joined DBAG in 2001 Member of the Board of Management since 2021 (appointed until Feb 2026)

Main responsibilities:

- ► Investment Business
- Portfolio Valuation
- ► Human Resources
- ESG

Melanie Wiese Chief Financial Officer



Joined DBAG in 2023 Member of the Board of Management since 2023 (appointed until Dec 2025)

Main responsibilities:

- ► Finance, Tax and Accounting
- ► Legal/Compliance/Risk Management
- Organization/IT

### What are we talking about today?



DBAG acquires Mittelstand companies ...

Profitable business with strong market position



Within sector focus in structurally growing markets



Headquartered in DACH or Northern Italy



... in promising situations

Family-owned business facing succession issues



With high value creation potential



Via bilateral transactions



. being Germany's pre-eminent mid-market PE-firm

17 deals in last 4 years

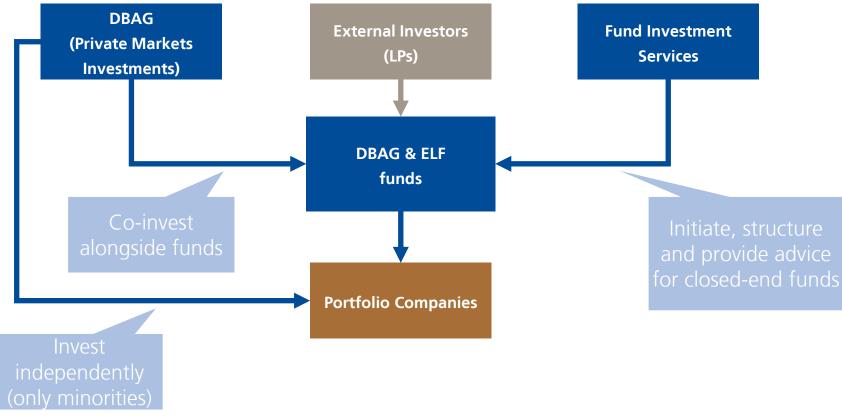
94% within sector focus

63 add-ons in last 4 years

# Diversified earnings streams from investments as well as recurring management fees



- ▶ Value-enhancing investment strategies in private markets with focus on family-owned businesses
- Fund investment services business generating highly visible cash flows covering >100% of DBAG's fixed cost<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fixed personal expenses and other income / expenses

# Full range of Private Equity & Debt solutions for DACH Mittelstand Corporates









#### Private equity Private debt Small-Long-Direct Capital Mid-cap solutions lendina Term cap Small-cap MBOs in Mid-cap MBOs in Exclusively DBAG Credit investments Flexible Senior DACH via DBAG DACH and Italy via (own balance sheet in Northern Europe, (Secured Credit) ECF vintages DBAG Fund VIII investments) focus on DACH creating alpha via complexity Focus on family ► Focus on family Growth financings Senior Secured successions and successions and in DACH looking for Focus on primary Loans buy-and-build carve-outs a > 7 years transactions. Preference for partnership selectively Equity investments Equity investments growing platforms secondary between €10-40mn between €60-Equity investments with opportunity to opportunities 220mn of €15-35mn provide additional (€10-50mn) typically via minority capital (€10-50mn) stakes Full range of equity solutions Flexible debt solutions

Widest range of private equity & debt solutions available for DACH Mittelstand

## Private equity: Investment strategy focusing on key sectors in DACH and Italy



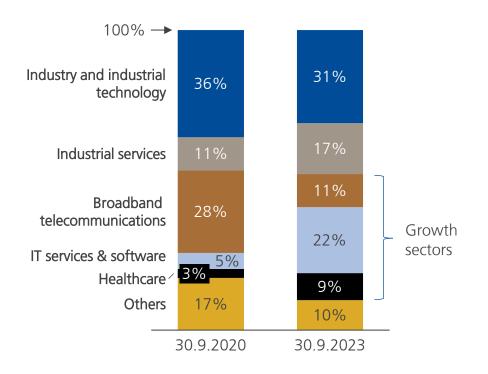
#### DBAG's portfolio is rooted in Europe... ...but globally active DBAG invests in Broadly diversified leading mid-cap across industries companies with More than two thirds development of the portfolio potential in the companies are **DACH** region globally active and Italy 37 portfolio companies stand for ca. **€5bn revenues** generated from more than 100 countries Environment Healthcare **Energy and** Infrastructure EUROPE NORTH APAC **ROW** AMERICA Industrial Industry and 87% 2% 6% IndustryTech Services = Offices of DBAG OF SALES OF SALES **OF SALES**

= HQs of DBAG portfolio companies

## Private equity: Diversification and importance of growth sectors increased

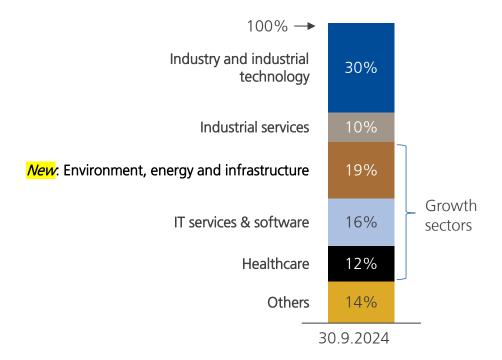


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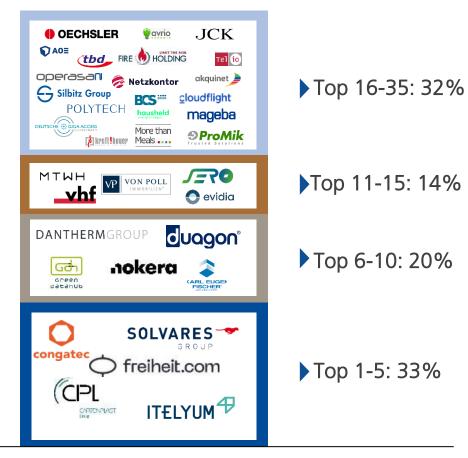
New grouping



## **Private equity: Diversified portfolio**



Diversification by portfolio companies (% of total portfolio value)



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### What makes DBAG special?



As the "founding" institution of private equity in Germany, DBAG is perfectly positioned to unlock the potential of Mittelstand companies in German-speaking Europe and Italy. Throughout market cycles, the team has consistently delivered great results based on a stringent investment strategy

DBAG is a household name, uniquely aligned with its LPs

>50 years
of investing in mid-market companies

Listed

€2.7bn

assets under management / advise

...with an excellent track record

58

realized transactions

2.4x

gross Money-Multiple<sup>1</sup>

35.2%

gross IRR<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All transactions completed by DBAG and its affiliates (as manager and adviser) from 1995 until 2024

### Private equity: Who is the wider team of the DBAG platform?



- lnvestment Advisory Team of 36 (senior members with 18 years of average private equity experience): strong alignment of interest through coinvestment by senior team members worth €25mn and highly incentivised by carried interest
- ▶ Supported by "Executive Circle" network: consisting of experienced group (>80 individuals) of industrial partners and senior advisers sourcing deals and chairing supervisory boards in portfolio companies

>320

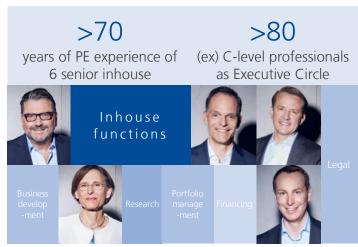
Investment advisory years professionals

Board of management



investment team





| Executive<br>circle |          | CEO                   | CFO | CSO |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| Entre-<br>preneurs  | Founders | Functional<br>experts |     | COO |

## SME sector in DACH with foreseeable successions provide plenty of opportunities to invest



### Large addressable market

#### Mittelstand as vast hunting ground for DBAG funds

- >75,000 family-controlled companies in DBAG's size focus
- ~11,000 facing succession issues in the next 4 years



#### ~350 deal opportunities generated p.a., i.a. by

- Research centre and inhouse database for succession situations
- Network supported by DBAG's preeminent market position, extensive PE experience of the team and Executive Circle



#### ~45 transactions analysed in detail p.a.

- Selection based on strict investment criteria
- Fully dedicated team of junior investment advisory professionals working alongside the Partners, supported by inhouse expert functions



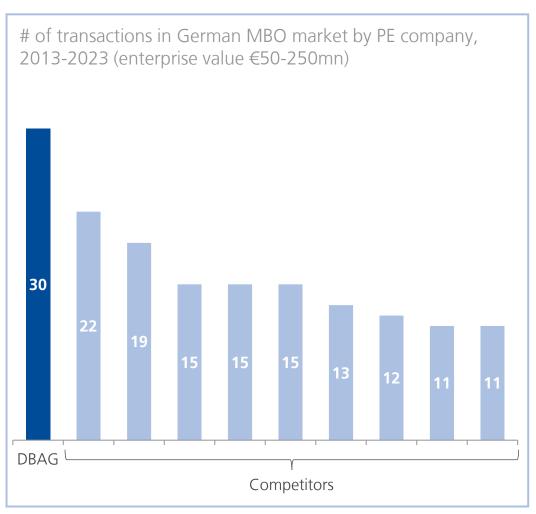
~5 new platform deals completed p.a.

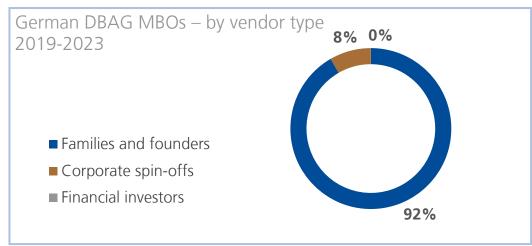


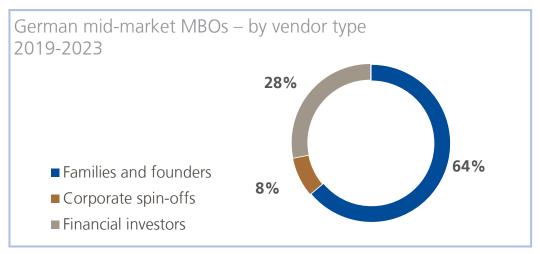
#### Differentiation

# Market-leading position in private equity; High proportion of family successions reflecting DBAG's reputation









Source: FINANCE, DBAG

## DBAG able to confirm strong long-term track record even in recent slowish M&A environment



Strong and consistent long-term investment returns ...



Successful track record of 58 fully or partially realised transactions over 1995-2024

### ... more than confirmed through in recent exits

**3.0**x gross Money-Multiple



### **Case study – fourth platform deal in Italy**





Italian leader in premium natural hair extensions for professional stylists

Closed in **December** 2024

Family vendor

Fourth platform investment in Italy

B2B business with total output more than €47mn Competitive edge on product quality and access to the best sourcing channels because of unique internalized production

Strong ESG profile thanks to lowimpact production technologies and high ethical standards

#### Value creation levers

#### Attract top talents at all Group levels

- Further professionalize the organization by hiring keymanagers such as the Chief Commercial Officer, who will lead the international go-to-market strategy, and a new CFO
- ► Establish an experienced Advisory Board comprising high-profile industry experts

#### Expand reach and product offering

- ► Strengthen the Group's presence in underpenetrated regions, by also exploring potential M&A opportunities
- ► Launch new application-technologies demanded by the market, such as Weft, on a larger scale

#### Promote ESG excellence

- ► Develop a comprehensive Group-wide ESG strategy, leveraging the already top-tier reputation certified by the B Corp certification
- ► Further minimize environmental impact by aligning with the highest ESG standards

### Case study – first private credit deal





4y senior secured loan

**€28.0mn** (thereof €14mn DBAG)

Entry Net Leverage: 3.1x Target Return (3y): 13.1% / 1.4x

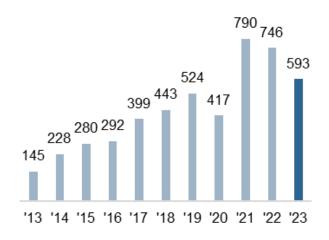
First deal of ELF Capital under the DBAG umbrella

ELF provides **4-year senior secured loan** for the **refinancing of existing loans and financing of growth** investments

Great risk-reward in a market with good protection of the business model as well as a favorable Irish structuring of collateral

## Direct lending market grows

Private debt deals in Europe/UK 2013-2023

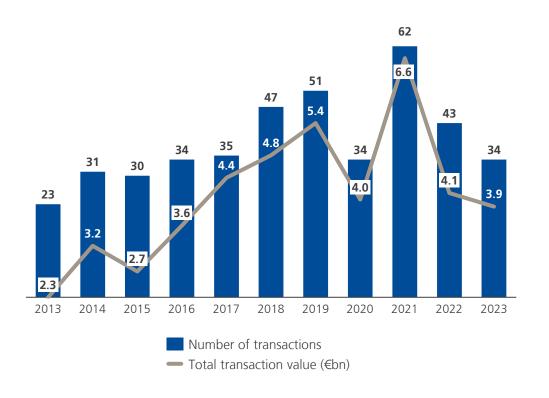


Source: Deloitte Private Debt Deal Tracker Spring 2024

## Private equity: Long-term, structurally growing market

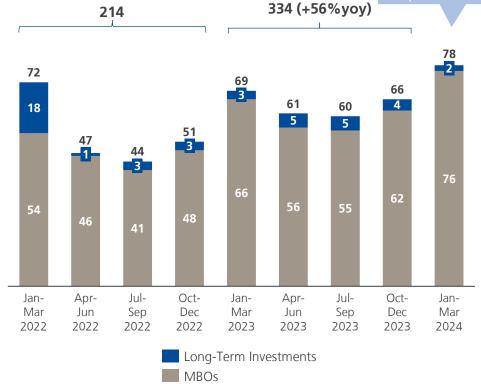


Number of German MBOs and transaction volume¹ (mid-market segment, €50-250mn)









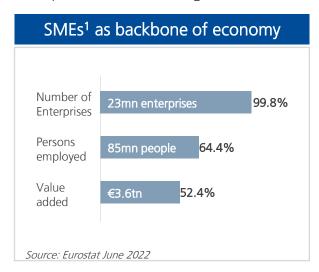
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Majority takeovers in the context of MBOs, MBIs, secondary / tertiary buyouts involving a financial investor in Germany; Sources: FINANCE, DBAG

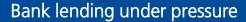
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: DBAG

### **Private debt: Attractive market opportunity**

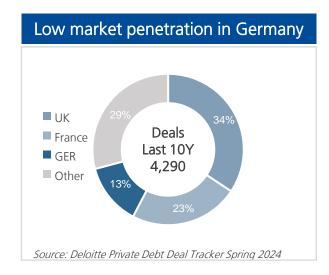


Growing and still largely underserved lower-mid market lending space with traditional bank lenders under regulatory pressure – European SMEs looking for alternative solutions





- Reduced bank lending due to ongoing regulatory restructuring pressure (e.g. Basel III, leverage cap)
- Increasing restricted financing access for European mid-market
- KfW Covid-19 loans seem to be very refinancing going forward



#### Inflation and supply chain issues

- Central banks raising interest rates in an attempt to curb inflation with positive carry-over effects to returns on private debt instruments as 3M Euribor turns positive again
- firms have to hold significantly more inventory to support an equal level of revenue compared to the times prior to the pandemic leading to more financing needs

#### Climate change targets

- The "net zero" target by 2050, as defined by the UN will require unprecedented levels of investment (EU targeting €7 trillion in green investments through 2050, of which at least €3 trillion will have to be privately funded)
- Companies of all sizes will have to adapt their operations to the new targets leading to attractive opportunities to finance both replacement and growth capex over the coming years

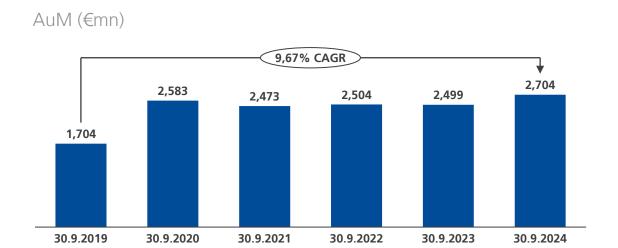
Due to global supply chain disruptions rigid and offer a great opportunity for

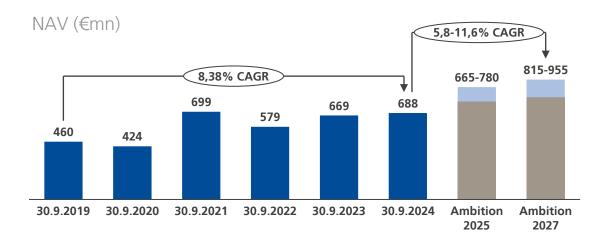
Direct lending gaining significance # Direct Lending Deals in Europe 790 <sub>746</sub> Source: Deloitte Private Debt Deal Tracker Spring 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Micro and small enterprises (0-49 employees) as well as medium-sized enterprises (50-249 employees) in EU 27

### NAV growth on track towards 2027 ambition







Assets under management or advisory (AuM)

- ➤ Start of investment period for new funds accompanied by significant increase
  - 2016: DBAG Fund VII.
  - 2020: DBAG Fund VIII
- Subsequently scheduled reduction, mainly due to disposals out of previous funds

Net asset value (NAV) increase temporarily interrupted by macroeconomic changes in 2019/2020 and 2021/2022 (i.e. Covid & Ukraine war)

NAV growth drivers

- Existing portfolio
- Co-investments alongside DBAG and (going forward) ELF Funds
- ► Long-Term Investments

## **DBAG** – a leading platform for future growth



- Leading position in the large SME DACH market where foreseeable successions provide plenty of opportunities to invest
- 2 Unique offering through a full range of private equity & private debt solutions for clients
- Highly balanced and diversified portfolio of global companies across industries, sectors, and geography
- Diversified earnings streams from investments as well as recurring management fees driving consistent growth and margins
- Superior long-term track record of successful exits and returns on investments resulting in high, uncorrelated returns through the cycle
- Management team of highly experienced professionals with aligned interests, backed by a strong investment advisory team and "executive circle" network



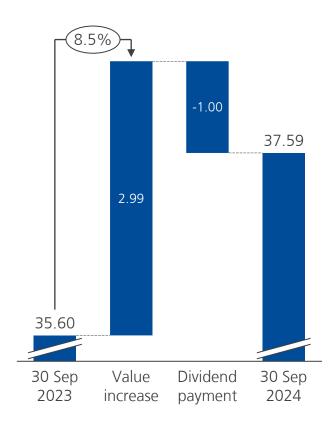


**Appendix** 

### Net asset value per share and NAV



#### NAV per share outstanding



## NAV forecast and NAV as at 30 Sep 2024



- ► NAV per share increased **8.5% yoy** (adjusted for dividend payment) mainly driven by value increase due to changes in multiple
- NAV of €688.4mn within the range of the original forecast and of the specified forecast from July

### Portfolio value increased

Additions

Private

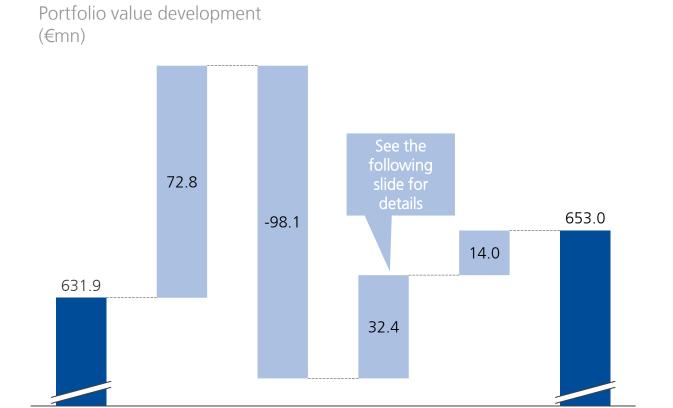
Equity

Gross

portfolio value

30 Sep 2023





Change in

value

Private Equity

Private Debt

Gross

portfolio value

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Disposals

Private

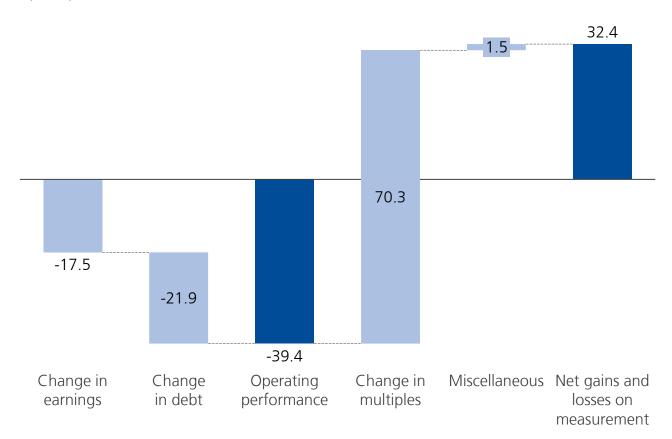
Equity

- ▶ DBAG's largest private equity investments (additions) in financial year 2023/2024 were
  - UNITY
  - ProMik
  - Nokera
- ▶ DBAG's largest private equity exits (disposals) in financial year 2023/2024 were
  - in-tech
  - R+S
- ► First deal of ELF funds under the DBAG umbrella

## **Change in value**



Net gains and losses on measurement (€mn)

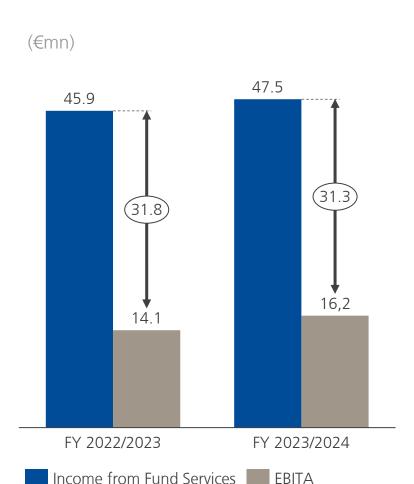


- Operating performance of portfolio companies is negative, impacted by both lower expected earnings as well as higher debt levels
- Change in earnings several portfolio companies are affected by less favourable economic outlook
- ► Multiples changes strongly positive due to a favorable capital markets environment in financial year 2023/2024

Miscellaneous: exchange rate fluctuations, effects from realized portfolio companies and other minor effects

### **Fund Services**

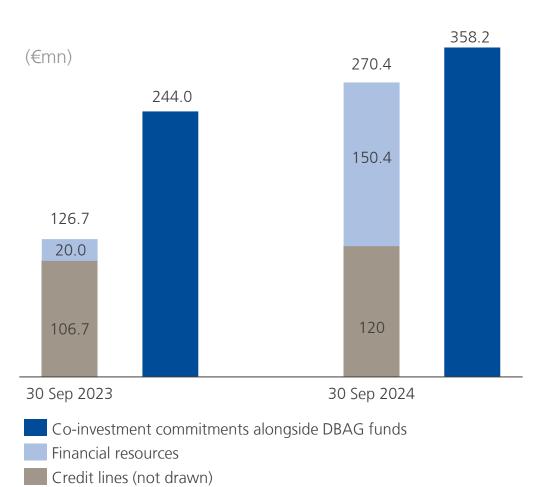




- ► Income from Fund Services slightly increased yoy
  - Mainly driven by advisory fees related to DBAG ECF IV, ELF funds and DBAG Luxembourg
  - As expected, lower fees mainly from DBAG Fund VI
- EBITA Fund Services increased yoy mainly driven by higher income
- ► EBT Fund Services in financial year 2023/2024 impacted by amortization resulting from consolidation of ELF Capital

### **Excellent financial base for investment plans**





- ► €270mn of available liquidity
  - €150mn of financial resources (cash and securities)
    - **= 33% of market cap** (per 30 Sept 2024)
    - **= 22% of DBAG's NAV** (per 30 Sept 2024)
  - €120mn in undrawn credit lines
- ► Excellent financial base (ca. 75% of commitments) to cover the existing investment commitments and to seize attractive investment opportunities
- ► Investment commitments exceeding the available liquidity are expected to be covered by returns from disposals

# Portfolio valuation follows worldwide accepted valuation guidelines in multi-stage process





#### **Valuation guidelines**

- ► Fair value measurement as per IFRS 13
- Substantiates IPEV Valuation Guidelines (industry standard, as of Dec 2015)

#### **Valuation committee**

- Board of Management
- Head of Finance
- Finance officer
- Investment controller



 Investment controlling:
 Finance and accounting.
 Valuation Committee:
 Auditor:
 Buyer:

 Valuation proposal
 Compliance with Valuation Guidelines?
 Approval of valuation
 Audit or Review
 Purchase price

 4x annually at (quarterly) reporting date
 3x annually<sup>1</sup>
 Sale

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Annual audit DBAG consolidated financial statements (30 Sep), annual audit of DBAG funds (31 Dec), review of DBAG's half-yearly financial statements (31 March)

## The portfolio comprises 37 companies<sup>1</sup>



| Long-<br>Term-<br>Invest-<br>ments | 4  |                 |                 |           |   |   | hausheld<br>vernetzt intelligent |                                   | Green<br>datahub<br>_vhf | nokera   |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|---|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| DBAG<br>Fund VIII                  | 6  |                 |                 |           |   |   | congatec<br>Firian               | <b>DANTHERM</b> GROU              | freiheit.com             | 1  | Great sength's                   |
| DBAG<br>Fund VII                   | 10 |                 |                 | duagon    | (2) kraft bauer                                 | KARLEUGEN CP<br>FISCHER: COVIC<br>FISCHER: COVIC<br>Eloue | Province<br>lia                  | operasan<br>ITELYUM <sup>47</sup> |                          |  |                                  |
| DBAG<br>small-cap<br>program       | 12 | JCK  • OECHSLER | mageba          | vitronet  | SOLVARES OROUP Netzkontor  VON POLL IMMOBILIEN* |   |                                  |                                   |                          | AOE  wavrio ENERGIE  ProMik Trusted Solutions  tbd | UNITY<br>CONSULTING & INNOVATION |
| DBAG<br>Fund VI                    | 4  | Silbitz Group   | POLYTECH Tel 10 | BCS GROUP |   |   |                                  |                                   |                          |  |                                  |
|                                    |    | 2013-<br>2015   | 2016            | 2017      | 2018  | 2019  | 2020                             | 2021                              | 2022                     | 2023   | 2024                             |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As at 31 December 2024

#### Appendix: Portfolio background



|                      | Company     | Profile  | First invested | Revenues<br>(€mn) |
|----------------------|-------------|--|----------------|-------------------|
| akquinet             | akquinet    | IT services  | June 2022      | 150               |
| <b>₽</b> A0≡         | AOE         | Bespoke enterprise solutions   | August 2023    | 19                |
| <b>avrio</b> ENERGIE | Avrio       | Biogas platform  | July 2023      | 10                |
| BCS GROUP            | Braun       | Cable systems and interior vehicle lighting  | January 2017   | 94                |
| CPL<br>CNTCNPINST    | Cartonplast | Pool systems for the rental of reusable plastic layer pads                                   | November 2019  | 101               |
| cloudflight          | Cloudflight | Taylor-made services for cloud-first, digital product development and digital transformation | June 2019      | 93                |
| Congatec             | congatec    | Computer modules   | October 2020   | 193               |
| DANTHERMGROUP        | Dantherm    | Heating, cooling, drying, ventilation and air cleaning technology                            | November 2021  | 298               |
| duagon°              | duagon      | Embedded electronics for railway, medtech an critical automation applications                | July 2017      | 118 (CHF)         |



|                                  | Company            | Profile  | First invested    | Revenues<br>(€mn) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| evidia                           | evidia             | Radiology and nuclear medicine                                   | May 2019          | 399               |
| Firian *                         | Firian             | Fire protection systems  | September<br>2020 | 211               |
| freiheit.com                     | freiheit.com       | Software Engineering   | January 2022      | 45                |
| Great Sength's                   | Great Lengths      | Premium hair extensions  | December 2024     | 47                |
| Green<br>datahub                 | Green Datahub      | Data centre  | June 2022         | 4                 |
| hausheld<br>vernstzt intelligant | Hausheld           | Development of smart metering solutions for electricity networks | September<br>2020 | 2                 |
| ITELYUM <sup>47</sup>            | Itelyum            | Recycling of complex industrial waste                            | October 2021      | 584               |
| JCK                              | JCK                | Marketer of textiles and seller of merchandise                   | 1992/2015         | 992               |
| KARL EUGEN<br>FISCHER:           | Karl Eugen Fischer | Mechanical engineering for the tyre industry                     | June 2018         | 86                |
| kraft!bauer                      | Kraft & Bauer      | Fire extinguishing systems for tooling machines                  | November 2018     | 31                |



|  | Company                         | Profile  | First invested | Revenues<br>(€mn) |
|--|---------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|
| mageba   | mageba                          | Products and services for infrastructure and building construction sectors   | February 2016  | 129 (CHF)         |
| C DAT INCH THE NIT PORTS OF PRINTED TO PRINTED TO THE NIT PORTS OF THE NIT | MTWH                            | Manufacturer of metal applications for the luxury goods industry             | June 2022      | 158               |
| More than<br>Meals ••••  | More than Meals                 | Chilled ready meals and snacks   | April 2017     | 445               |
| Netzkontor   | Netzkontor                      | Services for the telecommunications sector                                   | January 2018   | 158               |
| nokera   | nokera                          | Buildings in serial and sustainable construction                             | December 2023  | 55                |
| • OECHSLER   | Oechsler                        | Plastics engineering for the industries of the future                        | March 2015     | 389               |
| operasaN   | operasan                        | Nephrology and Dialysis  | January 2021   | 37                |
| POLYTECH   | Polytech Health &<br>Aesthetics | High-quality silicone implants   | October 2016   | 60                |
| ProMik Trusted Solutions   | ProMik                          | Programming and testing solutions for the electronics manufacturing industry | October 2023   | 13                |
| SEASON OF THE PARTY LAND   | Sero                            | Development and manufacturing service provider for electronic components     | November 2018  | 215               |

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|----------------------------------|--|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Silbitz Group                    | Silbitz                                | Hand-moulded and automated moulded castings with steel and iron basis             | August 2015    | 148               |
| SOLVARES                         | Solvares                               | Real time scheduling and route optimisation software                              | October 2018   | 43                |
| tbd                              | TBD Technische<br>Bau Dienstleistungen | Construction services for infrastructure solutions                                | August 2023    | 38                |
| Tel io                           | Telio                                  | Communications and media systems for correctional facilities                      | April 2016     | 91                |
| UNITY<br>CONSULTING & INNOVATION | UNITY                                  | Management consultancy for innovation and transformation                          | October 2024   | 72                |
| _vhf                             | vhf                                    | CNC milling machines and tools for the dental, industrial and sign making sectors | July 2022      | 47                |
| vitronet                         | vitronet                               | Fibre optic and energy infrastructure in Germany                                  | June 2017      | 502               |
| VON POLL                         | von Poll Immobilien                    | Estate agency   | July 2018      | 123               |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exit signed in April 2024, not yet closed

# Sustainability has been key to DBAG's business for decades – implementation of ESG strategy takes this one step further



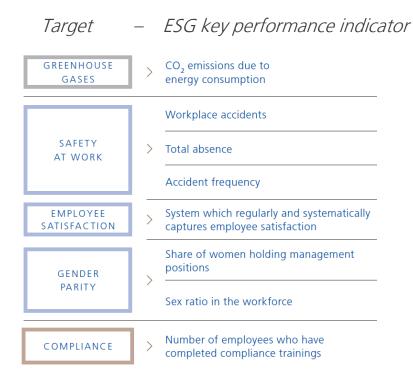
UN PRI signatory since 2021

Project to use measurable sustainability indicators

DBAG: KPI-based reporting system integrated since 2022/2023

- ► Greenhouse gases carbon footprint
- Employee satisfaction indicator from TeamEcho
- Compliance penalties due to compliance violations

Portfolio companies: KPI-based reporting system integrated in budgeting process of majority of portfolio companies from 2023 onwards



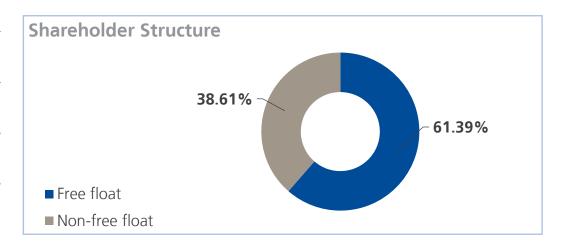
Non-financial key performance indicators (KPIs) for DBAG and our portfolio companies which serve to measure the progress made in the respective fields of action and facilitate appropriate management

### **DBAG** share



| Analyst   | Date      | Rating  | Target price € |
|---|-----------|---|----------------|
| Baader-Helvea Equity Research,<br>Gerhard Schwarz               | Nov 2024  | "Buy"   | 41.90          |
| Edison Research,<br>Milosz Papst                                | Dec 2024  | For regulator<br>neither recon<br>nor upside ta | nmendation,    |
| Hauck Aufhäuser Investment<br>Banking,<br>Marie-Therese Grübner | Dec 2024  | "Buy"   | 47.50          |
| Jefferies International Limited,<br>Tom Mills                   | Nov 2024  | "Buy"   | 36.00          |
| J.P. Morgan Cazenove,<br>Christopher Brown                      | Nov 2024  | "Neutral"                                       | n.a.           |
| Kepler Cheuvreux,<br>Sven Sauer                                 | Dec 2024  | "Buy"   | 32.00          |
| SRC Research,<br>Stefan Scharff/Christopher<br>Mehl             | Nov 2024  | "Buy"   | 44.00          |
| Warburg Research GmbH,<br>Andreas Pläsier                       | July 2024 | "Buy"   | 48.00          |
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| Share                                      |            |
|--|------------|
| Last price Xetra (€) as at 10 January 2025 | 24.95      |
| Market capitalisation (€mn)                | 469.185    |
| Shares outstanding                         | 18,804,992 |



As at January 2025