



# **Executive Summary**

- 1st & Main has delivered outstanding performance, with Fund VIII outperforming the S&P 500 and Russell 2000 indices.
- Key Results



- Strong strategic positioning in fintech, ESGcompliant investments, and sub-regional banking has driven superior returns.
- Fund IX and Fund X have appreciated 32% in the last 12 months.

# About 1st & Main



- 1st & Main has a track record of achieving superior returns, focusing on growth-oriented investments and capitalizing on market trends.
- Domain experts generating consistent returns by investing in a difficult-to-reach investment niche.





# Historical Fund Performance

Matched or outperformed public indexes over the last 16 years

	Fund VIII	Fund IX	Fund X	Fund XI
Vintage Year	2008	2014	2018	2022
Net IRR (1)	12.7%	6.3%	6.0%	N/A
Net MOIC (1)	2.15x	1.75x	1.49x	N/A
DPI	214%	84%	14%	N/A
S&P 500 CAGR	9.8%	6.2%	7.9%	N/A
Russell 2000 CAGR	8.6%	6.5%	8.0%	N/A

- Top Performers
  - Fund VIII: Sun Bancorp Inc (196.3% IRR), PBB Bancorp (109.8% IRR), Focus Bank (90.3%)
  - Fund IX: NewBridge Bank (129.5% IRR), IAB Financial Bank (85.1% IRR), PBB Bancorp (78.9% IRR)
  - Fund X: Flushing Bank (225.4% IRR), Bank Prov (152.5% IRR), Renasant Corporation (132.3%)

# 1st & Main Performance Metrics and Fund Liquidity Overview

Fund IX is winding up while Funds X and XI are currently deploying

Fund	Amount of Capital Called	% of Committed Capital Called	Amount of Capital Invested	Current Market Value	Distributed LP Value	Total Value Curated	DPI
Fund VIII	\$650.0	100%	\$650.0	\$1,396.0	\$1,396.0	\$1,396.0	214%
Fund IX	\$536.0	100%	\$536.0	\$485.3	\$261.7	\$747.0	84%
Fund X	\$401.0	100%	\$401.0	\$539.3	\$17.9	\$557.2	14%
Fund XI	\$40.7	60%	\$36.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

• Fund VIII Liquidity Events

•	First Merchants	\$17.9M proceeds	25.6% IRR
٠	Eagle Bank	\$13.7M proceeds	25.4% IRR
•	Pacific Continental	\$15.2M proceeds	20.4% IRR

- Note: Data shown as of November 15, 2024. Notes:
- 1) MOIC and IRR are net of management fee and carried interest, the only two fees charged. 1st & Main charges zero ancillary fees and no fee on recycled capital.



# Fund XII Strategy & Data-Driven Vision

· Capitalizing on undervalued markets, sectoral growth, and emerging industry trends

# 1 Fund XII Strategy

- U.S.-based, subregional, financial service companies are modestly valued (10X earnings vs. S&P 500 24X earnings) as out-of-favor investments for most of the last 16 years.
- These companies are lynchpins of their communities, providing capital and banking services to local companies.
- This is an underfollowed, underrecognized, difficult-to-reach market with barriers to entry.

# 3 Targeted Areas

- High growth geographic areas: California, parts of the Pacific Northwest, the Southwest, urban centers in Texas, the Southeast.
- Tech-forward banks that are developing software around digital marketing, machine learning, and cost management.
- Markets with very active merger & acquisition developments.
- · Markets with M&A target scarcity.
- Companies with outsized wealth management businesses.

# 2 Sectoral Growth

- Small banks provide capital to small companies which provide the bulk of new jobs and innovation to the economy.
- Small banks and other small companies are investing actively in financial technology which, in turn, is spurring growth and productivity gains.
- Historically, these companies have grown assets and earnings in the 5-15% range.

# 4 Market Trends

- Investment sentiment improving around financial services.
- · Interest rate environment improving.
- Merger & acquisition environment improving.
- Expected substantial industry deregulation.
- Increase demand for financial technology.







# Select Case Studies Illustrating 1st & Main Value-Add

Leveraging expertise and deep domain knowledge to increase value of portfolio companies

## Valley Bank

### **Initial Investment**

- Valley Financial Corp is a commercial lender to small, locally-owned businesses
- Wide investment moats: geographically remote, under the radar nationally, difficult to purchase Valley shares.
- 1st & Main invested multiple times over a 10- year period including at 50-60% of book value post-Global Financial Crisis.

#### Value Add

 Advised management on loan portfolio operations, nonperforming loans, floor plan lending, establishing a wealth management business, and options for redeeming TARP securities issued by the bank to the U.S. Treasury.

#### Fxit

- Valley Financial was acquired at 173% of book value.
- Gain: \$4.2M (1.95x MOIC)

## State Bank Financial Corporation

### **Initial Investment**

- Joe Evans, CEO of State Bank Financial Corporation (SFC), was looking for a partner with deep capital resources.
- State Bank had the opportunity to: buy distressed banks at very attractive prices; partner with the FDIC to reduce lending risk; nurse these distressed banks back to health, and earn a significant return on investment.

### Value Add

 Advised management on the acquisition and consolidation of undercapitalized banks in Georgia. Gained partnerships with the government. Recognized profit potential from distressed assets in a fundamentally good market by shrinking, selling bad assets and acquiring solid, profitable assets.

### Fxit

- SFC was acquired at 248% of book value.
- Gain: \$55M (2.25x MOIC)

## Bushel

## **Initial Investment**

- Bushel develops tools for farmers and agribusinesses, accelerating the flow of information and transactions within the agricultural supply chain.
- Jake Joraanstad, Co-Founder and CEO of Bushel, was looking for a fintech partner to advise the company on building payments and wallet functionality within their software.
- Today, Bushel has over 240+ grain elevators that represent approximately 3,600 separate agribusiness locations.
- 1st & Main invested \$5.0M in Bushel in June 2023 and took a board seat.

### Value Add

- · Recruited a seasoned payments executive to lead the fintech business.
- Facilitated current and exclusive negotiations between Bushel and one of the top sponsor banks for Banking-as-a-Service to develop a payments partnership.



# Risk Assessment & Fund XII Mitigation Strategy

· Proactive strategies and market insights to navigate emerging risks

## Risks

- Interest rate fluctuations
- Increased regulation
- Economic recession
- Geopolitical problems
- Technology obsolescence

## • Fund XII Mitigation Strategy

- Extensively counsel our portfolio companies about asset-liability management
- Avoid companies with risky regulation practices
- Diversify portfolio geographically and by loan portfolio
- Portfolio companies have limited international exposure
- We provide extensive counselling around technology developments

## Outlook

- Federal Reserve well aware of the dysfunction from zero interest rates and rate volatility
- Trump Administration strongly determined to reduce regulation
- Bank balance sheets in the strongest position in 38 years
- Risk asymmetry our small companies modestly exposed to international conflict
- Pent-up demand in the M&A market

