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## PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTING

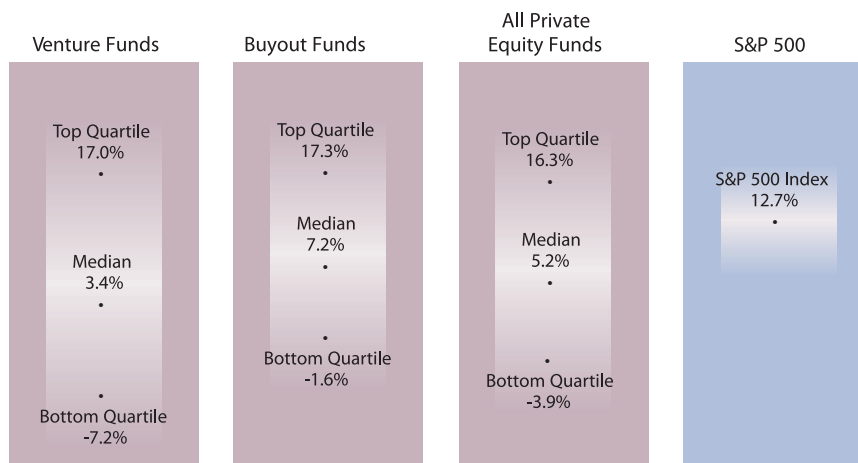
### Benefits of Private Equity Investing

Institutional investors worldwide consider private equity an increasingly important component of their overall asset allocation. Pension plan sponsors, endowments, foundations and family offices have participated in private equity investing over decades for many reasons, the most important of which include: a diversified portfolio of private equity can generate highly attractive returns compared to a portfolio of traditional marketable securities; private equity provides a source of diversification that can reduce overall portfolio risk; private equity focuses on long-term investments that are relatively insulated from short-term valuation fluctuations associated with the public securities markets; and investors can participate in a vibrant market of privately-held companies, certain types of which are not generally found in public securities markets.

At the same time, investors should be aware of the greater dispersion of historical returns from investments in private equity partnerships as compared to portfolios of traditional securities—and need to have a program that effectively manages these risks in order to develop a portfolio where returns can exceed those available in the public markets.

Structuring and monitoring effective private equity portfolios requires a wealth of experience, discipline and specialized skills. Abbott Capital is well-positioned to provide investors with the opportunity to invest in private equity.

### Internal Rate of Return Dispersions Among Private Equity Partnerships Over 20 Years



Source: Thomson Venture Economics (vintage years 1985 through 2005) for period ended September 30, 2005. Annualized time-weighted total returns of the S&P 500 (an unmanaged index which represents the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity markets) are based on market capitalization and include the reinvestment of dividends and income for the period October 1, 1985 to September 30, 2005. The S&P 500 total rate of return is provided for information purposes only and does not reflect a basis of comparison for pooled partnership investments.

### ABBOTT OFFERS INVESTORS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR:

- Potential for attractive rates of return
- Extensive portfolio diversification
- A long-term investment perspective
- Investments with high-growth potential

*Institutional investors are increasingly seeking to diversify their portfolios and to increase investment returns by looking beyond traditional securities.*

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