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	Partnership (Gross)	Partnership (Net of Fees)	MSCI World Index
2020 (Apr 1-Dec 31)	121.3%	97.1%	46.8%
2021 (Jan 1 – Sep 30)	37.9%	30.3%	13.0%
Annualized	110.4%	87.5%	40.2%

October 19, 2021

To our Partners:

Plural Partners Fund L.P. delivered a gross return of 6.2% and net return of 5.2% in Q3. Our goal is to deliver returns over a five-year period significantly above that of global markets.

We are value investors. We invest in businesses that we believe are worth substantially more than the price they are trading at. We think of risk primarily as the chance of a permanent capital loss over a five-year horizon and not the temporary drawdowns in stock prices that occur from time to time. We manage this risk by only investing in businesses trading at a substantial discount to a conservatively calculated intrinsic value and that we would be happy to own if the market was to shut for five years. We therefore welcome stock price volatility as it often presents opportunities to invest further at even better prices. When such opportunities cannot be found we hold cash instead.

The majority of our capital is typically allocated to our six to eight best investments. We look for qualities such as attractive business economics and management teams who possess and foster a culture of high integrity, customer focus, and prudent capital allocation. Our businesses may be 'hidden gems' because they are small, receive little coverage, listed on under-researched exchanges, operating in unpopular industries, or offer terrific opportunities beyond short term concerns. We develop a research edge over other investors by doing extensive primary research and utilizing quantitative tools. This edge can be significant when we are competing mostly against retail investors or the small positions of larger institutions, which is why we deliberately fish in those waters.

A one-page appendix entitled "Principles of Our Partnership" is attached to this letter. This should give you an idea of what you can and cannot expect from our partnership.

We are finding fewer new investment opportunities today than in previous quarters, but our existing investments are priced more attractively than at any time since April 2020 in our opinion. The portfolio is fully invested, and we continue to be in the pleasant position of having

to find 'room' to increase our investments. As usual, being fully invested is not the result of an explicit forecast of macro events.

Portfolio Allocation					
% of Net Assets by Business Type:					
Consumer	64%				
Payments	19%				
Travel	13%				
Special Situations	4%				
Others	0%				
Cash	<u>0%</u>				
	100%				
Portfolio Statistics:					
Net Exposure	100%				
Long Exposure	107%				
Short Exposure	-7%				

### <u>Jet2 (Jet2.L)</u>

Jet2 is a UK based package holiday business that also operates its own airline. The company is run by its Founder and Chairman Philip Meeson, who owns 22% of the business, CEO Steve Heapy, and CFO Gary Brown. All three have high integrity, exceptional customer focus, and concentrate on long term value creation when allocating capital. They have done an outstanding job, with Jet2 succeeding as a value-for-money entrant that is profitably taking share from legacy players. The company's tour operation has gone from being a startup a decade ago to having 14% market share today. We invested in the business at around  $\pounds$ 5/shr, the stock trades at £13/shr today, and we think it is worth £25/shr or more.

Pleasingly, the UK's travel restrictions were eased in early summer and will be eased again at the end of October. These changes mean that for fully vaccinated people travel to most countries will only require a lateral flow test on their return to the UK.

Jet2 has seen a significant pick-up in demand after each easing in restrictions and was likely close to break-even profitability this summer despite flying around half the number of customers as they did before Covid. We expect that the number of customers in Q4 will be around 75% of the same quarter in 2019.

Despite the improving conditions, Jet2's key competitors have continued to struggle. TUI announced an equity raise in early October at a 35% discount to its stock price that will increase the share count by nearly 50%. EasyJet similarly rejected a takeover from Wizz Air in September, then issued shares at a 35% discount.

In contrast, having a strong balance sheet and treating its customers and suppliers well has put Jet2 in a position to grow and take significant market share. That is now starting to play out.

The company has already opened a new base at Bristol airport and added hotel partners, and this quarter announced two aircraft orders. These are for a total of 51 A321neos, with the option to increase it to 75. For context, the company currently has 85 aircraft in service. Some of those will likely be retired, but the new planes can carry more passengers and so these orders suggest management are confident in their cash position and prospects for gaining market share. Nearer term data suggests Jet2 has already taken share versus smaller competitors.

Our thesis is based on a calculation of Jet'2 long-term intrinsic value as it emerges from Covid as the UK's leading package holiday company, rather than views on the short-term outlook for travel. It is therefore encouraging to see Jet2's progress. We continue to think the company will be earning  $\pounds 1.5-\pounds 2.5/\text{shr}$  in three years' time as it emerges from this crisis with a significantly strengthened market share, reputation, customer loyalty, list of hotel partners, and airports to fly from. With people enthusiastic for travel, the company is likely to earn very substantial profits next summer rather than build progressively back to normalized earnings.

The dial-in details for our quarterly call are attached on the next page.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>chris.waller@pluralinvesting.com</u>.

Best Regards,

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# **Dial-In Details for Quarterly Zoom Call**

Time: October 26, 2021. 10am Eastern time / 3pm UK time.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/88920377132?pwd=UoJaeTMyZG5XMTgzZk1hcFFCTkJZZz09

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## **Principles of Our Partnership**

I take the trust you place in me very seriously and view this as a partnership. These principles are inspired by a similar letter Warren Buffett wrote in 1962 to his partners at the beginning of their partnership. They are my attempt to be up-front about what I can and cannot promise you, and what I ask from you in return:

- 1. Success for the fund in five years' time is delivering a substantially higher return than global stock market indices, rather than how many clients or assets are under management. The investment approach and my time are allocated accordingly.
- 2. I cannot guarantee that the fund will achieve this success. However, I can promise that the vast majority of my liquid net worth will be invested alongside you.
- 3. The fund will only invest in businesses that I estimate are worth substantially more than the price they are trading at.
- 4. The fund will only invest in businesses that I would be comfortable owning if the stock market were to shut for the next five years and we had to hold on.
- 5. I will view the risk of each investment as the chance we lose money over that five year period and not the volatility or beta of the stock price in the meantime. Indeed, I can promise you that the price of our investments will decline 20% from time to time.
- 6. I will judge the returns of the fund over five year periods.
- 7. Nobody gets every investment decision right. I will be up-front about mistakes made.

What I ask from you:

- 1. You should only invest an amount where your sleep will be completely unaffected when the fund has a 20% drawdown. This may mean the right decision is not to invest at all.
- 2. While I would like you to also judge the performance of the fund over a five year period, three years is the absolute minimum required. I would strongly counsel against reading much into quarterly results as prices are often driven by emotions in the short run. Our patience is essential if we are to let the volatility of prices serve us rather than guide us.

Yours sincerely,

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Chris Waller Portfolio Manager

## Performance Comparison

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2020 <sup>1</sup>	121.3%	97.1%	46.8%	58.0%	46.7%	14.7%
2021 <sup>2</sup>	37.9%	30.3%	13.0%	16.7%	16.9%	3.6%
Annualized	110.4%	87.5%	40.2%	50.4%	43.3%	12.2%

<sup>1</sup>Results for 2020 represent the total return of the Fund and Comparative Indexes from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

<sup>2</sup>Results for 2021 represent the total return of the Fund and Comparative Indexes from January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

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