





Capital Infusion Transactions: A Private Equity Playbook

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Current Market Conditions and COVID-19 Impact



COVID-19 Impact on Business Performance, Valuation and Leverage

1. Primary COVID-19 Impacts on Business Performance

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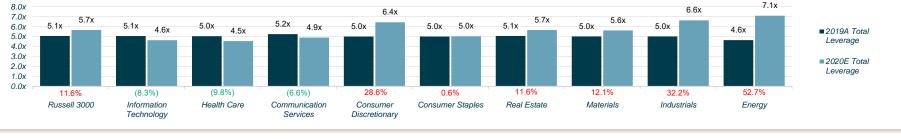
- Operations and Business Processes
- Strength and Continuity of Supply Chain

- Workforce / Workplace
- Finance
- Liquidity

2. Changes in Total Enterprise Value and CY2020 EBITDA Estimates (December 31, 2019 through May 7, 2020)



3. Using the Russell 3000 and its Industry Constituent Company Valuation and EBITDA Changes + Average PE Portfolio Leverage Profiles we illustrate pro forma leverage profiles for PE Owned Companies



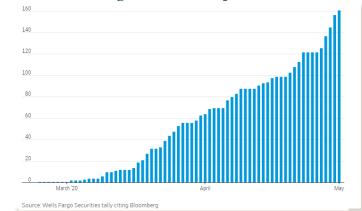
Source: Lincoln International Middle Market Database, S&P Capital IQ; Note: Industry-specific data sourced from consolidated Russell 3000 industry classifications



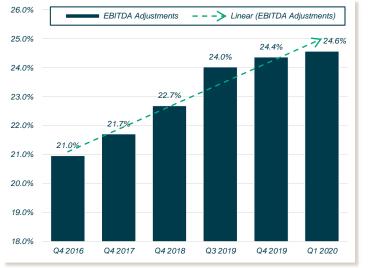
Forecasting amid a pandemic is challenging

20% RECESSION 15 10 2000 '09 '10 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '01 '02 '04 06 '08 '19 20

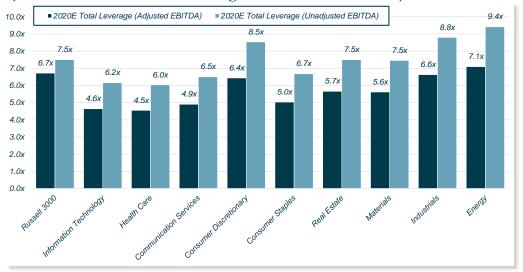
4) Wider Variance in S&P 500 Consensus Estimates and Withdrawn Earnings Guidance among S&P 500 Companies



5) EBITDA Adjustments as a % of Total EBITDA



6) Illustrative 2020E Total Leverage Pre/Post EBITDA Adjustments

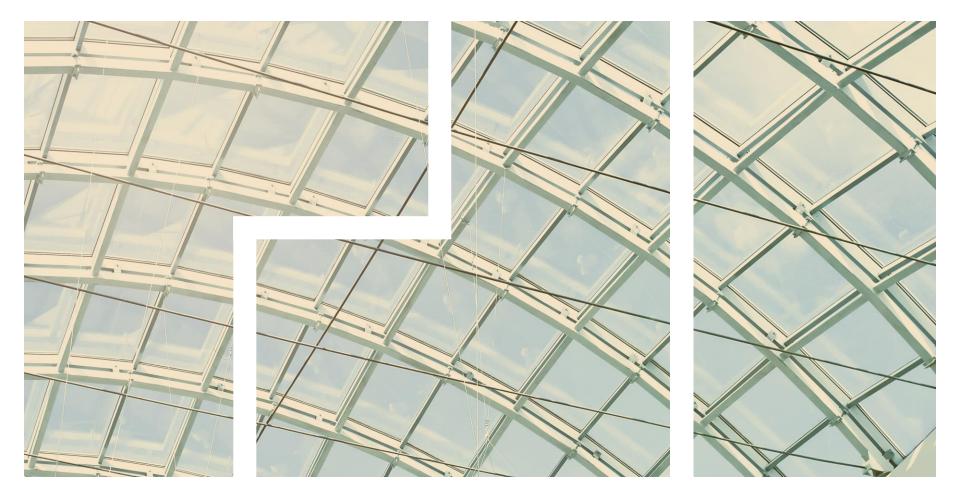


Sources: Lincoln International Middle Market Database, FactSet, BofA US Equity & Quant Strategy, Wall Street Journal, S&P Capital IQ





Capital Market Observations



The Market is Open and Capital is Available, However...







Third Party Capital Solutions



Over the last several weeks, Lincoln has priced four deals, generating substantial market insight

In <u>actively marketing</u> these deals, Lincoln has interfaced with <u>over 150 lenders</u> across the below key buckets					
Commercial Banks	Larger Private Debt Funds	Smaller Private Debt Funds	Mezzanine Funds		
 Generally faring well during the COVID-19 crisis and are open for business 	 Remain focused on the relative value dislocation between the BSL market and the private debt market 	 Generally less active in the secondary market than their larger counterparts 	 Do not utilize leverage and thus are well-positioned to weather the COVID-19 "storm" 		
 However, currently distracted by federal CARES Act programs Some anticipating significant transfers from commercial bank to ABL group Particularly receptive to smaller cash flow deals, benefitting the lower middle market ABL pricing is up significantly 	 Many are favoring liquid secondary loans in their hunt for yield Those that remain active in the new issue market seek high yields from exceptionally clean credits 	 Thus maintain greater focus on middle market new issues, but only for "pandemic-proof" businesses Typically more relationshiporiented 	 Also taking an increasingly opportunistic approach, in parallel to other private debt funds Have become more relevant in transactions that would have been all-senior prior to COVID 		
	 Many of these private debt 	funds operate with leverage			
	 Uncertainty associated with behavior and capacity to le 	h leverage lines could impact end			





COVID-19 Impact on Key Terms

Through hundreds of conversations with lenders in recent weeks, Lincoln has identified shifts across a range of key terms



For borrowers that require leverage beyond what can be achieved in the traditional market, there are a growing number of options in the alternative investor universe





Filling the Gap



For borrowers looking to access deeper leverage, two overlapping pockets of capital have emerged to "fill the gap" left by traditional financing providers

Structured Capital – Debt-Like Focus

- Credit opportunity funds that structure junior capital investments as debt-like securities
- Target a ~14% to ~18% IRR and a ~1.5x MOIC
- May or may not require warrants

Structured Capital – Equity-Like Focus

- Growing subset of traditional private equity firms considering equity-like structured capital investments
- Target a ~16% to ~20% IRR and a ~1.5x to ~2.0x MOIC
- Capital typically in the form of preferred equity or minority equity
- If preferred equity, may include convertible option

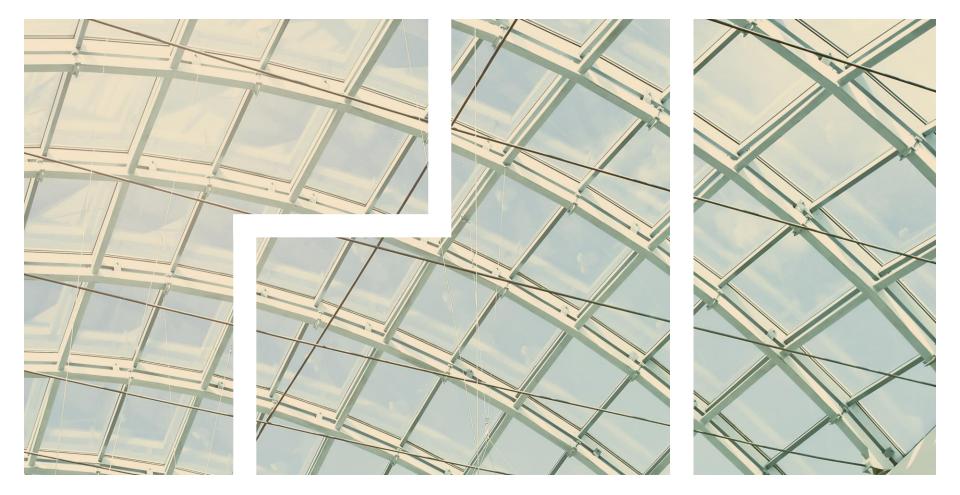


The economic fallout from COVID-19 has accelerated market appetite for structured capital alternatives, which are being offered by a continually expanding investor base



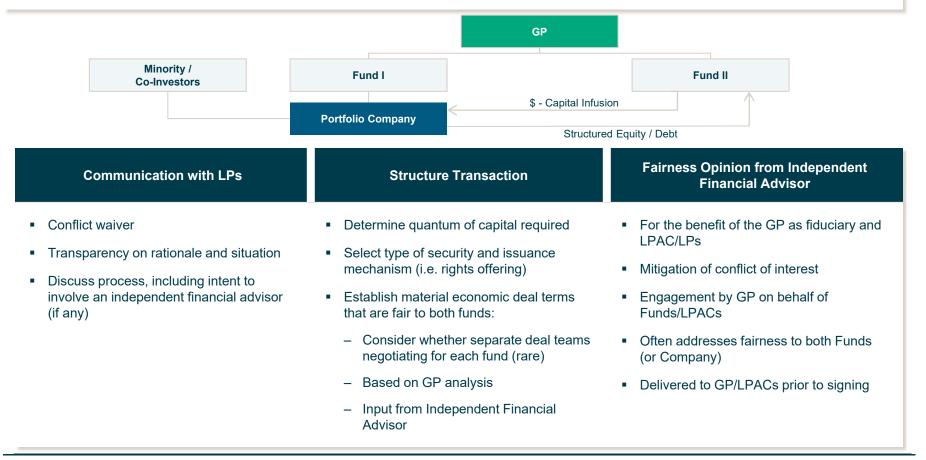


Affiliate Party Capital Solutions



Affiliate Party Capital Infusion Process

- As an alternative to a third-party funded capital infusion, portfolio companies may choose to raise capital from their private equity sponsor
 - Advantages include the avoidance of new stakeholders, the lack of information asymmetry, speed to close, ability to put capital to work in a challenging environment, and lower transaction costs
 - Drawbacks and challenges related to a cross-fund transaction include inherent conflicts of interest, dilution to the predecessor fund, potential
 misalignment of incentives, and exposure to regulatory scrutiny







Form of Capital Considerations

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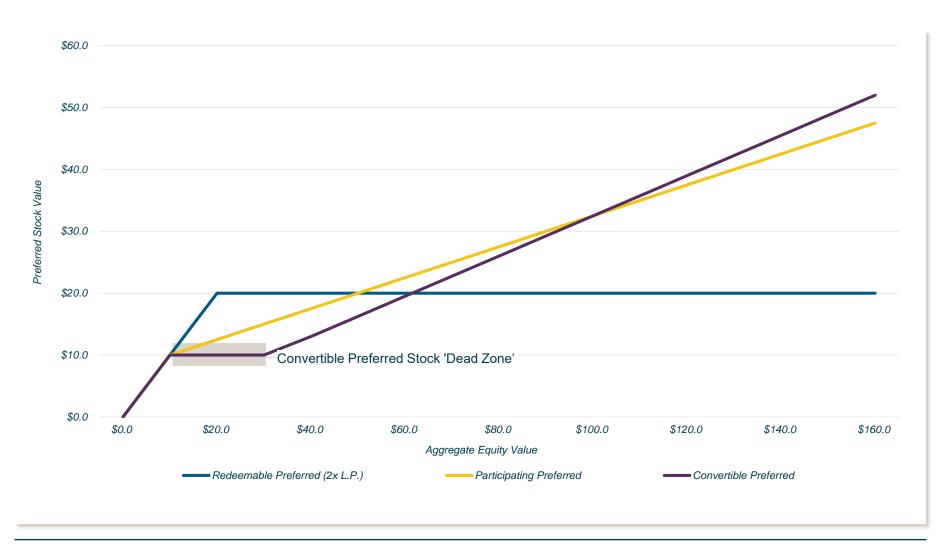
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Security	Key Terms	Key Considerations
Participating Preferred Stock	 Dividend Rate Accreting / Cash Pay Participation Rate Liquidation Preference (Typically 1.0x) 	 Downside protection Deleveraging transaction Favorable alignment of incentives Equity/hybrid treatment from creditors Capitalization table complexity
Convertible Preferred Stock	 Dividend Rate Accreting / Cash Pay Conversion Price Liquidation Preference (1.0x, 1.5x, 2.0x) 	 Downside protection Deleveraging transaction Payoff profile can result in less favorable alignment with common Equity/hybrid treatment from creditors Capitalization table complexity
Redeemable Preferred Stock	 Dividend Rate Voting Rights Call Protection Type (Cumulative, Exchangeable, Perpetual) Liquidation Preference (1.0x, 2.0x, 3.0x) 	 Downside protection Higher dividend versus a hybrid security Fixed return may make investor decision making easier Preferred return overhang may weigh on common value at exit Less aligned with common More debt-like treatment from creditors
Subordinated Debt or Subordinated Debt + Detachable Warrants or Convertible Bonds	 Unsecured and Subordinate Intercreditor Agreements OID Coupon Cash pay vs. PIK % of fully diluted ownership through warrants 	 Potentially more tax efficient Potential to credit bid in a Chapter 11 reorganization if they have an existing lien Ability to detach equity upside from fixed income Solvency impact of newly issued subordinated debt Governance complications due to sponsor owning equity and debt securities in same company



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Illustrative Payoff Diagram







Corporate Governance Considerations



Fiduciary Duties – General Overview

- Generally similar for both general partners and directors of a corporation
- Partnership agreements often waive these duties but include other contractual protective provisions instead
- RIAs have regulatory duties as well
 - General antifraud rule
- Duty of Care
- Duty of Loyalty
- Duty to Disclose / Duty of Candor





Duty of Care – Process and Considerations

- Directors/partners are required to carry out their responsibilities in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believe is in the corporation's/partnership's best interest
- When discharging duties must use the same prudence and care a reasonable person in like circumstances would use ("reasonably prudent person" standard)
- In considering a transaction, directors must:
 - Do "homework" request and review all material information reasonably available
 - Understand the terms of the transaction and the various transaction documents
 - Seek out and rely upon advice from management and outside experts (financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, etc.) as appropriate
 - Devote adequate time, consideration and deliberation to the matter
- To fulfill the duty of care, directors must:
 - Hold regular meetings and keep accurate minutes of such meetings
 - Discuss issues and business decisions collectively prior to taking action
 - Employ the necessary experts (financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, etc.) when required





Duty of Loyalty – Interested Transactions

- Directors/partners are required to act in what they believe to be the best interests of the corporation/partnership, and must not act in their own interests or in the interests of another person or organization
- Directors must avoid self-dealing and usurping corporate opportunities
- There is no prohibition on interested transactions, but in pursuing one the Board should consider:
 - Disclosing that the transaction is an interested transaction
 - Seeking approval of the transaction by disinterested directors or stockholders
 - Having a "special" or "independent" Board committee consider the transaction and advise the Board as to whether it is fair to the corporation





Duty to Disclose – Communication and Candor

- Duty is implicated when the GP/Board seeks partner or shareholder action or approval
- When making disclosures:
 - The Board must "disclose fully and fairly all material information within the board's control"
 - Participating parties should make full disclosures regarding potential benefits and reasonably known risks of a particular action
- Individual directors/partners have a duty of candor to the board/partnership, which requires the disclosure of information known to a director/partner that is relevant to the board's/partnership's decision making process





Distressed Companies

- Duties may extend to creditors as well as stockholders
- Directors may find tension between desire to "swing for the fences" (to increase shareholder value) and to reduce spending (to protect creditor value)
- Disclosure/R&W claims by new investors





Key Practical Considerations

- Determining value and Supporting documentation
 - Effect of non-economic terms, such as voting/control rights
 - Affiliate transaction covenants in debt agreements
- Negotiation process with minority holders
 - Charter and fund documents
 - Separate legal and financial advisors?
 - Who has the right to approve?
- Considering alternatives that may be more beneficial
 - Does a process with third parties need to be run?





Key Practical Considerations (continued)

Participation rights

- Preemptive rights in governing documents
- Rights offerings to all investors

Fund conflicts

- Policies, governing documents and regulatory compliance
- Information and personnel barriers
- Is second fund lead investor or just participating?

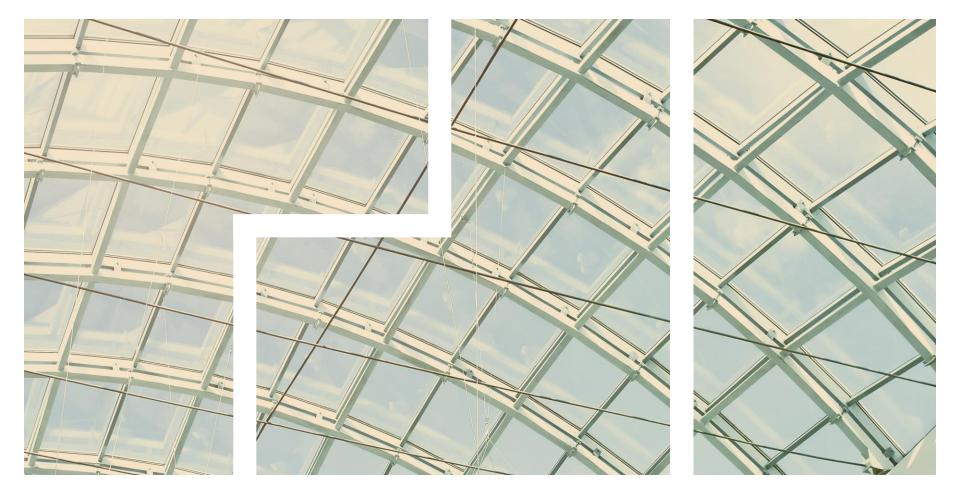
Disclosing, managing, and approving conflicts

- Recusal of interested directors
- Minority stockholders
- Limited partners
- Fairness opinion from independent investment bank



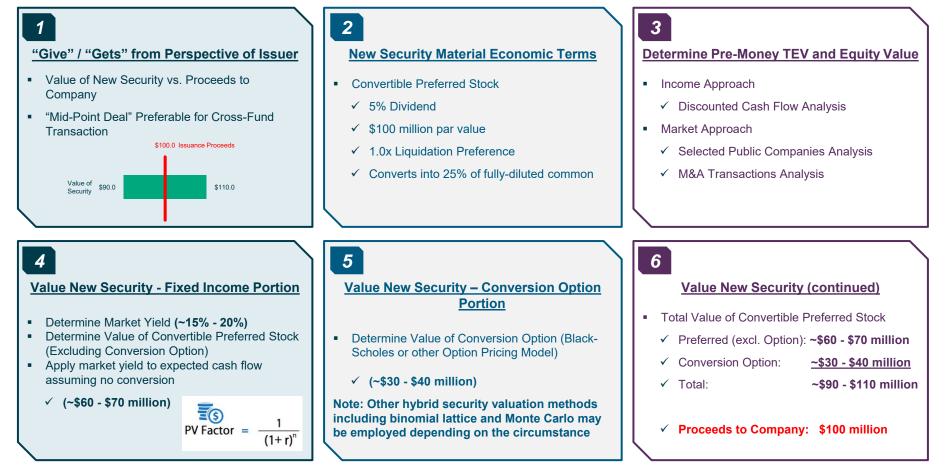


Fairness & Valuation Considerations



Fairness & Valuation Considerations – Analytical Framework

Illustrative Fairness Analysis for Capital Infusion Transactions (bifurcated approach)



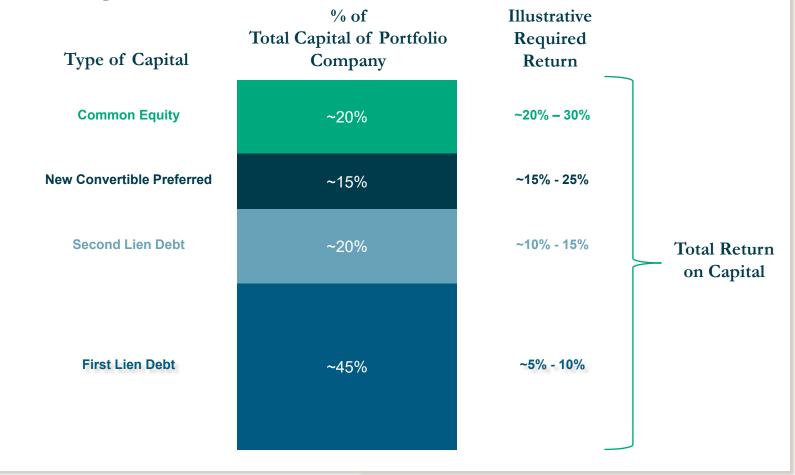
It is also important to understand the expected total yield on the security using an expected case forecast





Fairness & Valuation Considerations – Returns Analysis

The required return on new capital in an infusion transaction needs to correspond to its preference and attachment points in the capital stack







Valuation Methodologies – Considerations amid pandemic

Income Approach

Discounted Cash Flow Analysis:

- Reliability of Management Projections
 - Duration of pandemic impact and shape of expected recovery curve
 - Return of demand for products and services
 - Multiple Scenarios (possibly probability weighted)
 - Deep dive on operating costs (labor, rent, vendors)
 - Net working capital (renormalization of A/R, inventory, A/P)
- Potentially lower long-term growth rates

Discount Rate:

- CAPM Risk free rate, beta, equity risk premium
- Higher risk and corresponding required returns (Debt and Equity)
- Target capital structure

Market Approach

Selected Public Companies Analysis:

- Public Market:
 - Consider absolute declines in public company enterprise values and corresponding multiples
- Need to be mindful in use of LTM vs 2020E, NTM, NTM+1 financial metrics such as EBITDA
- Key is to have consistently COVID impacted (or adjusted) financial metrics (i.e. EBITDAC) for both comps and subject company
- Public company Financial Statistics:
 - Analyze financial performance/strength leading into and expected during pandemic
 - May consider market value of debt in calculating TEV

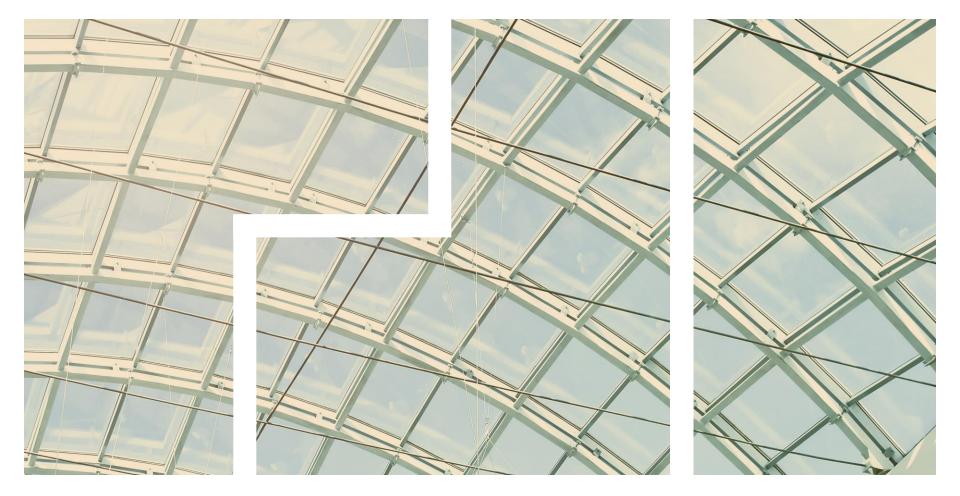
Selected M&A Transactions Analysis:

- Less meaningful as recent M&A activity has ground to a halt
- Historical multiples are more challenging to apply I the current environment





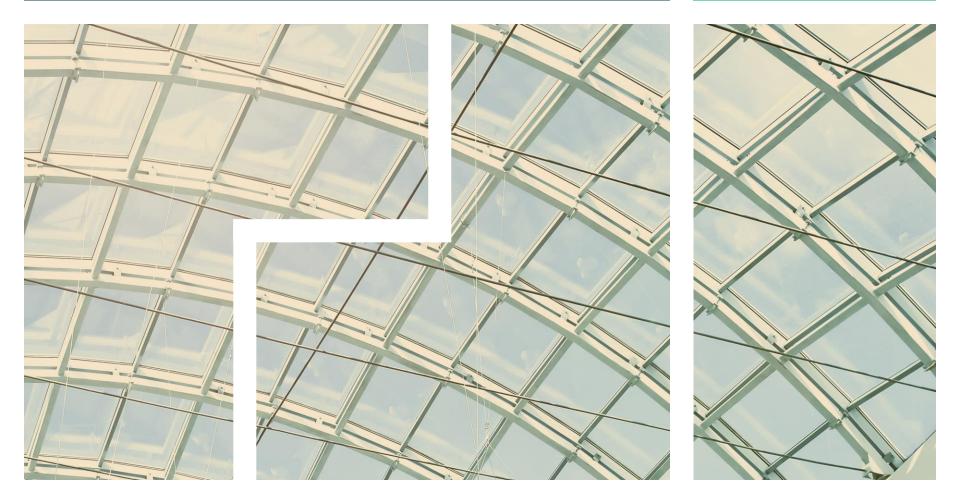
Q&A



Any Questions?









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