

A New Catcher's Mitt for the Holidays Blackstone REIT Fundraising Breaks the \$20 Billion Mark

Shrewsbury, New Jersey, December 11, 2020 – November marked a major milestone in non-listed REIT fundraising, as Blackstone Real Estate Investment Trust broke the \$20 billion mark, reaching \$20.356 billion in cumulative fundraising, the most money ever raised in a single non-listed REIT. Stanger predicted this day back in 2017, right after the fund broke escrow. In a meeting with the senior Blackstone team, Kevin Gannon, Chairman and CEO of Robert A. Stanger & Co., Inc., was asked how he thought the REIT would be received in the marketplace. Gannon told Jonathan Gray, President and COO of Blackstone, and his team, "if BREIT does not raise \$20 billion, you should be ashamed of yourselves." To emphasize the point, after that meeting Gannon had Rawlings make a half dozen catchers mitts branded "BREIT \$20B," and sent them off to the BREIT team. Now, less than 4 years later, Stanger has placed an order for a dozen catcher's mitts with a new, more challenging target for Blackstone. The new target will be a surprise on Jonathan Gray's doorstep this holiday season.

The overall non-listed REIT market raised \$859 million in November, a 30% increase from \$657 million in October. Year-to-date through November 2020, investment in non-listed REITs totals \$9.727 billion, down 3.1% from the same period 2019. "The recovery of non-listed REIT investment is well underway, and 2020 fundraising is set to break through our post-COVID projection of \$10 billion," said Gannon. "We anticipate a strong finish to 2020 for the alternative investment space."

Blackstone Group leads 2020 fundraising with \$6.949 billion, followed by Black Creek Group with \$999 million in sales of its Lifecycle (\$911 million) and NAV (\$88 million) products, aided by the recycling of distributions from its liquidation of Industrial Property Trust. Starwood Capital Group raised \$852 million, followed by LaSalle Investment Management (\$244 million) and Hines Interest (\$198 million).

YTD November 2020 Top Non-Listed REIT Sponsors (\$ in millions)

#	Sponsor	YTD 2020 Fundraising	Market Share
1	Blackstone Group L.P., The	\$6,949.0	71.4%
2	Black Creek Group	998.6	10.3%
3	Starwood Capital Group Holdings, LP	851.7	8.8%
4	LaSalle Investment Management, Inc.	244.7	2.5%
5	Hines Interest Limited Partnership	198.4	2.0%
	All Others	484.5	5.0%
	TOTAL	\$9,726.9	100.0%

Stanger's survey of top sponsors of alternative investments, included in *The Stanger Market Pulse*, revealed \$23.6 billion in funds raised year-to-date through November via the retail pipeline. Alternative investments included in the survey are publicly registered non-traded REITs, non-traded business development companies, interval funds, non-traded preferred stock of traded REITs, as well as Delaware Statutory Trusts, Opportunity Zone and other private placement offerings.

YTD November 2020 Alternative Investment Fundraising (\$ in millions)

	Full Year 2019	YTD Nov 2020
Public Programs		
Non-Traded REITs	\$11,851.8	\$9,726.9
Non-Traded BDCs	543.7	319.1
Preferred Stock	923.7	498.1
Interval Funds	6,858.5	6,806.8
Other	1,491.6	1,121.1
Private Placements		
Delaware Statutory Trusts	3,429.4	2,687.0
Opportunity Zone	1,641.7	660.4
Other	2,271.0	1,804.6
TOTAL	\$29,011.4	\$23,624.0

Note: A portion of the DST data is provided by Mountain Dell Consulting Includes estimates

The top alternative investment sponsors in terms of capital formation are: Blackstone Group (\$6.997 billion), Black Creek Group (\$1.234 billion), Owl Rock Capital (\$1.201 billion), Griffin Capital (\$925 million), Bluerock Capital (\$854 million), Starwood Capital (\$852 million), Inland Real Estate (\$649 million), GWG Holdings (\$466 million), CION Investment (\$435 million), and Exchange Right (\$428 million).

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