Juniper Square

Modern Investor Management

Exceeding investor expectations in a new investment era





Introduction

"Productive change begins when you confront the brutal facts." That's what Jim C. Collins argues in his book *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap... and Others Don't.* In it, Collins contends that "great" companies outperform their "good" counterparts by being quick to acknowledge the gravity of the challenges they face and implement solutions to overcome them.

For investment management, today's "brutal fact" is that LP expectations are often outpacing GPs' capabilities. In addition to more tailored investment products, investors demand deeper insights into data and strategy, robust reporting, and attractive risk profiles—all managed within a seamless digital experience.

While it may be tempting to simply "make do" with your existing systems and processes, GPs who hope to make that coveted leap from good to great need to recognize the enterprise-building value of integrated solutions that support the entire investment lifecycle, regardless of investor size, asset class, or investment structure.

In the end, the GPs who succeed in this new era of investor management will be the ones who re-engineer their investor management operations and embrace forward-looking solutions that support increasingly complex businesses and surpass stakeholder expectations.



The evolving demands of LPs

Investors are becoming more discerning in the face of market uncertainty and capital constraints, creating more competition among GPs for precious LP dollars. This means investors have more leverage than ever, and they're using that leverage to demand more customization, transparency, and digital transformation across the private markets.

Demand for thorough diligence

Risk-conscious LPs are investing more time in stringent diligence processes and expect greater access to financial and qualitative data, placing a premium on a GP's ability to deliver this information on demand. GPs who house information in Excel spreadsheets and disjointed tools, stuck manually searching for answers to investor requests, are wasting limited time and energy—assuming the requested information is even accessible and shareable and not siloed in incompatible formats.

Demand for tailored investment products

Many GPs develop favorable structures and bespoke terms to differentiate themselves and position their deals with LPs. However, as your portfolios include more diverse investment products, they become more complicated to manage. Systems purchased when your investments were smaller and simpler are now stretched to their limits modeling parallel funds, facilitating investor transfers, and allocating capital through multi-tiered waterfalls. Investment teams are then forced to pick up the slack through manual workflows that the same software was purchased to eliminate. No matter the talent of your team that is not a scalable or sustainable solution.

Demand for rigorous reporting

Today's investors can check the headlines and monitor their public market portfolios on their way to work and they are demanding similar conveniences in the private markets. LPs, along with their consultants and advisors, expect real-time access to information and insights into everything from transaction activity to asset performance and projected returns.

Proactively sharing information is essential for winning LP confidence and staying competitive. No longer content with a quarterly report, LPs have a deep interest in understanding the *why* behind your investment decisions and peeling back the layers of your strategy. Sharing your forward outlook and approach to mitigating risk is critical to building relationships and maintaining trust. Manually responding to individual requests not only consumes valuable time but also poses reputational risk.

Demand for a better investor experience

Demonstrating your value to your investors and differentiating yourself from other GPs necessitates an optimized investor experience. In today's digital age, the investor portal serves as the primary platform for LP interactions, profoundly shaping their perceptions of your firm. But data for data's sake is not enough. Investors expect a unified platform where they can access a comprehensive record of communications, manage payment instructions and mailing addresses, subscribe to new offerings, and assess investment performance on demand and with near real-time accuracy.

Facing the brutal facts

Caught between bespoke investment structures and heightened LP expectations, many GPs have saddled themselves with investments too complex for their existing systems, compromising their ability to deliver excellent service and a best-in-class LP experience.

Coupled with the tendency to accumulate multiple tech vendors, the gaps between these disparate systems are widening and becoming harder to fill through a few extra hours QA-ing an Excel spreadsheet. The consequences are real: manual workflows are compromised by human error, and in the context of handling confidential investor information, this exposes your firm to reputational and regulatory risk.

To succeed in the modern world, GPs must centralize their internal processes with a unified investor management solution.



The principles and benefits of an integrated investor management solution

Now, more than ever, GPs must think holistically about investor management. The current market requires a comprehensive solution that enables GPs to establish a unified perspective on pivotal relationships, enhance internal collaboration, and simplify investor communications.

GPs who implement the necessary solutions will reap the benefits:



Stronger investor relationships

A Juniper Square survey found that LPs increasingly link a positive investment experience to increased commitment amounts (69%), reinvestment likelihood (86%), and inclination to refer other LPs (83%). Optimizing the investor experience builds strong, trust-based relationships that are able to transcend changes in the market.



Efficient operations

Your team is one of your most valuable assets, second only to your LP relationships. By automating manual workflows and promoting collaboration, an integrated investor management strategy empowers your team to focus on strategic initiatives rather than day-to-day administrative tasks.



Seamless and secure access to data

A unified platform integrating investment data, data rooms, and the investor portal ensures your investors have reliable, round-the-clock access to details regarding their investments, positions, and assets. By consolidating and centralizing your investor data you can drive new insights and speedy decision-making.



Scalable solutions for future growth

With an integrated investor management solution, you'll be able to adapt more quickly as the investment management landscape continues to evolve. With a sophisticated data management strategy and centralized LP communications, you'll efficiently scale your investor base, manage a wider range of investment structures, and keep your internal teams aligned.

The investor management tools you need

An integrated investor management solution effectively tackles issues at every stage of the investment process and is flexible enough to accommodate your firm's unique needs.



Fundraising tools

Accelerating time to close is critical for a successful raise, and a disjointed workflow throughout the fundraising process creates friction at a critical moment. The right solution integrates secure data rooms and digital subscriptions into operational workflows, allowing investor information to flow from your CRM into your subscription documents and back into your investor management platform.

As new terms and side letters are worked into the fundraising process, digital subscriptions tied to your CRM are necessary to track each investor's unique needs and facilitate closing while avoiding traditional fundraising pitfalls, such as inefficient communications and incomplete forms that ultimately prolong timelines.



Digital records of investments

Your investor management solution can be a shared source of information where investor relations and finance teams unite to model complex investment structures and waterfalls, call and distribute capital, and calculate performance metrics.



Investor portal and reporting features

Returns still rule the day, but don't underestimate the impact of a modern user interface and portfolio insights; a lackluster investor portal is nothing short of disappointing.

GPs need digital tools capable of generating reports and transaction notices, distributing K-1s, and showcasing the information LPs want to see to keep investors engaged. Your portal should be directly connected to the rest of your fundraising and onboarding tools and provide the transparency your investors expect and demand in their investment information. With the added benefit of engagement insights—investor logins, email opens, and other activities—your team can make informed decisions about your investor relations strategy and set a new standard for service and support.

Conclusion

To rise from "good to great," GPs must confront the evolving landscape of investor management head-on. By moving beyond outdated solutions and adopting integrated platforms that provide comprehensive reporting, enhanced security, and streamlined operations, you can exceed investor expectations, navigate complexities, and propel your firm to unparalleled success.

Your investor management solution should be a foundation of support through this process, not a drag on resources. Juniper Square's universal system for private investment partnerships connects data rooms and digital subscriptions directly to your investor CRM, portal, and business intelligence platform, moving you seamlessly from fundraising to ongoing operations.



Designed to scale to meet the needs of your firm, our unified platform helps you:



Unify the LP experience by replacing disjointed investor experiences with a single portal for all your investors and investments that provides real-time access to critical information.



Eliminate inefficiencies and reduce time spent on manual administrative tasks with streamlined, automated workflows.



Protect your data by providing secure access to investors, your team, and external stakeholders with two-factor authentication, bank-grade encryption standards, and SOC 2 certification.

Let Juniper Square take your approach to investor management from good to great.

About Juniper Square

Juniper Square is the leader in partnership enablement for the private funds industry, providing GPs and their LPs the ability to seamlessly connect and communicate across every stage of the investment lifecycle: from fundraising and onboarding to investor management to fund administration.

Juniper Square empowers investment managers to accelerate fundraising, scale operations efficiently, and improve investor satisfaction. More than 1,800 GPs rely on Juniper Square to manage more than 34,000 investment entities that span over 500,000 LPs and \$1 trillion in investor equity.

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Built on our industryleading platform, Juniper Square unites expert practitioners with innovative and efficient workflows to improve quality, transparency, and the investor experience.

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