

Invesco Alternatives Solutions Platform

Approach to modelling private assets

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Introduction

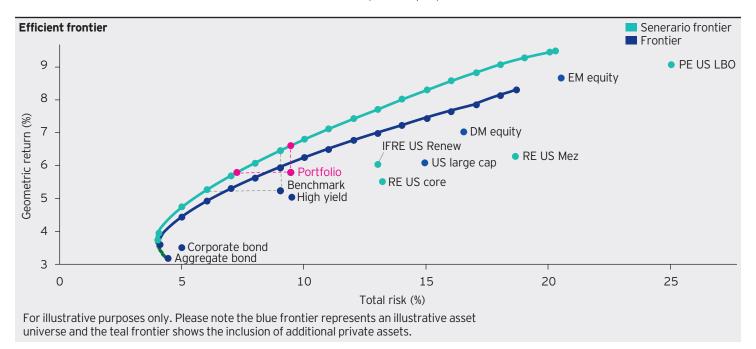
Invesco Investment Solutions develop Capital Market Assumptions for over 150 traditional asset classes globally, however, in addition to this the team are now able produce quarterly risk and return estimates across a variety of alternative investment strategies.

In this document we aim to showcase our ability to model private assets within our portfolio analysis tool, Vision, as well as introducing the methodology behind it.

Invesco Vision

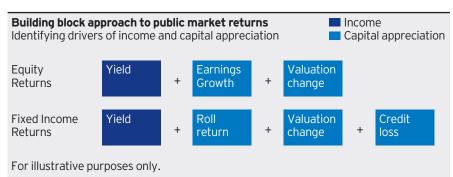
Invesco Vision is a proprietary web-based portfolio management decision making platform that allows investors to make better informed investment decisions while helping to answer topical questions such as:

- How can alternatives improve my efficient frontier?
- How can I achieve more diversified factor exposures?
- How can I practically implement alternatives?



Capital Market Assumptions (CMA) methodology Before addressing alternatives, we find it helpful to provide background on our approach to traditional markets. Invesco Investment Solutions develops CMAs that provide long-term estimates for the behaviour of over 150 traditional asset classes globally.

The assumptions, which are based on a 10-year investment time horizon, are intended to guide strategic asset allocations. For each selected asset class, we develop assumptions for expected return, standard deviation of return (volatility) and correlation with other asset classes.



Approach to modelling private assets

Invesco Investment Solutions produce quarterly risk and return estimates across a variety of alternative investment strategies.

Our objective is to capture the expected behaviour of each strategy as represented by a broad proxy rather than a particular manager or fund.

Granular data within private markets is difficult, and often impossible, to find. As such, we use objective, observable data from public proxies wherever possible as an input into our process; where data is not available, our alternatives specialists set forward-looking assumptions informed by their own experience.

Private asset methodology

Overall objective

Systematic	Based on objective observable data where available
Representative	Ensuring a reasonable proxy for a given asset class broadly
Practical	Simple methodology given the inherent imprecision/ uncertainty for alternatives

Return assumptions vary by category Private Equity strategies

In the case of equity strategies, we use a building-block approach for US leveraged buyouts that captures earnings growth, valuation multiple expansion / contraction, fund leverage (and cost of financing), and fees to derive expected net returns. For other equity strategies such as venture capital, we compare historical returns to buyouts and then apply that difference to our forward-looking estimate for buyout returns on the assumption that return differences in the future will be consistent with the past.



Real Assets

For select real assets, namely Core US Real Estate and Core US Infrastructure, we utilise a building-block approach capturing rental income, maintenance CapEx, expected real income growth, expected inflation, expected valuation changes, leverage (and cost of financing), and fees to derive expected net returns. For other real assets, we utilise historical returns from NCREIF and Burgiss.



Private Credit

For most private credit proxies, we start with gross yields on underlying debt holdings and adjust for expected losses (based on historical averages), fund leverage (and cost of financing), and fees to derive expected net returns. For a few private credit proxies, such as distressed debt, we utilise historical relationships to derive forward-looking assumptions as described above.



Approach to risk

A key principle of our risk methodology is to represent alternatives as a combination of both private and public exposures. This captures a distinct private element that is not correlated with traditional assets, while at the same time recognising the underlying exposures themselves are often more public or traditional in nature.

Taking private credit as an example, our methodology assumes exposure to a private debt factor as well as a public credit spread factor. The result is a private credit correlation with traditional assets that is greater than 0, but less than what would be suggested by public credit spread exposure alone.

Because our Vision modeling platform extensively leverages the Barra framework, absolute risk for a number of alternative strategies is a byproduct of the Barra factor exposures.

For alternative strategies not explicitly captured by Barra, we assume overall risk is consistent with history, with factors being mapped to the private and public factors that our alternatives specialists believe best represent the strategy.

Conclusion

Invesco Investment Solutions are able to produce quarterly risk and return estimates across a variety of alternative investment strategies.

From robust research and analysis to be spoke investment solutions, this team brings insight and innovation to your portfolio construction process by:

- Delivering insightful and thorough analytics
- By putting analytics into practice by developing investment approaches specific to your needs.
- Working as an extension of your team to engage across functions and implement solutions.

Private asset 10- year return & risk assumptions (US exposures)

Strategy	Estimated Return p.a. (USD, geometric)	Economic Risk p.a. (USD, terms, unhedged)
Private Equity US Large Buyout	12.3%	24.7%
Private Equity Middle Market	13.3%	26.8%
Private Equity US Late Ventures VenturesPrivate Equity Middle	13.3%	31.3%
Private Equity US Early Ventures	14.3%	33.7%
Private Equity US Growth	11.3%	22.6%
Private Equity US CLO	13.8%	29.8%
Private Equity HF / PE Seeding	12.6%	25.2%
Private Equity Impact Investing	12.3%	25.1%
Real Estate Core	8.0%	13.2%
Real Estate Value-Add	10.0%	16.5%
Real Estate Opportunistic	13.0%	20.6%
Infrastructure Core	8.9%	12.4%
Infrastructure Core Plus	9.9%	14.2%
Natural Resources Agriculture	8.0%	11.2%
Natural Resources Energy	8.5%	17.7%
Natural Resources Timber	5.5%	12.3%
Private credit Senior Corporate	7.5%	5.3%
Private credit Senior Real Estate	6.6%	4.8%
Private credit Mezz Corp (middle market)	9.9%	6.9%
Private credit Mezz Real Estate	9.6%	6.2%
Private credit Distressed	11.4%	14.6%
Private credit Special Situations	11.4%	14.6%
Private credit Infrastructure HY	6.3%	6.0%
Other credit Aircraft Leasing	6.9%	6.7%
Other credit Insurance Linked	6.9%	4.5%
Other credit Venture Lending	6.9%	6.7%
Hedge Fund US HFRI Event-Driven	5.2%	4.3%
Hedge Fund US HFRI Macro	2.8%	5.5%
Hedge Fund US HFRI Equity Hedge	6.1%	7.9%
Hedge Fund US HFRI Equity Market Neutral	2.4%	2.5%

Source: Invesco. Data as at 31 December 2019 and in USD (unhedged). This information is not intended as a recommendation to invest in a specific asset class or strategy, or as a guarentee of future performance.

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