



Preqin Industry News: Large to Mega Buyouts

The \$24.4bn privatization of [Dell](#) in early February and the \$28bn acquisition of [H.J. Heinz Company](#) may be an indication of a resurgence in private equity mega buyout activity. [Olivia Harmsworth](#) takes a closer look at the recent news on large to mega private equity buyouts funds and the investors committing to these vehicles.

Buyout funds, including a number of large to mega buyout vehicles, have experienced fundraising success in recent months:

- [Silver Lake](#) increased the target size for its fourth buyout fund, [Silver Lake Partners IV](#), from \$7.5bn to \$9bn, which looks to make large-scale private equity investments within the technology, technology-enabled, and related growth industries.
- [KKR Asia Fund II](#), managed by [Kohlberg Kravis Roberts](#), is set to exceed its \$6bn target size, and is looking to reach a final close in Q1 2013. The fund focuses on management buyouts and growth equity investments in Asia.
- [Nordic Capital Fund VIII](#), managed by [Nordic Capital](#), held a first close on \$1.7bn in February 2013, more than half of its \$3bn target. The buyout vehicle primarily target investments in Europe-based companies, mainly in the Nordic region and the German-speaking countries.

Investors have already committed to or plan to commit to large and mega buyout vehicles in 2013:

- [Washington State Investment Board](#) recently committed an additional \$250mn to [KKR North American XI Fund](#), which invests in mature, large-cap companies, after originally committing \$500mn to the fund in 2011.
- [Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois](#) has committed \$250mn to [Carlyle Partners VI](#). It also recently made two further commitments to mega buyout funds, committing \$150mn to [Silver Lake Partners IV](#), and \$150mn to [Advent Global Private Equity VII](#).
- [Keva](#) plans to make between six and eight new private equity commitments over the next 12 months, and will primarily focus on mega buyout funds, as well as mid-market vehicles. It anticipates committing between €50mn and €100mn per fund.

Which Buyout-Focused Fund Managers Have the Most Capital Available for Investment?

Chart of the Month: 10 Largest Private Equity Fund Managers Globally by Aggregate Buyout Dry Powder (As at 6 March 2013)

Fund	Dry Powder (\$bn)	Location
Blackstone Group	13.3	US
Advent International	11.6	US
Carlyle Group	8.9	US
Goldman Sachs Merchant Banking Division	7.3	US
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts	6.9	US
BC Partners	6.8	UK
Leonard Green & Partners	6.2	US
Hellman & Friedman	5.8	US
Bain Capital	5.8	US
TPG	5.7	US

Source: Preqin Fund Manager Profiles

Interview: Capital to Spend

Are leveraged buyouts back? What do the Dell and Heinz deals mean for private equity debt going forward? Preqin's CEO, [Mark O'Hare](#), was recently interviewed by CNBC at SuperReturn Berlin discussing private equity fundraising trends.



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