

Working Capital Finance Strategy

Funding Corporate Working Capital with Institutional Financing

Strategy Overview

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About Pemberton

Pemberton is a leading alternative credit specialist, employing over 200 professionals across 14 locations. Supported by equity backing from Legal & General Group Plc, one of Europe's top 3 insurers, we manage \$22bn of assets for 200+ institutional investors globally.

Strategy Overview

Pemberton's Working Capital Finance ("WCF") Strategy is an open-ended strategy, investing in short term financing requirements of medium to large mid-market corporates targeting stable returns with attractive relative value.

Investment Team

Since inception of the fund in August 2019, Pemberton has invested heavily in establishing an experienced team, hiring key senior personnel in our investment and back-office positions. Pemberton believes it has built a robust platform in portfolio management, origination, distribution, and operations in the asset class.

The Market Opportunity

The financing of trade is a centuries-old market, historically provided by banks and corporates. The increase in bank capital costs for sub-investment grade lending, coupled with corporates requiring greater efficiency in their working capital financing needs, has created an opportunity for non-bank lenders to fill this gap. The emergence of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) tech platforms means that corporates can now bypass banks and access 3rd party funding in a secure and cost-efficient manner. Pemberton believes that the greatest opportunity within the trade finance market exists in this segment where banks are now struggling to lend, targeting top tier, mid-market corporates.

Working Capital Finance Demystified

There is a financing gap between production and delivery of goods. The seller always wants payment as quickly as possible; the buyer is always looking for extended payment terms. Working Capital Finance bridges the gap.

The Pemberton Working Capital Finance Strategy focuses on three core financing products:

- Payables Finance: working with the buyer,
 Pemberton extends payment terms to them,
 taking on the responsibility of timely payment
 to the sellers of the goods or services.
 Pemberton assumes the buyer payment risk.
- Receivables Finance: working with the seller, Pemberton provides them with early payment against their invoices. Pemberton therefore assumes the buyer payment risk and seller counterparty risk.
- Inventory Finance: Pemberton provides financing against a book of warehoused inventory or unsold goods. We would advance payment at an agreed discount to the value of the inventory and take security over it. This is a form of payables financing but with the added security on the inventory.

Why Invest?

- Short duration and self-liquidating assets leading to very low volatility, a defensive play for turbulent markets.
- Attractive risk adjusted return, especially for Solvency II investors.
- Structurally senior to other forms of corporate debt under a default or insolvency procedure, there is an incentive to maintain a business as a going concern to maximise its value in any work-out process, therefore a defaulted obligor is incentivized to pay invoices over other creditors.
- Low correlation to, and diversification away from, traditional public markets.

Mitigation of Risks Specific to Working Capital Finance

- Payment delay / default: Pemberton is able, in real time, to monitor corporate payment behaviour. Any changes can trigger real time limit reduction.
- **Fraud:** we assess fraud and financial crime on multiple levels including analysis of the size and standing of the seller, buyer-seller relationship, provenance, and due diligence.
- **Dilution:** prevalent in receivables financing relating to returned or faulty goods and partial payment by the buyer. Dilution is a contingent risk taken by the seller or funder. We analyse historical relationships and data and, where necessary, apply haircuts when purchasing invoices.
- **Comingling:** the infrastructure relating to payments and flow of funds is critical. If necessary, Pemberton requires segregated payment accounts to ring-fence payments of purchased invoices from other cash flows.

Fund Terms

- Structure: Open-ended, Luxembourg
 SICAV (Variable Capital Investment Fund),
 RAIF (Reserved Alternative Investment Fund)
- Hedged Share Classes: USD, EUR, CHF, GBP, JPY & AUD
- Strategy: The fund will invest in payables & receivables
- Administrator, Depositary: Bank of New York Mellon
- Geographical target: Developed market (US & EU)

- Redemption: Monthly, quarterly and semi-annually
- Target AUM: \$3bn
- Duration: <1 year, average 120 days
- Credit rating target: Average BB-
- Target net returns: WCF: RFR + 2.5-3% p.a.
- Management Fee: Between 0.20% and 0.30%

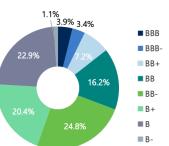


Current Status

Region Distribution

3.9% North America 45.2% Europe APAC 2

Rating Distribution



Portfolio Maturity Profile



- Infrastructure: we have invested heavily over the last 5 years to create a strong leadership in our technology and operational infrastructure platform, able to handle the high invoice volume and the necessary reporting required in such a business.
- Independent credit process: Pemberton prides itself on its thorough fundamental credit underwriting. This is built on two independent parallel credit processes required for any deal approval – one driven by Portfolio Management and the other by Credit Risk Management. Without both approvals, no investment is made.
- Origination channels: Pemberton accesses investments through three channels: banks, platforms and directly from corporates. This ensures that we have a large pool of transactions to choose from ensuring timely deployment and the creation of a robust and diverse portfolio of assets, products, sectors and geographies.
- Leading private credit firm: one of the largest and fastest growing managers in this space with an advanced infrastructure, as well as a legal and credit platform that our WCF Strategy also benefits from.
- Working Capital Finance: in its 5th year of YoY growth with no losses.

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Current Status

Information as of 30th June 2024. Notes: based on the closed portfolio. Distribution of uninsured programme limits as at reporting month end based on obligor credit rating. Based on Pemberton ratings or publicly available ratings for Investment Grade Assets.

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