

### HERITAGE OF BUILDING VALUE

## **RFE Investment Partners**

Firm Overview

Summer 2021

## **A History of Partnership**



# Founded in 1979, RFE Investment Partners is a growth-oriented private equity investor with a long-standing heritage of partnering with small businesses.

#### **Investment Focus:**

- Committed to the lower middle market since inception.
- Control investments partnering with strong management teams.
- Companies poised for growth with market leadership and defensible positions.
- Fragmented market with opportunities for consolidation through acquisitions.
- Sole outside lender at close provides friendly and flexible capital to owners and management teams and increases speed and certainty of close.

### **Current RFE Fund:**

- RFE is currently investing out of Fund IX \$400M in total capital \$260M of which is raised and committed.
- RFE Fund IX is designed to fund both the Junior Debt and Equity portions of a transaction a faster and simpler deal for all parties.
- RFE Fund IX is actively investing having completed three platform investments with a fourth investment slated to close in June 2021.



## **Current Portfolio – Business Services**

# RFE

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* congruity	Kernersville, NC	<ul> <li>Delivers comprehensive HR solutions to small and mid-sized businesses nationwide to reduce administrative burdens, ensure compliance with employer regulations, and effectively manage costs.</li> <li>The company's service offering includes a full range of health and workers' compensation insurance products, tax administration, risk management services, and advanced technology.</li> </ul>
* Friendly	Salt Lake City, UT	<ul> <li>Leading provider of a full-suite of residential and light commercial HVAC, replacement, and maintenance services as well as plumbing, drain, sewer, and electric services.</li> </ul>
Ensemble Q	Chicago, IL	<ul> <li>Leading business information company that produces print and digital publications, e-newsletters, events, membership, directories and custom research. EnsembleIQ supports business professionals serving Grocery, Convenience and Pharmacy.</li> </ul>
PureRED	Stone Mountain, GA	<ul> <li>Creates, stores, and repurposes digital marketing content for retailers and leading consumer products companies, including eight of the largest 25 retailers in the U.S.</li> <li>Each digital asset can be used and repurposed across multiple marketing channels through the Company's proprietary data asset management system.</li> </ul>

## **Current Portfolio – Business Services (continued)**



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SQUAN <sup>**</sup>	Carlstadt, NJ	<ul> <li>Leading infrastructure services provider for wireless carriers, tower companies, neutral host providers, commercial landlords, government entities and other organizations.</li> </ul>
THREE * BRIDGE	Minneapolis, MN	<ul> <li>Provider of business IT consulting services across five solutions: Business Transformation, Smart Data, Enterprise Cloud, Digital Transformation, and Boom Lab (junior talent development).</li> </ul>
STOP SEARCHING I START BUILDING	Rochelle Park, NJ	<ul> <li>Progressive, mid-sized global retained executive search firm that uses a proven, data-driven approach to deliver human capital solutions for its clients in a wide array of end markets.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Today, ZRG has 33 offices around the world employing over 75 Search Professionals with an additional support staff of 60+ individuals.</li> </ul>

## **Current Portfolio – Manufacturing**



# We also have a portfolio of five manufacturing companies, of which four are actively seeking add-on acquisitions.

HASTINGS *	Hastings, MI	<ul> <li>Global manufacturer and supplier of piston rings for combustion engines (both gasoline and diesel) used in a broad range of automotive and industrial applications.</li> </ul>
	Kentwood, MI	<ul> <li>Leading, fully-integrated manufacturer, installer, and distributor of raised access flooring ("RAF") and under floor air distribution ("UFAD") systems in North America.</li> </ul>
TRIDENT WMOTION *	La Vergne, TN	<ul> <li>Provider of highly engineered and customized motion control solutions including small fractional motors and motor assemblies used in a variety of specialized applications.</li> </ul>

## **RFE Team**



We equip our companies with the capabilities and resources to scale growth by leveraging the extensive operational expertise, financial acumen, and broad business network of the RFE team and Operating Board.

#### **Investment Professionals**



**Michael Foster** Senior Managing Director



Jim Parsons Senior Managing Director



**Ned Truslow** Managing Director



Paul Schilpp Managing Director





**Peter Reiter** Managing Director & Business Development



Sean Gillick Principal



**Bill Bronander** Vice President



James Karle Vice President

Tej Dhond Associate



**Kevin Hamill** Associate



Harry Somerdyk Chief Talent Officer

**Michael Rubel** 

Managing Director

## **Case Studies – Select Realized Investments**



We have consistently guided our portfolio companies through multiple business cycles while driving value creation.

	Plantation Products	WINDRIVER ENVIRONMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL	
Initial	<ul> <li>Branded lawn and garden products company with a dominant position in the seed packet and seed starter market in North America</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provider of septic and grease trap cleaning and maintenance services from Maine to Connecticut</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regional provider of transportation services to petroleum producers, serving OH, W. PA and parts of IN and MI</li> </ul>
RFE Hold	✓ 3 add-ons completed	✓ 15 add-ons completed	✓ 5 add-ons completed
	✓ Grew revenue from \$23M to \$88M	✓ Added COO, VP Sales, VP Finance, and VP HR	✓ Added Chief Security Officer (post 9/11 need)
	<ul> <li>Expanded into fertilizer products.</li> </ul>	✓ Grew revenue from \$44M to \$100M	✓ Grew revenue from \$42M to \$452M
Exit	<ul> <li>#1 player in seed market in both U.S. and Canada with revenue in fertilizer, soil, and growing medium.</li> <li>Return &gt; 4.5x MOIC</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Vertically integrated, national provider of septic and grease trap cleaning and maintenance services. Leading industry consolidator</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>National provider of transportation services to petroleum producers</li> <li>Return &gt; 2.3x MOIC</li> </ul>
		✓ Return > 5.0x MOIC	1 1 1