

Ares to Acquire the International Business of GLP Capital Partners ("GCP International")

GCP International is a global alternative investment manager in Japan, Europe, the U.S., Brazil and Vietnam; Transaction excludes GLP Capital Partners' China business

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GCP International is a Highly Strategic Fit for Ares

Adds Strategic Investment Capabilities

- ✓ Enhances Position as a Leading Global Real Estate Manager
- ✓ Establishes Data Center Development & Operational Capabilities
- Expands Vertical Integration¹
 Capabilities Across Real Estate
 and Digital Infrastructure
- ✓ Enhances Opportunities at the Intersection of Digital & Climate Infrastructure

Expands Products, Investors and Geographic Coverage

- ✓ Enhances Diversification Across Asset Classes and Geographies
- ✓ Establishes Key Capabilities in Asia Real Estate
- ✓ Increases Perpetual Capital
- ✓ Expands Investor Base and Helps Strengthen Key Strategic Investor Relationships
- Creates Additional Product Development Opportunities

Financially Attractive For Stockholders

- ✓ Highly Attractive, Initially Nearly 100% FRE Business
- ✓ Expected to be Financially Accretive on a FRE and RI Basis²
- ✓ Significant Opportunities For Business Growth and Financial Synergies
- ✓ Alignment of Interests Through Upfront Structure and Longterm Incentives for Growth via Earnout Provisions³



GCP International Overview

- GCP International is a global alternative asset management firm with \$44 billion of AUM, as of June 30, 2024, and a long history of building scaled platforms oriented to new economy sectors that benefit from attractive, long-term secular trends, such as industrial, digital infrastructure and self-storage
- GCP International has differentiated itself over time through its vertically integrated platforms with significant local presence in major geographies, including Japan, Europe and the U.S.¹
- GCP International spun out from GLP Pte. Ltd., a leading global business builder formerly listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange, in 2022 as a balance sheet light, pure-play alternative asset manager

Demonstrated History of Managing High Conviction Strategies Globally

Japan	Europe	U.S.	Other ²
\$19 B	\$14 B	\$5 B	\$6 B
\$12 B	\$11 B	\$4 B	\$5 B

\$44 Billion

Industrial Development
Industrial Income
Data Center

FPAUM AUM

Strategies⁴

Industrial Development
Industrial Income
Data Center

Industrial Value-Add	Industria Developme
Self Storage Value-Add	Industrial Inc
Data Center	Data Cente

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\$32 Billion

Investment Professionals⁵

Property Operation Professionals⁵

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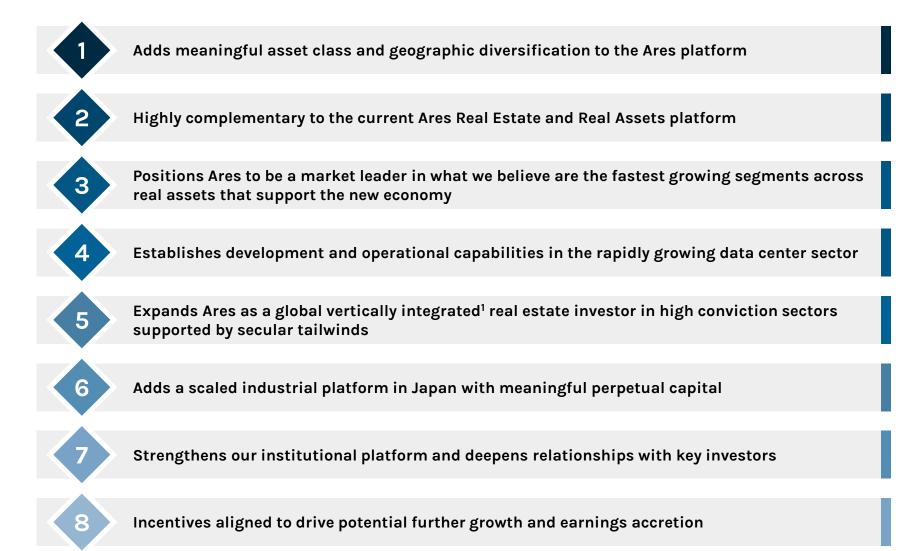
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Global Offices

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Transaction Expected to Provide Significant Benefits and Growth Opportunities





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GCP International Adds Significant Scale to Ares

Expected Ares & GCP International Combined Global Footprint

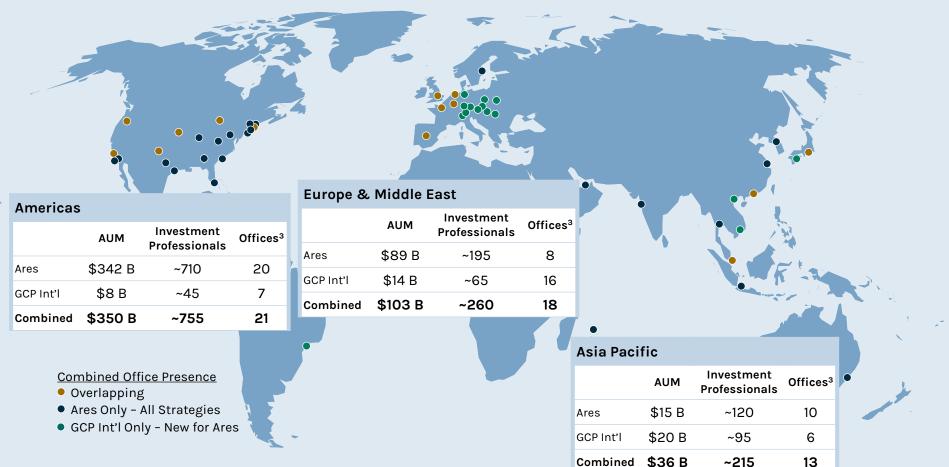
1,240+
Investment Professionals¹

\$492 Billion

Combined AUM²

50+

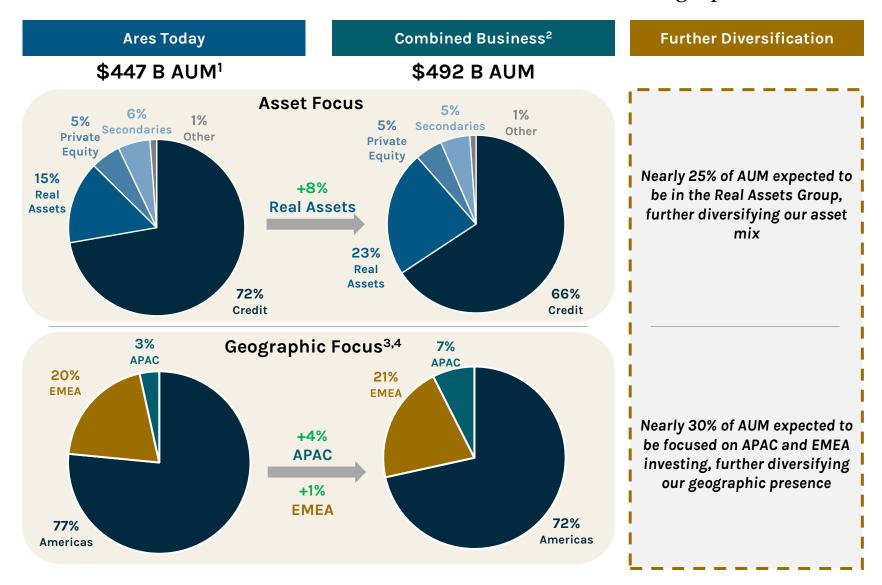
Global Offices³







Combination Further Diversifies Ares' Asset Class Mix and Geographic Presence







Capabilities Will Strategically Expand Ares Real Estate

>> GCP International's geographic presence and product set strategically align with growth opportunities

Ares Real Estate Capabilities Today

		(\$52 Billion AUM)
			Region	
		North America	Europe	Asia
Risk / Return	Opportunistic	✓	✓	*
	Value-Add	✓	✓	*
	Core/Core+	✓	*	*
Mandate	Diversified	✓	✓	*
	Industrial	✓	*	*
	Data Centers	*	*	*
	Self Storage	×	*	*
Structure ·	Institutional	✓	✓	*

Ares 8	& GCP Int'l RE Capabilities	Combined
	(\$96 Billion AUM)	

	Region	
North America	Europe	Asia
✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	
✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓
✓		
✓	✓	✓
✓		✓
✓	✓	✓

GCP International's business complements Ares' current real estate equity and debt platforms by expanding our geographic footprint, investment capabilities and product set

Wealth Channel

In-House

Capabilities

Vertical

Integration¹

Immediate Capability with GCP Int'l

Potential Opportunity with Ares



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Opportunities for Significant Value Creation and Growth for the Real Assets Group

>> We expect the addition of GCP International will be highly strategic and complementary to the Ares Real Assets Group with multiple potential avenues for growth

Ares Real Assets Group (Today)

Diversified real assets platform with \$68B of AUM¹

Retail & institutional equity and debt real asset strategies in North America and Europe

Ability to invest across sectors, with leading U.S. industrial operating platform and expanding multifamily capabilities

Cycle-tested leadership team averaging 25+ years of experience

GCP International

Global real estate platform with \$44B of AUM

Retail & institutional equity real asset strategies across Asia, Europe, the U.S., Vietnam and Brazil

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Broad capabilities in the new economy sectors of logistics, digital infrastructure and self storage

Highly experienced leadership team averaging 25+ years of experience

Ares Real Assets Group (Combined)

Diversified and scaled global real assets platform with \$112B+ of combined AUM

Full range of global retail & institutional real assets products with regional presence in the Americas, Europe & Asia

Further expansion of verticallyintegrated² capabilities, with focus on industrial and digital infrastructure

Collaborative culture led by a seasoned team with an investor-centric focus

Cultural Alignment

Sectors

Enhanced Scale &

Increased Product

Broader Exposure

to High Conviction

Global Reach

& Investor

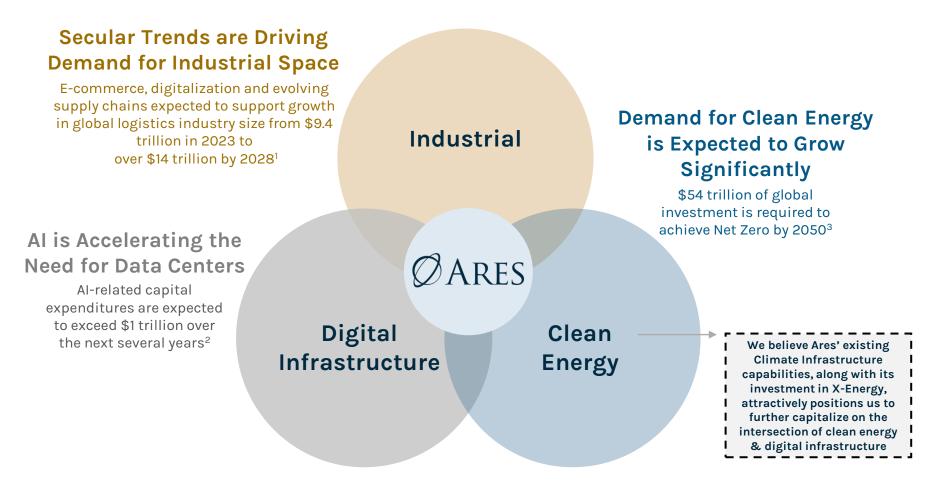
Diversification





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Adds Significant Scale in Real Assets Supporting the New Economy

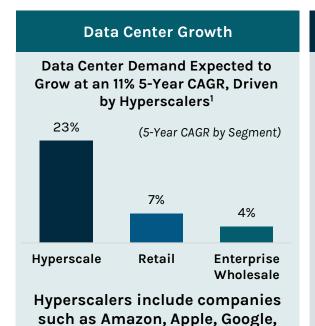


We believe it is critical for asset managers to have all three capabilities to capitalize on these converging global opportunities





>> GCP International's in-house platform has the capability to invest in, develop and operate data centers, a complementary asset class to our industrial real estate, clean energy and digital infrastructure capabilities



Meta, Microsoft and Salesforce

Data Centers will Enhance Clean Energy Demand

Most U.S. hyperscalers have commitments for 100% renewable energy consumption¹

Power demand for data centers estimated to grow 160% by 2030²

Data Center Development Requires Significant Access to Power, Which Expands the Opportunity for Clean Energy Investing

GCP International's Data Center
Development & Operating
Business

Experienced Team with
Significant Industry Relationships
65+ professionals globally focused on the
data center business³

Extensive Sourcing Capabilities

Large pipeline of difficult-to-secure land with access to power for near-term data center opportunities

Strong Development & Operational Capabilities

15+ years avg. Data Center industry experience for the senior leadership team

GCP International has near-term plans to build 1 GW of IT load, representing \$7 billion of hyperscale DC development opportunities across London, Tokyo, Osaka and São Paulo

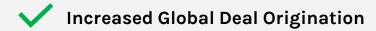


Vertical Integration Expands Investment Opportunities and Can Improve Investor Outcomes

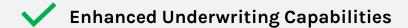
Expected to Capture Greater Economics for LPs Through Expanded Vertical Integration¹

Vertical integration includes acquisition & deal sourcing, property development, leasing, property management and fund management

Expected Benefits Include









Vertical Integration Expands the Real Assets Opportunity Set for Ares Capability Today Added Vertical Integration Capabilities United States Japan Europe Brazil Vietnam Ability to Develop Assets Enables Greater Access to the Real Assets TAM Expands Ability to Form New Strategies Around Specific Assets for Development

Opportunity to Hold Developed Assets Longer in Perpetual Capital Funds

Capacity to Scale More Quickly and Expand Fund Offerings Enhances Potential Revenue Streams

Improves Market
Positioning & Enriches
Competitive Differentiation

Through vertical integration, we expect to deliver greater benefits for our fund investors while expanding the global Real Assets opportunity set for Ares





Asia is a Large and Growing Opportunity¹ Asia is expected to account for ~60% of global growth in 2024 3 of the top 5 countries by 2024E GDP are in Asia World Ranking by 2024E Nominal GDP (1) (2) (3) 4 (5) U.S. China Japan India Germ. \$29 T \$19 T \$4 T \$4 T \$5 T

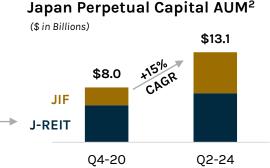
Attractively Positioned in the Japanese Market

GCP International's senior professionals in the Japan business have worked together for over a decade with a long-standing investment history at scale and a broad regional network

Further complements our existing APAC offerings in Credit and Private Equity, expanding Ares' presence in the region

Adds Significant Japan Exposure & Additional Perpetual Capital Strategies





GCP International is a scaled real estate manager in Japan with a history of meaningful growth



Creates a Powerful Institutional Real Estate Platform Supported by a Diverse Global Investor Base with Opportunity for Synergies

Combination of Scaled Real Estate Managers Creates a Major Global Real Estate Manager



Rank (as adjusted)	Real Estate Asset Manager	PERE 5-Year RE Capital Raised (\$B) ^{1,2}
#1	Asset Manager #1	\$63.5
#2	Asset Manager #2	\$39.8
#3	Ares + GCP Int'I ^{1,3}	~\$26.3
#4	Asset Manager #3	\$24.0
#5	Asset Manager #4	\$19.0

Expanded Depth and Breadth of High-Quality Institutional Investor Relationships Globally

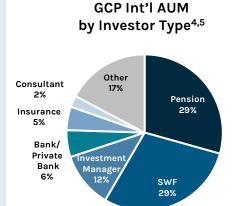
GCP Int'l has diverse, global blue-chip investor base with over 110 institutional LPs

#5 Global Real Estate Platform^{1,2}

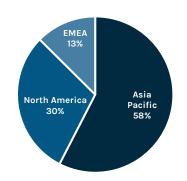
Ares currently has over \$33 billion of AUM from GCP International's top 20 investors, approximately half of which are not currently invested with Ares Real Estate

Solidifies, deepens and broadens some of Ares' most significant investor relationships

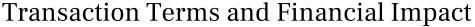
Increased opportunity for cross-product collaboration given the complementary GCP Int'l investor base











>> Combination Expected to Be Financially Accretive in First Full Calendar Year and Expected to Close in 1H25

	Consideration (\$ in billions)	Commentary
GCP International	\$3.5	Purchase 100% of FRE from GCP International and carried interest in JIF and all future funds The transaction excludes GLP Capital Partners' China business
GP Stakes in GCP Int'l Funds	0.21	Certain existing GP commitments to managed funds
Total Upfront Consideration	\$3.7	Cash: \$1.8 billion (48%) / Stock ² : \$1.9 billion (52%)

- Transaction includes earnout provision of up to \$1.5 Billion measured through the end of 2027³, expected to be payable primarily in ARES Class A common stock, at Ares' option⁴
 - Earnout payable upon achievement of financial targets associated with growth in the Japan and data center businesses
 - Deal structure incentivizes leadership and investment teams through significant Class A common stock consideration, earnout provision and retained carry

Financial Impact

- Anticipate transaction to be modestly accretive to After-Tax Realized Income per share of Class A and non-voting common stock in the first full calendar year following the acquisition with meaningfully higher accretion expected in future years⁵
 - · Meaningful financial synergies anticipated to be recognized in 2026 and beyond
 - Assumes nearly 100% FRE contribution in early years which enhances ARES' overall earnings mix
 - · Expect meaningfully higher financial accretion potential if earnout is achieved
- Ares has secured a \$2.0 Billion bridge loan commitment and has ample liquidity to fully fund the cash portion of the upfront consideration
 - We plan to explore longer term financing options as appropriate
- Transaction is expected to close 1H25 subject to customary regulatory approvals and other closing conditions







Endnotes

GCP International is a Highly Strategic Fit for Ares

- 1. Vertical integration includes Acquisition & Deal Sourcing, Property Development, Leasing, Property Management and Fund Management of industrial assets across the U.S., Europe, Japan, Brazil and Vietnam.
- 2. Accretion expected on a per Class A and non-voting common stock basis. For further detail on the timing of anticipated financial accretion to After Tax RI per Class A and non-voting common stock, please refer to footnote 5 on the slide titled "Transaction Terms and Financial Impact."
- The earnouts are conditioned on certain specified financial targets being achieved. No assurance can be given that such financial targets or any expected growth will occur as expected or at all.

GCP International Overview

- Vertical integration includes Acquisition & Deal Sourcing, Property Development, Leasing, Property Management and Fund Management of industrial assets across the U.S., Europe, Japan, Brazil and Vietnam.
- 2. Other includes Brazil, Vietnam and the GLP International Vehicle. Ares will manage \$2.4 billion of assets via the GLP International Vehicle as of June 30, 2024.
- 3. Assets Under Management "AUM" is estimated based on Ares definition of AUM on page 19 of this presentation and may differ from GCP International's historical definition and is subject to change.
- 4. GCP International has not yet raised meaningful third-party capital in data centers but has a significant near-term opportunity for data center development on owned, powered land in the United Kingdom., Japan and Brazil.
- 5. GCP International employee data as of August 30, 2024.

Transaction Expected to Provide Significant Benefits and Growth Opportunities

1. Vertical integration includes Acquisition & Deal Sourcing, Property Development, Leasing, Property Management and Fund Management of industrial assets across the U.S., Europe, Japan, Brazil and Vietnam.

GCP International Adds Significant Scale to Ares Across The Globe

- 1. GCP International total investment professionals includes global investment professionals and data center investment professionals (13 total) which are excluded from the figures on the map. GCP International employee data as of August 30, 2024.
- 2. Includes \$2.4 billion of assets that Ares will manage via the GLP International Vehicle as of June 30, 2024, which is excluded from the figures on the map. GCP Int'l Assets Under Management "AUM" is estimated based on Ares definition of AUM on page 19 of this presentation and may differ from GCP International's historical definition and is subject to change.
- Ares and GCP International office counts reflect the number of metro areas where each respective firm has team members seated pre-close. The Global Offices count
 and regional combined office counts reflect the pro forma number of metro areas where Ares anticipates having offices, with the inclusion of acquired GCP Int'l offices.

Combination Further Diversifies Ares' Asset Class Mix and Geographic Presence

- 1. AUM amounts include funds managed by Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P., a wholly owned portfolio company of Ares Capital Corporation and registered investment adviser. Past performance is not indicative of future results.
- 2. Information is presented on an as-adjusted basis by combining Ares and GCP International results as of June 30, 2024 and not a pro forma basis under Article 11 of Reg. S-X. No assurance can be given that the Transaction will be consummated on the contemplated terms/timeline or at all.
- 3. AUM percentages based on the primary investment geographies of each specific fund. Certain funds have the flexibility to invest across multiple geographic regions and continents.
- 4. Combined business AUM by geography excludes \$2.4 billion of assets that Ares will manage via the GLP International Vehicle as of June 30, 2024.

Capabilities Will Strategically Expand Ares Real Estate Group

 Vertical integration includes Acquisition & Deal Sourcing, Property Development, Leasing, Property Management and Fund Management of industrial assets across the U.S., Europe, Japan, Brazil and Vietnam.

Opportunities for Significant Value Creation and Growth for the Real Assets Group

- 1. Ares Real Assets AUM includes \$52 billion of Real Estate AUM and \$16 billion of Infrastructure AUM.
- 2. Vertical integration includes Acquisition & Deal Sourcing, Property Development, Leasing, Property Management and Fund Management of industrial assets across the U.S., Europe, Japan, Brazil and Vietnam.



Endnotes

Adds Significant Scale In Real Assets Supporting the New Economy

- 1. Source: Statista, 2024. "Size of the Global Logistics Industry from 2018 to 2023, with Forecasts Until 2028."
- 2. Goldman Sachs Global Macro Research, 2024. "GEN AI: Too Much Spend, Too Little Benefit?"
- 3. BNEF Energy Transition Investment Trends 2023. Worldwatch Institute 2003 Paper. Ares does not maintain a net zero goal or target.

Data Center Capability Creates a Compelling Growth Opportunity

- 1. PGIM: Data Center Growth Abounds in the Digital Age. Examples of hyperscalers include Amazon, Apple, Google, Meta, Microsoft, Oracle, Salesforce and SAP.
- 2. Goldman Sachs Research, 2024. "Al is poised to drive 160% increase in data center power demand."
- GCP International employee data as of August 30, 2024.

Combination Adds Immediate Scale in Japan With Significant Perpetual Capital

Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook, April 2024.

Vertical Integration Expands Investment Options and Can Improve Investor Outcomes

- Vertical integration includes Acquisition & Deal Sourcing, Property Development, Leasing, Property Management and Fund Management of industrial assets across the U.S., Europe, Japan, Brazil and Vietnam.
- 2. USD figures converted from JPY in both periods using the USD:JPY exchange rate as of Q2-24 quarter end.

Creates a Powerful Institutional Real Estate Platform Supported by a Diverse Global Investor Base with Opportunity for Synergies

- 1. 2024 PERE Top 100 Real Estate Manager List. Based on the amount of value-add and opportunistic private real estate direct investment capital raised from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2023.
- 2. GLP Capital Partner's PERE ranking includes inflows contributed by the remaining GLP China business that is out of scope for this transaction.
- 3. GCP Internationals inflow data in the table excludes estimated PERE-related inflows contributed by the remaining GLP China business that is out of scope for this transaction.
- 4. Other includes: Endowment/Foundation, High Net Worth, Family Office, Fund of Funds, and Banks/Private Banks.
- 5. Data excludes J-REIT Investors and investors in Monoful Venture Partners, a fund with ~\$85 million in AUM focused on growth-stage start-ups in the logistics and real estate ecosystem in Japan. Ares will manage \$2.4 billion of assets via the GLP International Vehicle as of June 30, 2024.

Transaction Terms and Financial Impact

- Value is based on the NAV of GP commitments as of June 30, 2024, totaling \$160 million, and is subject to change based on the most recently available NAV at the time
 of closing.
- Class A common stock.
- 3. Subject to a potential six-month extension.
- 4. The earnouts are conditioned on certain specified financial targets being achieved. No assurance can be given that such financial targets or any expected growth will occur as expected or at all.
- 5. Financial accretion in the first full calendar year following the closing of the acquisition is based on an estimated \$245 million in FRE related to the acquired business in 2026 and excludes transaction related expenses and includes the expected financial impact of specifically identified financial synergies that may not be fully recognized during the year. We would also expect the transaction to be modestly accretive in the first twelve months under our currently contemplated longer-term financing scenarios and our planned presentation of After-Tax Realized Income per share of Class A common stock. Information is presented on an as-adjusted basis by combining Ares and GCP results as of June 30, 2024 and not a pro forma basis under Article 11 of Reg. S-X. No assurance can be given that the Transaction will be consummated on the contemplated terms/timeline or at all.



Glossary

Assets Under Management	Assets Under Management or "AUM" generally refers to the assets we manage. For our funds other than CLOs, our AUM represents the sum of the net asset value ("NAV") of such funds, the drawn and undrawn debt (at the fund-level including amounts subject to restrictions) and uncalled committed capital (including commitments to funds that have yet to commence their investment periods). NAV refers to the fair value of the assets of a fund less the fair value of the liabilities of the fund. For the CLOs we manage, our AUM is equal to initial principal of collateral adjusted for paydowns. AUM also includes the proceeds raised in the initial public offerings of special purpose acquisition companies ("SPACs") sponsored by us, less any redemptions.
Fee Paying AUM	Fee Paying AUM or "FPAUM" refers to the AUM from which we directly earn management fees. FPAUM is equal to the sum of all the individual fee bases of our funds that directly contribute to our management fees. For our funds other than CLOs, our FPAUM represents the amount of limited partner capital commitments for certain closed-end funds within the reinvestment period, the amount of limited partner invested capital for the aforementioned closed-end funds beyond the reinvestment period and the portfolio value, gross asset value or NAV. For the CLOs we manage, our FPAUM is equal to the gross amount of aggregate collateral balance, at par, adjusted for defaulted or discounted collateral.
Fee Related Earnings	Fee Related Earnings or "FRE", a non-GAAP measure, is used to assess core operating performance by determining whether recurring revenue, primarily consisting of management fees and fee related performance revenues, is sufficient to cover operating expenses and to generate profits. FRE differs from income before taxes computed in accordance with GAAP as FRE excludes net performance income, investment income from our funds and adjusts for certain other items that we believe are not indicative of our core operating performance. Fee related performance revenues, together with fee related performance compensation, is presented within FRE because it represents incentive fees from perpetual capital vehicles that are measured and eligible to be received on a recurring basis and are not dependent on realization events from the underlying investments.
Management Fees	Management Fees refers to fees we earn for advisory services provided to our funds, which are generally based on a defined percentage of fair value of assets, total commitments, invested capital, net asset value, net investment income, total assets or par value of the investment portfolios managed by us. Management fees include Part I Fees, a quarterly fee based on the net investment income of certain funds.
Our Funds	Our Funds refers to the funds, alternative asset companies, trusts, co-investment vehicles and other entities and accounts that are managed or co-managed by the Ares Operating Group, and which are structured to pay fees. It also includes funds managed by Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P., a wholly owned portfolio company of ARCC and an SEC-registered investment adviser.
Performance Income	Performance Income refers to income we earn based on the performance of a fund that is generally based on certain specific hurdle rates as defined in the fund's investment management or partnership agreements and may be either incentive fees earned from funds with stated investment periods or carried interest.



Glossary

Perpetual Capital

Perpetual Capital refers to the AUM of: (i) our publicly-traded vehicles, including ARCC, Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation (NYSE: ACRE) ("ACRE") and Ares Dynamic Credit Allocation Fund, Inc. (NYSE: ARDC) ("ARDC"); (ii) our non-traded vehicles, including ASIF, CADC and AESIF, our non-traded real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and Ares Private Markets Fund ("APMF"); (iii) Aspida Holdings Ltd. (together with its subsidiaries, "Aspida"); and (iv) certain other commingled funds and managed accounts that have an indefinite term, are not in liquidation, and for which there is no immediate requirement to return invested capital to investors upon the realization of investments. Perpetual Capital - Managed Accounts refers to managed accounts for single investors primarily in illiquid strategies that meet the perpetual capital criteria. Perpetual Capital - Private Commingled Funds refers to commingled funds that meet the perpetual capital criteria, not including our publicly-traded vehicles or non-traded vehicles. Perpetual capital may be withdrawn by investors under certain conditions, including through an election to redeem an investor's fund investment or to terminate the investment management agreement, which in certain cases may be terminated on 30 days' prior written notice. In addition, the investment management or advisory agreements of certain of our publicly-traded and non-traded vehicles have one year terms, which are subject to annual renewal by such vehicles.

Realized Income

Realized Income or "RI", a non-GAAP measure, is an operating metric used by management to evaluate performance of the business based on operating performance and the contribution of each of the business segments to that performance, while removing the fluctuations of unrealized income and losses, which may or may not be eventually realized at the levels presented and whose realizations depend more on future outcomes than current business operations. RI differs from income before taxes by excluding: (i) operating results of our Consolidated Funds; (ii) depreciation and amortization expense; (iii) the effects of changes arising from corporate actions; and (iv) unrealized gains and losses related to carried interest, incentive fees and investment performance; and adjusts for certain other items that we believe are not indicative of our operating performance. Changes arising from corporate actions include equity-based compensation expenses, the amortization of intangible assets, transaction costs associated with mergers, acquisitions and capital activities, underwriting costs and expenses incurred in connection with corporate reorganization. Placement fee adjustment represents the net portion of either expense deferral or amortization of upfront fees to placement agents that is presented to match the timing of expense recognition with the period over which management fees are expected to be earned from the associated fund for segment purposes but have been expensed in advance in accordance with GAAP. For periods in which the amortization of upfront fees for segment purposes is higher than the GAAP expense, the placement fee adjustment is presented as a reduction to RI.

After-tax RI is RI less the current income tax provision. For this purpose, the current income tax provision represents the sum of (i) taxes paid or payable as reflected in the Company's GAAP financial statements for the period and (ii) amounts payable under the Tax Receivable Agreement for which a tax benefit was included in the current period provision. The current income tax provision reflects the tax benefits associated with deductions available to the Company on certain expense items that have been excluded from the underlying calculation of RI, such as equity-based compensation deductions. If tax deductions related to the vesting of restricted units and exercise of stock options were excluded, the resulting current income tax provision and the implied tax rate would be higher, which would reduce After-tax RI. The assumptions applied in calculating our current income tax provision as presented under U.S. GAAP and in determining After-tax RI are consistent. Management believes that utilizing the current income tax provision, calculated as described above, in determining After-tax RI is meaningful because it increases comparability between periods and more accurately reflects amounts that are available for distribution to stockholders.



