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PE, HF and RE, totaling \$297.6 billion (74% of total Other Long-Term Invested Assets), were the largest three asset types, consistent with prior years

With the widespread impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy, some PE, HF and RE have experienced a decrease in AUM, capital raising, and/or returns since year-end 2019. While the largest components of Other Long-Term Invested Assets at year-end 2019 comprised U.S. insurer investments to unaffiliated PE, HF and RE, they were a small portion of overall U. S. insurer investments (approximately 2% of total cash and invested assets), mitigating concern. Also lending comfort, for PE, the number of funds in the market has increased from January through July 2020 (despite a decrease in targeted capital); HF achieved noteworthy gains in Q2 2020; and RE experienced an increase in capital raised. However, for U.S. insurers where concentrations of PE, HF and/or RE are high relative to total capital and surplus, a review of this exposure may be warranted.

PE fundraising in 2019 totaled about \$600 billion in 1,316 funds according to Preqin, a provider of alternative assets data, due in part to a strong deal market and positive investor sentiment (see Chart 1).¹ In addition, dry powder for PE, or the amount of committed but unallocated capital, reached a record high \$1.43 trillion as of December 2019. Due in part to COVID-19-related lockdowns, \$116 billion in aggregate capital was raised in Q2 2020 across 225 funds, the lowest amount since \$110 billion in Q1 2018.² PE AUM totaled more than \$4.5 trillion as of December 2019.

valued at \$393 billion, down from \$493 billion in 2018. Overall, PE funds were seeking to raise \$884 billion in capital as of July 2020, down from \$926 billion in January due in part to the economic impact of COVID-19.

According to BarclayHedge, a source of alternative investment data, HF AUM decreased to \$2.9 trillion as of Q1 2020, due in part to a decline in launch activity, down from \$3.2 trillion at Q4 2019. This is the first time HF AUM have been below \$3 trillion since Q3 2016, after reaching a peak of about \$3.3 trillion in Q4 2019. Total net

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