# Investment in Community Development and Emerging Domestic Markets

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### Community Development Investments (Emerging Domestic Markets)

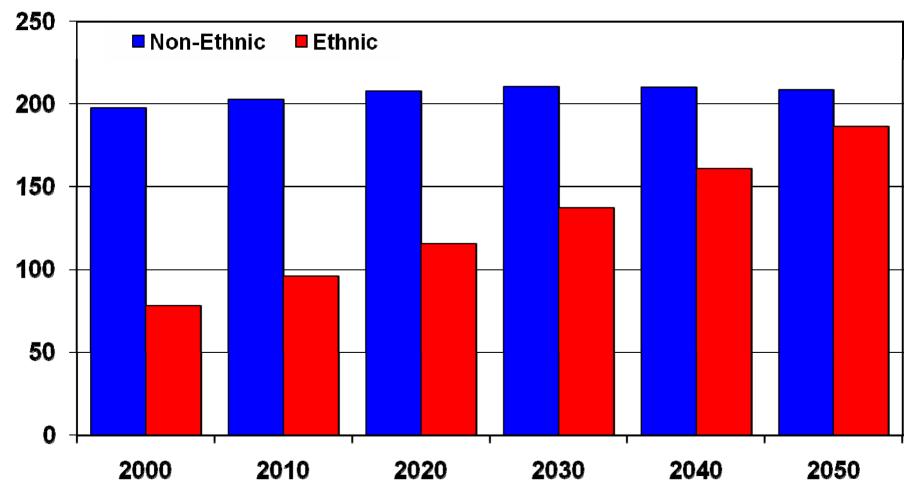
- People, places, projects or enterprises that face capital constraints as a result of imperfect market information (and/or high transaction costs)
- Over the past 25 years, proven track record of performance – demonstrated ability to assess and manage risk while producing returns to investors.

#### Examples of CD investment

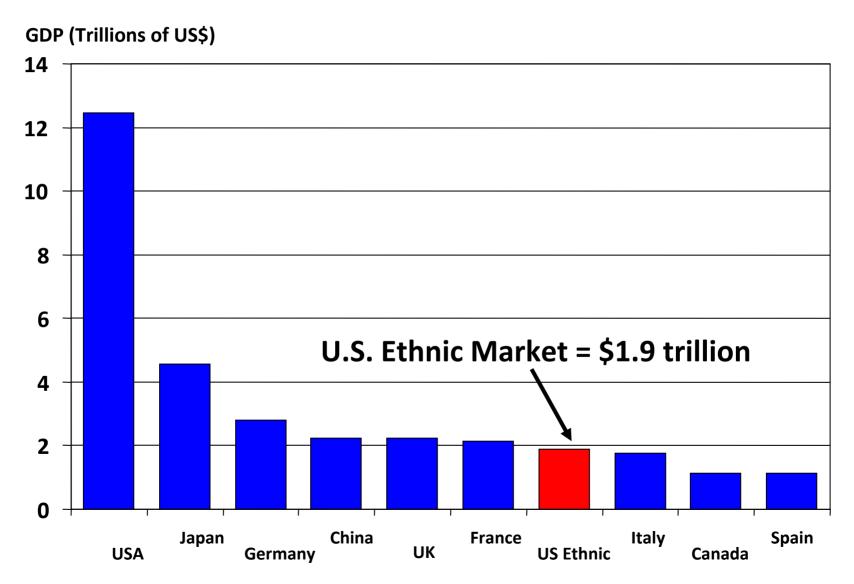
- Companies serving low-to-moderate-income populations
- Affordable housing
- Cooperative and worker-owned businesses
- Companies that create jobs for target areas or populations
- Microfinance
- Ethnic, minority and women-owned firms

### Future Population Growth Due to Ethnic Population

#### **Population, Millions**



U.S. Ethnic Market World's 7th Largest Economy in 2005



### EDM vs. International Market Opportunities

• The U.S. Hispanic consumer market is estimated to be greater than \$860 billion in 2007, about the same size as Mexico's entire economy.



- The African American consumer market is similar, approximated at \$845 billion.
- Asian Americans' buying power totals \$459
   billion in 2007.

### Challenges to Accessing Capital

- Lack of loan performance data
- Size & scale (amounts needed are often too small and thus incur high information and transaction costs)
- Non-standard investments (one of a kind)
- Fewer professional and social networks
- Lack of a viable secondary market

## What is Active Community Development/EDM Investing?

- Investments which provide benefits to investors and state and regional economies
  - Increased Jobs
  - Business Growth
  - Economic Development
- Risk-adjusted market rate of return commensurate to rates of return on alternate investments with similar risk characteristics
- Fits with overall portfolio goals such as return, diversification, liquidity and investment policy

#### **EDM Investment Opportunities**

#### **Across Asset Classes**

- Public Equities
- Fixed Income
- Alternative Investments
  - Real Estate
  - Private Equity
- Cash

## Continuum of Community Investments

			Cash	Fixed Income	Public Equity	Alternative Assets
			• Deposits	<ul><li>Bonds</li><li>Bond Funds</li><li>Asset-Backed Securities</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Direct Public Equity</li> <li>Screened Funds</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Direct Private Equity</li> <li>Private Equity Funds</li> <li>VC Funds</li> <li>Urban Real Estate</li> <li>Fund of Funds</li> <li>Buyout Funds</li> </ul>
Grants	Recoverable Grants/ Guarantees	Loans	Community Development Venture Capital			,

Financial Return

#### **Fixed Income**

- Lower risk market-rate investments
- Spectrum of investments include simple products, such as government bonds, to more complex products, like collateralized debt obligations
- Targeted mutual funds provide capital to communities and firms that have been underserved by traditional financial markets

#### **Targeted Private Equity**

- Risk-adjusted market rate of return
- Direct investments in businesses located in or meeting needs (e.g., jobs, products and services) of geographic areas or underserved communities
- Investing is long-term; matches long-term investment focus of institutional investors
- Public Equity (Heron )

#### Real Estate

- Investments in real estate located in underdeveloped areas (e.g., urban cores and rural regions)
- Includes housing, commercial and industrial construction investments
- May generate multiplier effects, attracting additional investments

#### Cash

 Deposits in community development banks or credit unions, or minority-owned banks

## Returns on Community Development /EDM Investments

- Fixed Income
  - Access Capital Strategies Community Investment Fund, Inc.
     Annualized return since inception = 5.06%
- Private Equity
  - Minority-Focused Venture Capital Funds:
     One study found that VC funds specializing in financing minority businesses earned a weighted average IRR of 15.4% through 2003.
- Real Estate
  - CalPERS' California Urban Real Estate (CURE):
     Annualized return since inception = 20.2%

#### Rest of day

- F.B. Heron Foundation's experience
- Review of investment opportunities across asset classes.