Women of Influence: Private equity

Cari Lodge
Commonfund Capital

As one of very few women to lead a major secondaries investment practice, Cari Lodge has driven one of Commonfund’s most active years so far. Under her leadership as managing director and head of secondaries, the firm invested in 50 secondaries deals over the past year, to the tune of around $500 million. The team also closed Commonfund Capital Secondary Partners III on its $675 million hard-cap. Since joining the firm in 2013, Lodge and her team have raised $1.5 billion in secondaries commitments, and completed more than 200 transactions.

The 10 women selected in this category of the inaugural Women of Influence in Private Markets list work across more than one asset class. Whether they are growing real assets platforms, leading on sustainability initiatives, championing diversity, equity and inclusion, or guiding their firms through the upheaval caused by the pandemic, they stood out for their career achievements and their wider impact on the private markets industry.