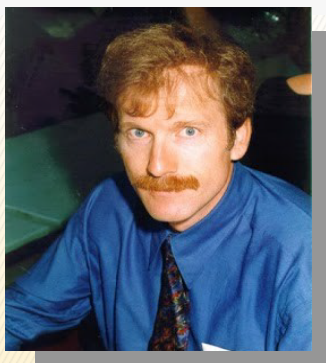


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ABSTRACT

A relatively recent trend is participation by leading mutual funds and fund families in the private equity market, which has opened the door of this segment of the economy to a broader set of investor participants. Funds have substantial discretion over the pricing of these investments and, in turn, net asset values. We examine strategic pricing behavior in a sample of 152 mutual funds with positions in 314 private firms. We find that reported prices are often stale and, consistent with our theoretical model, tend to be revised higher when other assets in a fund's portfolio outperform the benchmark. We also examine fund flows and observe that investors respond positively to reported private firm performance and appear to anticipate predictable changes in private equity valuations



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