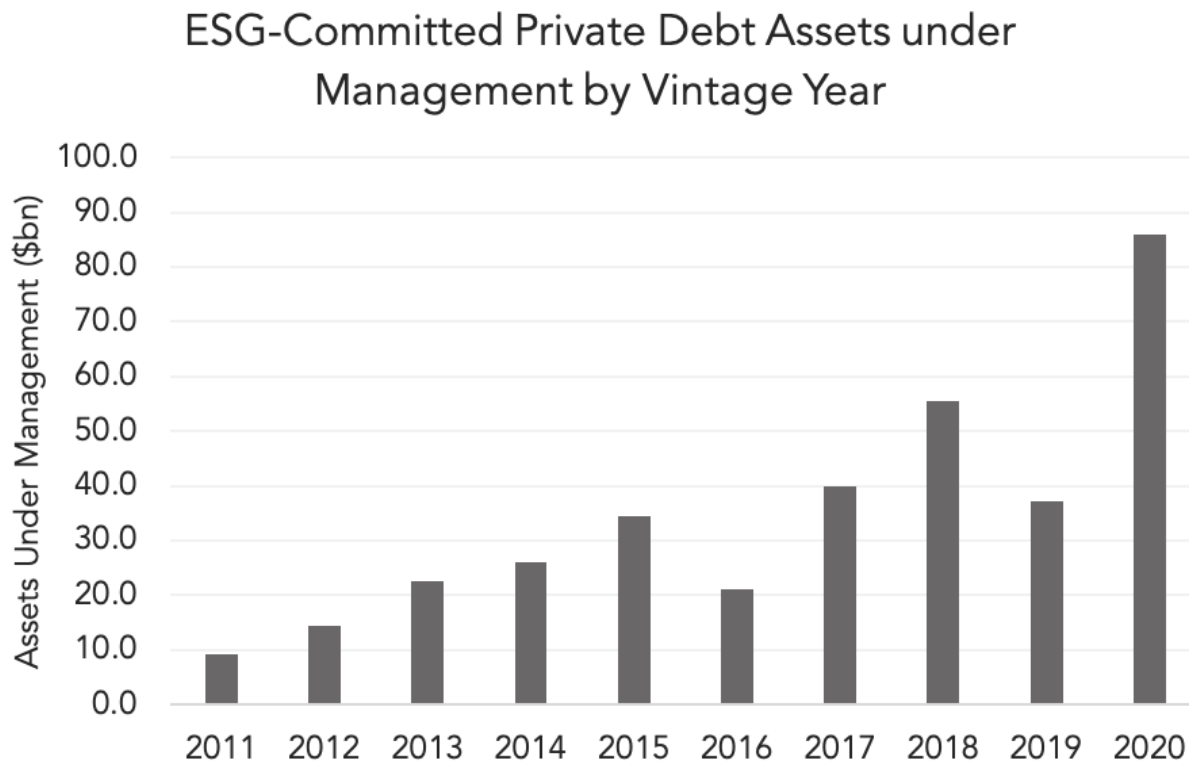


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The Rise of ESG in Private Debt

Chart



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Although private equity funds continue to dominate the ESG opportunity set, private debt has found its way to embrace ESG. Since 2011, 450 funds have come to market and \$346bn has been raised – but 2020 has been a big year for the asset class. The combination of low interest rates and COVID-19-driven stress has made private debt the asset class investors to look towards. The ESG-committed private debt AUM from funds with 2020 vintage have reached almost \$86bn as of September 2020. The aggregate target size of those funds, both closed

and still raising, is up more than 130% through September, while total asset growth is up 86% among that group. These figures are expected to grow exponentially as more firms subscribe to ESG principles.

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