

Appendix

Appendix A. Supplementary tables

Table A1 contains a list of search terms used to identify impact funds, Table A2 contains the list of countries with GDP per capita less than \$1400, and Table A3 presents the mapping of percentile ranks to excess IRR.

In Table A4, we test the home bias argument for the pressure result in Section 5.4 by adding a triple interaction of *Impact*, *Pressure*, and *Homebias*, a dummy variable that equals one if the fund is in the same region as the LP. Table A4 reports logit estimates with dynamic LP investment groups akin to the attribute table (Table 8), where we add fixed effects for the interaction of impact and LP geography (column (1) and (4)), the interaction of impact and LP type (column (2) and (5)), or both interactions (columns (3) and (6)). In columns (1) to (3), we show the *Pressure* WTP results of Table A5 are qualitatively unchanged from Table 8 when we pare down the model to focus only on *Impact* and *Pressure* (Table A5, column (2), is akin to Table 8, column (3)). The key result is the economically large effect of the triple interaction of *Impact*, *Pressure*, and *Homebias* in columns (4) to (6). Investors subject to pressure are much more likely to invest in impact funds that are close to home. The double interaction of *Pressure* and *Homebias* is also consistently positive, though the economic magnitude is relatively small; LPs subject to political pressure prefer local nonimpact investments but not to the same extent that they prefer local impact funds. The double interaction of *Impact* and *Pressure* is reliably negative in two model specifications, which suggests that LPs subject to political pressure do not have a general preference for impact funds (and might actually spurn impact funds when they are not locally focused).

Table A1: Impact investment search phrases

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| base of the pyramid | greenhouse | social objectives |
| bottom of the pyramid | impact investing | social responsible |
| clean air | impoverished | socially conscious |
| clean water | indigenous | socially motivated |
| community invest | invest ethical | socially responsible |
| disadvantaged | investing ethical | socially-motivated |
| double bottom line | low carbon | SRI |
| dual bottom-line | low-carbon | sustainable agriculture |
| environmental impact | lower-carbon | sustainable development |
| environmental objective | minority community | sustainable economic development |
| environmentally clean | minority-owned | sustainable farming |
| environmentally conscious | missing middle | sustainable forestry |
| environmentally motivated | mission driven | sustainable investment |
| environmentally sustainable | mission investing | sustainable property |
| ethical invest | mission related | sustainable water |
| ethical objectives | mission-driven | tribe |
| ethically conscious | mission-related | triple bottom line |
| ethically motivated | poverty | triple bottom-line |
| ethically-conscious | S.R.I. | women owned |
| ethically-motivated | social finance | women-owned |
| green energy | social good | |
| green focused | social impact | |

Table A2: Countries with GDP per capital less than \$1,400

| Country | GDP per capita | Country | GDP per capita | Country | GDP per capita |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Pakistan | 1,343 | Haiti | 833 | Guinea-Bissau | 589 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1,299 | Benin | 822 | North Korea | 583 |
| Chad | 1,236 | Sierra Leone | 808 | Ethiopia | 575 |
| Burma | 1,221 | Mali | 754 | Guinea | 573 |
| Bangladesh | 1,172 | Uganda | 726 | Liberia | 484 |
| Lesotho | 1,130 | Rwanda | 722 | Niger | 469 |
| South Sudan | 1,127 | Burkina Faso | 717 | Madagascar | 449 |
| Tajikistan | 1,113 | Nepal | 699 | Congo | 437 |
| Cambodia | 1,081 | Togo | 658 | Gambia | 428 |
| Senegal | 1,072 | Afghanistan | 649 | Central African Republic | 380 |
| Zimbabwe | 1,031 | Mozambique | 630 | Burundi | 336 |
| Tanzania | 1,006 | Eritrea | 590 | Malawi | 242 |
| Comoros | 923 | | | | |

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook 2014

Table A3

Distribution of IRR, VM, and PME for VC funds, 1995 to 2012.

The table reports the distribution of funds' final (or last reported) internal rate of return (IRR), value multiple (VM), or imputed public market equivalent (PME). Excess IRR (VM or PME) is the fund's IRR less the median IRR (VM or PME) for cohort funds. Cohorts are defined by vintage year and geography. Panel A presents percentiles of the distribution. Panel B translates percentile rank spreads centered on the median performance measure to a performance spread for each of the performance variable.

| Percentile | Excess IRR | | Excess VM | | Excess PME | | Percentile rank spread | Excess IRR | | Excess VM | | Excess PME | |
|---|------------|-------|-----------|-------|------------|-------|--|------------|------|-----------|------|------------|------|
| | IRR | IRR | VM | VM | PME | PME | | IRR | IRR | VM | VM | PME | PME |
| <i>Panel A: Percentiles of performance measures</i> | | | | | | | <i>Panel B: Mapping of percentile rank spread to performance</i> | | | | | | |
| 5th | -14.5 | -24.0 | 0.34 | -0.88 | 0.43 | -0.69 | 1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| 10th | -9.5 | -15.9 | 0.51 | -0.67 | 0.55 | -0.49 | 2 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| 15th | -6.1 | -12.2 | 0.67 | -0.53 | 0.64 | -0.42 | 3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| 20th | -3.5 | -9.8 | 0.79 | -0.43 | 0.72 | -0.35 | 4 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.03 |
| 25th | -1.4 | -7.6 | 0.87 | -0.35 | 0.80 | -0.27 | 5 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.04 |
| 30th | 0.5 | -5.4 | 0.95 | -0.26 | 0.85 | -0.21 | 6 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.05 |
| 35th | 2.5 | -4.2 | 1.00 | -0.18 | 0.91 | -0.16 | 7 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.09 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.06 |
| 40th | 4.3 | -2.3 | 1.08 | -0.12 | 0.97 | -0.10 | 8 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.07 |
| 45th | 5.9 | -1.0 | 1.14 | -0.05 | 1.02 | -0.04 | 9 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.08 |
| 50th | 7.3 | 0.0 | 1.21 | 0.00 | 1.08 | 0.00 | 10 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.09 |
| 55th | 8.4 | 0.6 | 1.28 | 0.03 | 1.14 | 0.05 | 11 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 0.15 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.10 |
| 60th | 9.9 | 1.9 | 1.36 | 0.10 | 1.20 | 0.09 | 12 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.11 |
| 65th | 11.2 | 3.4 | 1.44 | 0.18 | 1.25 | 0.14 | 13 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.13 |
| 70th | 13.1 | 4.9 | 1.52 | 0.27 | 1.32 | 0.20 | 14 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 0.20 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.13 |
| 75th | 15.3 | 6.9 | 1.63 | 0.36 | 1.39 | 0.28 | 15 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 0.21 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.14 |
| 80th | 18.3 | 9.2 | 1.76 | 0.49 | 1.48 | 0.37 | 16 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 0.22 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.15 |
| 85th | 23.0 | 12.1 | 1.93 | 0.68 | 1.60 | 0.51 | 17 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 0.24 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.16 |
| 90th | 30.7 | 18.8 | 2.22 | 0.93 | 1.82 | 0.68 | 18 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 0.26 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.17 |
| 95th | 46.7 | 32.1 | 3.04 | 1.76 | 2.55 | 1.32 | 19 | 5.3 | 3.9 | 0.27 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.18 |
| Interquartile range | 16.7 | 14.5 | 0.76 | 0.71 | 0.59 | 0.55 | 20 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 0.28 | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.19 |
| N | 1,283 | 1,283 | 1,456 | 1,455 | 1,212 | 1,212 | 21 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 0.30 | 0.23 | 0.24 | 0.20 |
| | | | | | | | 22 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 0.30 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.22 |
| | | | | | | | 23 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 0.32 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.23 |
| | | | | | | | 24 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 0.33 | 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.24 |
| | | | | | | | 25 | 7.1 | 5.7 | 0.35 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.25 |
| | | | | | | | 26 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 0.37 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.26 |
| | | | | | | | 27 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 0.38 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.27 |
| | | | | | | | 28 | 8.1 | 6.7 | 0.39 | 0.32 | 0.31 | 0.28 |
| | | | | | | | 29 | 8.4 | 7.2 | 0.41 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.29 |
| | | | | | | | 30 | 8.7 | 7.6 | 0.43 | 0.36 | 0.34 | 0.30 |
| | | | | | | | 31 | 9.3 | 7.8 | 0.44 | 0.37 | 0.35 | 0.32 |
| | | | | | | | 32 | 9.5 | 8.1 | 0.46 | 0.39 | 0.36 | 0.32 |
| | | | | | | | 33 | 9.9 | 8.2 | 0.48 | 0.40 | 0.38 | 0.33 |
| | | | | | | | 34 | 10.4 | 8.4 | 0.50 | 0.42 | 0.39 | 0.35 |
| | | | | | | | 35 | 10.7 | 8.7 | 0.50 | 0.44 | 0.40 | 0.36 |
| | | | | | | | 36 | 11.0 | 9.0 | 0.52 | 0.45 | 0.41 | 0.37 |
| | | | | | | | 37 | 11.3 | 9.2 | 0.53 | 0.47 | 0.42 | 0.38 |
| | | | | | | | 38 | 11.9 | 9.7 | 0.54 | 0.48 | 0.43 | 0.39 |
| | | | | | | | 39 | 12.3 | 10.0 | 0.56 | 0.51 | 0.45 | 0.40 |
| | | | | | | | 40 | 12.6 | 10.3 | 0.58 | 0.53 | 0.47 | 0.41 |

Appendix B. Attenuation bias and shrinkage regression

In the main text, we argue the WTP estimates are reasonable if $\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], \xi) + \text{cov}(\xi, u) = 0$. In the analysis that follows, we outline the bias that would occur if this summation is nonzero.

The standard slope coefficient from the regression $y = a + b\widehat{\mathbb{E}}[r_j] + e$, where $\widehat{\mathbb{E}}[r_j] = \mathbb{E}[r_j] + u$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} \text{plim}(\widehat{b}) &= \frac{\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j] + u, a + b\mathbb{E}[r_j] + e)}{\sigma^2(\mathbb{E}[r_j] + u)} \\ &= \frac{b\left(\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)\right) + \text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], e) + \text{cov}(e, u)}{\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \sigma_u^2 + 2\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)} \\ &= \lambda b + \frac{\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], e) + \text{cov}(e, u)}{\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \sigma_u^2 + 2\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B1})$$

Taking the classic errors-in-variable framework where $\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], e) = \text{cov}(\xi, e) = \text{cov}(e, u) = 0$, the attenuation bias is measured by λ :

$$\lambda = \frac{\left(\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)\right)}{\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \sigma_u^2 + 2\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)}. \quad (\text{B2})$$

The slope parameter (γ_1) of the shrinkage regression of Eq. (10) from the main text can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \frac{\text{cov}(\widehat{\mathbb{E}}[r_j], r_j)}{\sigma_{\widehat{\mathbb{E}}[r_j]}^2} = \frac{\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j] + u, \mathbb{E}[r_j] + \xi)}{\sigma^2(\mathbb{E}[r_j] + u)} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u) + \text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], \xi) + \text{cov}(u, \xi)}{\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \sigma_u^2 + 2\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B3})$$

To sign the bias, we can analyze the difference between the attenuation bias (λ) and the slope coefficient from the shrinkage regression (γ_1):

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 - \lambda &= \frac{\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u) + \text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], \xi) + \text{cov}(u, \xi) - \sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 - \text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)}{\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \sigma_u^2 + 2\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)} \\ &= \frac{\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], \xi) + \text{cov}(u, \xi)}{\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \sigma_u^2 + 2\text{cov}(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B4})$$

Consider the effect of the bias, $(\gamma_1 - \lambda)$, on our estimates of the WTP for impact, which is estimated as the ratio of coefficient on impact divided by coefficient on expected return. When we shrink the expected return, we obtain a larger coefficient on expected return and thus a smaller WTP. As a result, WTP is increasing in the shrinkage parameter, $\frac{\partial WTP}{\partial \gamma_1} > 0$. This is an appropriate adjustment if the shrinkage

parameter is an unbiased estimate of the attenuation bias (λ). It will lead to bias in the WTP estimates if the assumptions in the main text are violated as follows.

1. The bias, $\gamma_1 - \lambda$, is increasing in $cov(\mathbb{E}[r_j], \xi)$. Thus, the bias in WTP is positively related to $cov(\mathbb{E}[r_j], \xi)$.
2. The bias, $\gamma_1 - \lambda$, is increasing in $cov(u, \xi)$. Thus, the bias in WTP is positively related to $cov(u, \xi)$.
3. The absolute magnitude of the bias, $|\gamma_1 - \lambda|$, is decreasing in $cov(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)$. Note that $cov(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)$ only appears in the denominator of the bias measure and thus only affects the absolute magnitude of the attenuation bias since the denominator is strictly nonnegative. The denominator is strictly nonnegative because it represents the variance of forecast expected returns, $\sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 = \sigma_{\mathbb{E}[r_j]}^2 + \sigma_u^2 + 2cov(\mathbb{E}[r_j], u)$.

Appendix C. Estimating gross value multiple (*GVM*) from value multiple (*VM*)

For VC funds, *GVM* for the fund is defined as

$$GVM = \frac{D+U+C}{K}, \quad (C1)$$

where *D* is the total cash distributions to LPs, *U* is the estimated value of unrealized investments, *C* is the carry paid to the GP, and *K* is the total cost basis of invested capital.

The value multiple for the fund is defined as

$$VM = \frac{D+U}{K+F}, \quad (C2)$$

where *F* is total management fees paid to the GP.

Assume the fund is fully invested and completed. Then the capital commitments of LPs is the sum of invested capital and management fees ($CK=K+F$) and *U* is 0. The *GVM* is the investment return on portfolio companies before deducting management fees and carried interest. The *VM* is the investment return earned by the LP net of management fees and carried interest. The relation between the two can be written as

$$GVM = \frac{VM*CK+C}{K}. \quad (C3)$$

Assume that management fees are 2% per year, a ten-year fund life, and carried interest is 20% of fund profit after the return of committed capital, which are all standard contract terms in private equity. We assume the total management fees over the course of the fund's life are 20% (2% per year for ten years) such that $K = 0.8*CK$. If the fund's total cash distribution is less than committed capital ($VM \leq 1$), then there is no carried interest ($C=0$) and

$$GVM = \frac{VM*CK}{0.8*CK} = 1.25VM, \text{ if } VM \leq 1. \quad (C4)$$

If the fund's total cash distribution is greater than committed capital ($VM > 1$), carried interest is

$$C = 0.2(GVM * 0.8 * CK - CK), \text{ and thus} \quad (C5)$$

$$GVM = \frac{VM*CK+0.2(GVM*0.8*CK-CK)}{0.8*CK} = \frac{VM-0.20}{0.64}, \text{ if } VM > 1. \quad (C6)$$

We impute *GVM* using the above two formulas and the sample of funds with vintage years of 2005 or earlier. The mean (median) fund-level gross value multiple in the mature fund sample is 2.3 (1.5). The excess *GVM* is fund *GVM* minus the median *GVM* for cohort funds. Applying the estimated willingness to pay of 13-18 percentile ranks to the distribution of excess *GVM* yields a range of 0.29 to 0.43 in excess *GVM*.