

Luke Sweetser Bio



Luke Sweetser is an Eagle Scout with a degree from Harvard, a CFA designation, and a nineteen year long track record of profitable private equity investing. He is Managing Director and cofounder of Helios|Oden, which includes the private equity firm Helios Capital and the consulting firm Oden Consulting. He serves as the Chairman and CEO of both Helios Capital and its portfolio company Helios Insurance Group.

Mr. Sweetser represents the classic “American Dream” success story – he bootstrapped himself up from his origins in a migrant farming family, became well educated, and worked his way to success. His roles have included CEO, entrepreneur, and private equity investor. As CEO, Mr. Sweetser has led businesses in industries as diverse as heavy equipment manufacturing to software and insurance.

While at his predecessor private equity partnerships, Lewis Hollingsworth LP and the North Texas Opportunity Fund LP, Mr. Sweetser invested in 17 platform companies and completed an additional nine add-on acquisitions with an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$320 million. Of the \$58.4 million in equity he has invested, he has returned \$114.9 million in cash and \$71.5 million in unrealized returns, representing a cash-on-cash return of 42% and a multiple of more than 3.0x invested capital.

Despite his formal schooling, he feels his real education - where he integrated his investment and operational perspectives, crafted his leadership style, and honed his business judgment - has all come from the school of "hard knocks." He brings an integrated perspective to the areas of leadership, strategy, operations analysis and improvement, acquisition integration, and major transformation programs.