# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2023

# **Fidelity Private Credit Fund**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 814-01571 (Commission File Number) 88-6585799 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

245 Summer Street
Boston, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02210 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (617) 563-7000

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ⊠

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### **Item 1.01** Entry into Material Definitive Agreements

On February 1, 2023, the Board of Trustees of Fidelity Private Credit Fund (the "Fund") approved an amendment of the Fund's Investment Advisory Agreement ("Second Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement"). The Second Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement extends the initial duration of the agreement to November 30, 2024, and includes amendments that were made in response to comments from certain state securities regulators in connection with the registration of the Fund's shares in certain states. The amendments are intended to conform to certain provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines Statement of Policy adopted by the North American Securities Administrators Association (the "Omnibus Guidelines"), as interpreted by such state securities regulators. The amendments clarify that the Fund is prohibited from receiving or accepting any rebate, give-up or similar arrangement or participate in any reciprocal business arrangements as outlined in the Omnibus Guidelines, and further clarify that Fidelity Diversifying Solutions LLC, the Fund's investment adviser (the "Investment Adviser"), will ensure that the Fund's assets are to be protected from the claims of creditors of affiliated companies.

The Second Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement became effective on February 1, 2023.

The foregoing description of the Second Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Second Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 5.02 Departure of Certain Officers; Appointment of Certain Officers

On February 1, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Fund appointed Heather Bonner as President and Treasurer of the Fund, effective on February 1, 2023.

Ms. Bonner also serves as President and Treasurer of other funds. Ms. Bonner serves as Senior Vice President (2022 – present) and is an employee of Fidelity Investments (2022 – present). Ms. Bonner serves as Assistant Treasurer of Fidelity CRET Trustee LLC (real estate development and management, 2022 – present). Prior to joining Fidelity Investments, Ms. Bonner served as the treasurer and principal financial officer of the AQR Funds (2013 – 2022).

Ms. Bonner's appointment coincides with the resignation, effective as of the close of business on February 1, 2023, of Stephanie Brown as the President and Treasurer of the Fund. Ms. Brown's decision to resign was not the result of any disagreement relating to FMR LLC ("FMR") or the Fund's operations, policies or practices. Ms. Brown has assumed the role as Asset Management Chief Compliance Officer for FMR.

On February 1, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Fund also appointed Harley Lank as Vice President of the Fund, effective on February 1, 2023.

Mr. Lank serves as President of Fidelity Investments' High Income and Alternatives division, is an employee of Fidelity Investments (1996 – present), and a portfolio manager of certain Fidelity funds and other privately offered funds. Mr. Lank also serves as Chief Executive Officer, President, or Director of certain Fidelity entities. Previously, Mr. Lank managed various Fidelity funds and products.

Mr. Lank's appointment coincides with the resignation, effective as of the close of business on February 1, 2023, of Vadim Zlotnikov as the Vice President of the Fund. Mr. Zlotnikov's decision to resign was not the result of any disagreement relating to FMR or the Fund's operations, policies or practices. Mr. Zlotnikov has assumed the role as Head of Fidelity Institutional for FMR.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description			
10.1	Second Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement			

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### **Fidelity Private Credit Fund**

Date: February 6, 2023 By: /s/ Heather Bonner

Name: Heather Bonner Title: President and Treasurer

#### SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

This Second Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement, dated and effective as of February 1, 2023, is made by and between Fidelity Private Credit Fund, a Delaware statutory trust (herein referred to as the "Fund"), and Fidelity Diversifying Solutions LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (herein referred to as the "Adviser") (this "Agreement").

- 1. <u>Appointment of Adviser</u>. The Adviser hereby undertakes and agrees, upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, to provide overall investment advisory services for the Fund and in connection therewith to, in accordance with the Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions as in effect from time to time:
  - (a) determining the composition of the Fund's portfolio, the nature and timing of the changes to the Fund's portfolio and the manner of implementing such changes in accordance with the Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions;
  - (b) identifying investment opportunities and making investment decisions for the Fund, including negotiating the terms of investments in, and dispositions of, portfolio securities and other instruments on the Fund's behalf;
    - (c) monitoring the Fund's investments;
    - (d) performing due diligence on prospective portfolio companies;
  - (e) exercising voting rights in respect of portfolio securities and other investments for the Fund;
  - (f) serving on, and exercising observer rights for, boards of directors and similar committees of the Fund's portfolio companies;
  - (g) negotiating, obtaining and managing financing facilities and other forms of leverage; and
  - (h) providing the Fund with such other investment advisory and related services as the Fund may, from time to time, reasonably require for the investment of capital, which may include, without limitation:
    - (i) making, in consultation with the Fund's board of trustees (the "**Board of Trustees**"), investment strategy decisions for the Fund;
    - (ii) reasonably assisting the Board of Trustees and the Fund's other service providers with the valuation of the Fund's assets or, if so designated by the Board of Trustees, performing fair value determinations subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees; and

- (iii) directing investment professionals of the Adviser or non-investment professionals of the Administrator (as defined below) to provide, or arranging for the provision of, managerial assistance to portfolio companies of the Fund as requested by the Fund, from time to time.
- (iv) The Adviser shall, upon request by an official or agency administering the securities laws of a state (a "State Administrator"), submit to such State Administrator the reports and statements required to be distributed to the Fund's shareholders pursuant to this Agreement, any registration statement filed with the SEC and applicable federal and state law.
- (v) The Adviser has a fiduciary responsibility and duty to the Fund for the safekeeping and use of all the funds and assets of the Fund, whether or not in the Adviser's immediate possession or control. The Adviser shall not employ, or permit another to employ, such funds or assets except for the exclusive benefit of the Fund. The Adviser shall not contract away any fiduciary obligation owed by the Adviser to the Fund's shareholders under common law.

Subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees, the Adviser shall have the power and authority on behalf of the Fund to effectuate its investment decisions for the Fund, including the execution and delivery of all documents relating to the Fund's investments, the placing of orders for other purchase or sale transactions on behalf of the Fund and causing the Fund to pay investment-related expenses. In the event that the Fund determines to acquire debt financing, the Adviser will arrange for such financing on the Fund's behalf. If it is necessary or appropriate for the Adviser to make investments on behalf of the Fund through a special purpose vehicle, the Adviser shall have authority to create or arrange for the creation of such special purpose vehicle and to make such investments through such special purpose vehicle (in accordance with the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")).

Subject to the prior approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees, including a majority of the Board of Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund and, to the extent required by the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, subject to any applicable guidance or interpretation of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or its staff, by the shareholders of the Fund, as applicable, the Adviser may, from time to time, delegate to a sub-adviser or other service provider any of the Adviser's duties under this Agreement, including the management of all or a portion of the assets being managed. The Fund acknowledges that the Adviser makes no warranty that any investments made by the Adviser hereunder will not depreciate in value or at any time not be affected by adverse tax consequences, nor does it give any warranty as to the performance or profitability of the assets or the success of any investment strategy recommended or used by the Adviser.

#### 2. Expenses.

(a) In connection herewith, the Adviser agrees to maintain a staff within its organization to furnish the above services to the Fund. The Adviser shall bear all expenses arising out of its duties hereunder, except as provided in this Section 2.

- (b) Except as specifically provided below and above in Section 1 hereof, the Fund anticipates that all investment professionals and staff of the Adviser, when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory services to the Fund, and the base compensation, bonus and benefits, and the routine overhead expenses, of such personnel allocable to such services, will be provided and paid for by the Adviser. The Adviser or its affiliates will bear all fees, costs, and expenses incurred that are not assumed by the Fund under this Agreement or under the Amended and Restated Administration Agreement by and between the Fund and Fidelity Diversifying Solutions LLC, in its capacity as administrator ("Administrator"), as amended from time to time (the "Administration Agreement").
- (c) In addition to the compensation paid to the Adviser pursuant to Section 5, the Fund shall reimburse the Adviser for all expenses of the Fund incurred by the Adviser as well as the actual cost of goods and services used for or by the Fund and obtained from entities not affiliated with the Adviser. The Adviser, the Administrator, or their affiliates may be reimbursed for administrative services performed on behalf of the Fund pursuant to any separate administration or co-administration agreement; however, no reimbursement shall be permitted for services for which the Adviser is entitled to compensation by way of a separate fee. Excluded from the allowable reimbursement shall be:
  - (i) rent or depreciation, utilities, capital equipment, and other administrative items of the Adviser; and
  - (ii) salaries, fringe benefits, travel expenses and other administrative items incurred or allocated to any Controlling Person of the Adviser. The term "Controlling Person" shall mean a person, whatever his or her title, who performs functions for the Adviser similar to those of (a) the chairman or other member of a board of directors, (b) executive officers or (c) those holding 10% or more equity interest in the Adviser, or a person having the power to direct or cause the direction of the Adviser, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

From time to time, the Adviser, the Administrator or their affiliates may pay third-party providers of goods or services. Unless such expenses are specifically assumed by the Adviser, Administrator or their affiliates under this Agreement or the Administration Agreement, the Fund will reimburse the Adviser, the Administrator or such affiliates thereof for any such amounts paid on the Fund's behalf. From time to time, the Adviser or the Administrator may defer or waive fees and/or rights to be reimbursed for expenses.

3. <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. The Adviser is authorized on behalf of the Fund, from time to time when deemed to be in the best interests of the Fund and to the extent permitted by applicable law, to purchase and/or sell securities in which the Adviser or any of its affiliates underwrites, deals in and/or makes a market and/or may perform or seek to perform investment banking services for issuers of such securities. The Adviser is further authorized, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to select brokers (including any brokers affiliated with the Adviser) for the execution of trades for the Fund.

#### 4. Best Execution; Research Services.

The Adviser, either itself or through an affiliated company, shall place all orders for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities for the Fund's account with brokers or dealers selected by the Adviser, which may include brokers or dealers affiliated with the Adviser. The Adviser shall use its best efforts to seek to execute portfolio transactions at prices which are advantageous to the Fund and at commission rates which are reasonable in relation to the benefits received. In selecting brokers or dealers qualified to execute a particular transaction, brokers or dealers may be selected who also provide brokerage and research services (as those terms are defined in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) to the Fund and/or the other accounts over which the Adviser or its affiliates exercise investment discretion. The Adviser is authorized to pay a broker or dealer who provides such brokerage and research services a commission for executing a portfolio transaction for the Fund which is in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for effecting that transaction if the Adviser determines in good faith that such amount of commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided by such broker or dealer. This determination may be viewed in terms of either that particular transaction or the overall responsibilities which the Adviser and its affiliates have with respect to accounts over which they exercise investment discretion. The Board shall periodically review the commissions paid by the Fund to determine if the commissions paid over representative periods of time were reasonable in relation to the benefits to the Fund.

Research services furnished to the Adviser by brokers who effect securities transactions for the Fund may be used by the Adviser in servicing other investment companies, entities or funds and accounts which it manages. Similarly, research services furnished to the Adviser by brokers who effect securities transactions for other investment companies, entities or funds and accounts which the Adviser manages may be used by the Adviser in servicing the Fund. It is understood that not all of these research services are used by the Adviser in managing any particular account, including the Fund.

The Adviser and its affiliates may aggregate purchase or sale orders for the assets with purchase or sale orders for the same security for other clients' accounts of the Adviser or of its affiliates, the Adviser's own accounts and hold proprietary positions in accordance with its current aggregation and allocation policy (collectively, the "Advisory Clients"), but only if (x) in the Adviser's reasonable judgment such aggregation results in an overall economic or other benefit to the assets taking into consideration the advantageous selling or purchase price, brokerage commission and other expenses and factors and (y) the Adviser's actions with respect to aggregating orders for multiple Advisory Clients, as well as the Fund, are consistent with applicable law. However, the Adviser is under no obligation to aggregate any such orders under any circumstances.

(b) All Front-End Fees (as defined in the Declaration of Trust) shall be reasonable and shall not exceed 18% of the gross proceeds of any offering, regardless of the source of payment and the percentage of gross proceeds of any offering committed to investment shall be at least eighty-two percent (82%). All items of compensation to underwriters or dealers, including, but not limited to, selling commissions, expenses, rights of first refusal,

consulting fees, finders' fees and all other items of compensation of any kind or description paid by the Fund, directly or indirectly, shall be taken into consideration in computing the amount of allowable Front-End Fees.

#### 5. Remuneration.

The Fund agrees to pay, and the Adviser agrees to accept, as compensation for the services provided by the Adviser hereunder, a base management fee and an incentive fee as hereinafter set forth. The Fund shall make any payments due hereunder to the Adviser or to the Adviser's designee as the Adviser may otherwise direct.

- (a) <u>Management Fee</u>. The management fee is payable monthly in arrears at an annual rate of 1.25% of the Fund's net assets as of the beginning of the first business day of the month. For the first calendar month in which the Fund has operations, net assets will be measured as the beginning net assets as of the date on which the Fund breaks escrow.
- (b) <u>Incentive Fee</u>. The incentive fee will consist of two components that are independent of each other, with the result that one component may be payable even if the other is not. A portion of the incentive fee is based on a percentage of the Fund's income and a portion is based on a percentage of the Fund's capital gains, each as described below.
  - (i) Incentive Fee on Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income. The portion based on the Fund's income is based on Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns. "Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns" means, as the context requires, either the dollar value of, or percentage rate of return on the value of the Fund's net assets at the end of the immediate preceding quarter from, interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees (other than fees for providing managerial assistance), such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that the Fund receives from portfolio companies) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus the Fund's operating expenses accrued for the quarter (including the management fee, expenses payable under the Administration Agreement, and any interest expense or fees on any credit facilities or outstanding debt and dividends paid on any issued and outstanding preferred shares, but excluding the incentive fee and any distribution or shareholder servicing fees).

Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns include, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature (such as original issue discount, debt instruments with pay-in-kind interest and zero coupon securities), accrued income that the Fund has not yet received in cash. Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns do not include any realized capital gains, realized capital losses or unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation. For purposes of computing the Fund's Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income, the calculation methodology will look through derivative financial instruments or swaps as if the Fund owned the referenced assets directly.

Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns, expressed as a rate of return on the value of the Fund's net assets at the end of the immediately preceding quarter, is compared to a "hurdle rate" of return of 1.25% per quarter (5% annualized).

The Fund will pay the Adviser an incentive fee quarterly in arrears with respect to the Fund's Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns in each calendar quarter as follows:

- no incentive fee based on Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns in any calendar quarter in which the Fund's Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns do not exceed the hurdle rate of 1.25% per quarter (5% annualized);
- 100% of the dollar amount of the Fund's Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns with respect to that portion of such Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than a rate of return of 1.43% (5.72% annualized). This is referred to as Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns (which exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 1.43%) as the "catchup"; and
- 12.5% of the dollar Returns, if any, that exceeds the amount of the Fund's Pre-Incentive Fee Net Investment Income Returns, if any, that exceed a rate of return of 1.43% (5.72% annualized).
- (ii) <u>Incentive Fee Based on Capital Gains</u>. The second component of the incentive fee, the capital gains incentive fee, is payable at the end of each calendar year in arrears.

The amount payable equals:

• 12.5% of cumulative realized capital gains from inception through the end of such calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fee on capital gains as calculated in accordance with GAAP.

Each year, the fee paid for the capital gains incentive fee is net of the aggregate amount of any previously paid capital gains incentive fee for all prior periods. The Fund will accrue, but will not pay, a capital gains incentive fee with respect to unrealized appreciation because a capital gains incentive fee would be owed to the Adviser if the Fund were to sell the relevant investment and realize a capital gain. For the purpose of computing

the capital gains incentive fee, the calculation methodology will look through derivative financial instruments or swaps as if the Fund owned the reference assets directly. In no event will the capital gains incentive fee payable pursuant to this Agreement be in excess of the amount permitted by the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act"), including Section 205 thereof.

The fees that are payable under this Agreement for any partial period will be appropriately prorated.

#### 6. Representations and Warranties.

- (a) The Adviser represents and warrants that it is duly registered and authorized as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act, and the Adviser agrees to maintain effective all material requisite registrations, authorizations and licenses, as the case may be, until the termination of this Agreement.
- The Adviser shall prepare or shall cause to be prepared and distributed to shareholders during each year the following reports of the Fund (either included in a periodic report filed with the SEC or distributed in a separate report) (i) within sixty (60) days of the end of each quarter, a report containing the same financial information contained in the Fund's Quarterly Report on Form 10-O filed by the Fund under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and (ii) within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of the Fund's fiscal year, an annual report that shall include financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP which are audited and reported on by independent certified public accountants; (iii) a report of the material activities of the Fund during the period covered by the report; (iv) where forecasts have been provided to the Fund's shareholders, a table comparing the forecasts previously provided with the actual results during the period covered by the report; and (v) a report setting forth distributions to the Fund's shareholders for the period covered thereby and separately identifying distributions from: (A) cash flow from operations during the period; (B) cash flow from operations during a prior period which have been held as reserves; (C) proceeds from disposition of assets; and (D) reserves from the gross proceeds of the Fund's offering.
- (c) From time to time and not less than quarterly, the Fund shall cause the Adviser to review the Fund's accounts to determine whether cash distributions are appropriate. The Fund may, subject to authorization by the Board of Trustees, distribute pro rata to the Fund's shareholders funds which the Board deems unnecessary to retain in the Fund. The Board may from time to time authorize the Fund to declare and pay to the Fund's shareholders such dividends or other distributions, in cash or other assets of the Fund or in securities of the Fund, including in shares of one class or series payable to the holders of the shares of another class or series, or from any other source as the Board of Trustees in its discretion shall determine. Any such cash distributions to the Adviser shall be made only in conjunction with distributions to shareholders and only out of funds properly allocated to the Adviser's account. All such cash distributions shall be made only out of funds legally available therefor pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended from time to time.

(d) The Adviser shall, in its sole discretion, temporarily place proceeds from offerings by the Fund of its equity securities into short-term, highly liquid investments which, in its reasonable judgment, afford appropriate safety of principal during such time as it is determining the composition and allocation of the portfolio of the Fund and the nature, timing and implementation of any changes thereto pursuant to Section 1 of the this Agreement; provided however, that the Adviser shall be under no fiduciary obligation to select any such short-term, highly liquid investment based solely on any yield or return of such investment. The Adviser shall cause any proceeds of the offering of Fund securities not committed for investment within the later of two years from the date of effectiveness of the Registration Statement or one year from termination of the offering, unless a longer period is permitted by the applicable State Administrator, to be paid as a distribution to the shareholders of the Fund as a return of capital without deduction of a sales load.

# 7. <u>Services Not Deemed Exclusive</u>. The Fund and the Board of Trustees acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) The services of the Adviser to the Fund are not to be deemed exclusive, the Adviser being free to render services to others and engage in other activities, provided, however, that such other services and activities do not, during the term of this Agreement, interfere, in a material manner, with the Adviser's ability to meet all of its obligations with respect to rendering services to the Fund hereunder. The Fund agrees that the Adviser may give advice and take action with respect to any of its other Advisory Clients which may differ from advice given or the timing or nature of action taken with respect to any client or account so long as it is the Adviser's policy, to the extent practicable, to allocate investment opportunities to the client or account on a fair and equitable basis relative to its other Advisory Clients. It is understood that the Adviser shall not have any obligation to recommend for purchase or sale any loans which its principals, affiliates or employees may purchase or sell for its or their own accounts or for any other client or account if, in the opinion of the Adviser, such transaction or investment appears unsuitable, impractical or undesirable for the Fund. Nothing herein shall be construed as constituting the Adviser an agent of the Fund; and
- (b) the Adviser and its affiliates may face conflicts of interest as described in the Fund's Registration Statement and/or the Fund's periodic filings with the SEC (as such disclosures may be updated from time to time) and such disclosures have been provided, and any updates will be provided, to the Board of Trustees in connection with its consideration of this Agreement and any future renewal of this Agreement.

#### 8. Limit of Liability.

(a) The Adviser and its officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it (the "**Indemnified Parties**") shall not be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any act or omission or any loss suffered by the Fund in connection with the matters to which this Agreement relates, provided that the Adviser shall not be protected against any liability to the Fund or its shareholders to which the Adviser would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on its part in the

performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations ("disabling conduct"). An Indemnified Party may consult with counsel and accountants in respect of the Fund's affairs and shall be fully protected and justified in any action or inaction which is taken in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel and accountants; provided, that such counsel or accountants were selected with reasonable care. Absent disabling conduct, the Fund will indemnify the Indemnified Parties against, and hold them harmless from, any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of the Adviser's services under this Agreement or otherwise as adviser for the Fund. The Indemnified Parties shall not be liable under this Agreement or otherwise for any loss due to the mistake, action, inaction, negligence, dishonesty, fraud or bad faith of any broker or other agent; provided, that such broker or other agent shall have been selected, engaged or retained and monitored by the Adviser in good faith, unless such action or inaction was made by reason of disabling conduct, or in the case of a criminal action or proceeding, where the Adviser had reasonable cause to believe its conduct was unlawful.

Indemnification shall be made only following: (i) a final decision on the merits by a court or other body before which the proceeding was brought that the Indemnified Party was not liable by reason of disabling conduct or (ii) in the absence of such a decision, a reasonable determination, based upon a review of the facts, that the Indemnified Party was not liable by reason of disabling conduct by (a) the vote of a majority of a quorum of trustees of the Fund who are neither "interested persons" of the Fund nor parties to the proceeding ("disinterested non-party trustees") or (b) an independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

An Indemnified Party shall be entitled to advances from the Fund for payment of the reasonable expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) incurred by it in connection with the matter as to which it is seeking indemnification in the manner and to the fullest extent permissible under law. Prior to any such advance, the Indemnified Party shall provide to the Fund a written affirmation of its good faith belief that the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the Fund has been met and a written undertaking to repay any such advance if it should ultimately be determined that the standard of conduct has not been met. In addition, at least one of the following additional conditions shall be met: (a) the Indemnified Party shall provide a security in form and amount acceptable to the Fund for its undertaking; (b) the Fund is insured against losses arising by reason of the advance; or (c) a majority of a quorum of disinterested non-party trustees or independent legal counsel, in a written opinion, shall have determined, based on a review of facts readily available to the Fund at the time the advance is proposed to be made, that there is reason to believe that the Indemnified Party will ultimately be found to be entitled to indemnification.

# The following provisions in Sections 8(b) – (c) shall not apply in respect of the Administrator.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 8(a) to the contrary, the Fund shall not provide for indemnification of an Indemnified Party for any liability or loss suffered by an Indemnified

Party, nor shall the Fund provide that any of the Indemnified Parties be held harmless for any loss or liability suffered by the Fund, unless all of the following conditions are met:

- (i) the Fund has determined, in good faith, that the course of conduct that caused the loss or liability was in the best interests of the Fund;
- (ii) the Fund has determined, in good faith, that the Indemnified Party was acting on behalf of or performing services for the Fund;
- (iii) the Fund has determined, in good faith, that such liability or loss was not the result of (A) negligence or misconduct, in the case that the Indemnified Party is the Adviser or an Affiliate (as defined in the Fund's Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust the "**Declaration of Trust**") of the Adviser, or (B) gross negligence or willful misconduct, in the case that the Indemnified Party is a director of the Fund who is not also an officer of the Fund or the Adviser or an Affiliate of the Adviser; and
- (iv) such indemnification or agreement to hold harmless is recoverable only out of the Fund's net assets and not from the Fund shareholders.

Furthermore, the Indemnified Party shall not be indemnified for any losses, liabilities or expenses arising from or out of an alleged violation of federal or state securities laws by such party unless one or more of the following conditions are met:

- (i) there has been a successful adjudication on the merits of each count involving alleged material securities law violations as to the Indemnified Party;
- (v) such claims have been dismissed with prejudice on the merits by a court of competent jurisdiction as to the Indemnified Party; or
- (vi) a court of competent jurisdiction approves a settlement of the claims against the Indemnified Party and finds that indemnification of the settlement and the related costs should be made, and the court considering the request for indemnification has been advised of the position of the SEC and of the published position of any state securities regulatory authority in which Shares were offered or sold as to indemnification for violations of securities laws.
- (c) The Fund may pay or reimburse reasonable legal expenses and other costs incurred by the Indemnified Party in advance of final disposition of a proceeding only if all of the following are satisfied:
  - (i) the proceeding relates to acts or omissions with respect to the performance of duties or services on behalf of the Fund;
  - (ii) the Indemnified Party provides the Fund with written affirmation of such Indemnified Party's good faith belief that the Indemnified Party has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the Fund;

- (iii) the legal proceeding was initiated by a third party who is not a Fund shareholder, or, if by a Fund shareholder acting in his or her capacity as such, a court of competent jurisdiction approves such advancement; and
- (iv) the Indemnified Party provides the Fund with a written agreement to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the Fund, together with the applicable legal rate of interest thereon, if it is ultimately determined that the Indemnified Party did not comply with the requisite standard of conduct and is not entitled to indemnification.

### 9. Duration and Termination.

- (a) This Agreement shall become effective as of the date first written above. Subject to prior termination as provided in Section 9(d), this Agreement shall continue in force until November 30, 2024, or to the extent consistent with the requirements of the 1940 Act, from the date of the Fund's election to be regulated as a BDC under the 1940 Act, and indefinitely thereafter, but only so long as the continuance after such date shall be specifically approved at least annually by vote of the Board of Trustees or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund.
- (b) This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent subject to the provisions of Section 15 of the 1940 Act, as modified by or interpreted by any applicable order or orders of the SEC or any rules or regulations adopted by, or interpretative releases or no-action letters of, the SEC or its staff.
- (c) In addition to the requirements of Sections 9(a) and 9(b), the terms of any continuance or modification of this Agreement must have been approved by the vote of a majority of the Fund's Board of Trustees who are not parties to the Agreement or interested persons of any such party, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval (to the extent required by the 1940 Act).
- (d) This Agreement is terminable (a) by the Fund upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the Adviser (i) upon the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund entitled to vote on the matter (as "majority" is defined in Section 2(a)(42) of the 1940 Act) or (ii) by the vote of the Independent Trustees; or (b) by the Adviser upon not less than one hundred twenty (120) days' written notice to the Fund, in each case without cause or penalty. The provisions of Section 8 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and the Adviser shall remain entitled to the benefits thereof, notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement. Further, notwithstanding the termination or expiration of this Agreement as aforesaid, the Adviser shall be entitled to any amounts owed under Sections 2 or 5 through the date of termination or expiration, and Section 8 shall continue in force and effect and apply to the Adviser and its representatives as and to the extent applicable.
- (e) This Agreement shall terminate automatically in the event of its "assignment" (as such term is defined for purposes of Section 15(a)(4) of the 1940 Act).

- (f) After the termination of this Agreement, the Adviser shall not be entitled to compensation for further services provided hereunder, except that it shall be entitled to receive from the Fund within 30 days after the effective date of such termination all unpaid reimbursements and all earned but unpaid fees payable to the Adviser prior to termination of this Agreement, including any deferred fees. The Adviser shall promptly upon termination:
  - (i) Deliver to the Board a full accounting, including a statement showing all payments collected by it and a statement of all money held by it, covering the period following the date of the last accounting furnished to the Board;
  - (ii) Deliver to the Board all assets and documents of the Fund then in custody of the Adviser; and
    - (iii) Cooperate with the Fund to provide an orderly management transition.
- (g) Without the approval of holders of a majority of the Shares entitled to vote on the matter, or such other approval as may be required under the mandatory provisions of any applicable laws or regulations, or other provisions of the Declaration of Trust, the Adviser shall not: (i) modify this Agreement except for amendments that do not adversely affect the rights of the shareholders; (ii) appoint a new Adviser (other than a sub-adviser pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and applicable law); (iii) sell all or substantially all of the Fund's assets other than in the ordinary course of the Fund's business; or (iv) except as otherwise permitted herein, voluntarily withdraw as the Adviser unless such withdrawal would not affect the tax status of the Fund and would not materially adversely affect the shareholders; or (v) cause the merger of the Fund.
- (h) The Fund may terminate the Adviser's interest in the Fund's revenues, expenses, income, losses, distributions and capital by payment of an amount equal to the then present fair market value of the terminated Adviser's interest, determined by agreement of the terminated Adviser and the Fund. If the Fund and the Adviser cannot agree upon such amount, the parties will submit to binding arbitration which cost will be borne equally by the Adviser and the Fund. The method of payment to the terminated Adviser must be fair and must protect the solvency and liquidity of the Fund. When the termination is voluntary, the method of payment will be presumed to be fair if it provides for a non-interest bearing unsecured promissory note with principal payable, if at all, from distribution which the terminated Adviser otherwise would have received under the program agreement had the Adviser not been terminated. When the termination is involuntary, the method of payment will be presumed to be fair if it provides for an interest bearing promissory note maturing in not less than five years with equal installments each year.

#### 10. <u>License</u>.

(a) <u>License Grant</u>. The Adviser, on behalf of the Licensed Name Owner (as defined below), hereby grants to the Fund, and the Fund hereby accepts from the Adviser, a fully paid-up, royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable worldwide license to use

- "Fidelity" (the "Licensed Name") during the term of this Agreement, solely (i) in connection with the conduct of the Fund's business and (ii) as part of the trademark, corporate name or trade name "Fidelity Private Credit Fund." The Fund shall have no right to use the Licensed Name standing alone or to use any modification, stylization or derivative of the Licensed Name without prior written consent of the Adviser in its sole discretion. All rights not expressly granted to the Fund pursuant to this Section 10 shall remain the exclusive property of the Licensed Name Owner. Nothing in this Section 10 shall preclude the Adviser, its affiliates, or any of its respective successors or assigns from using or permitting other entities to use the Licensed Name whether or not such entity directly or indirectly competes or conflicts with the Fund's business in any manner.
- (b) Ownership. The Fund acknowledges and agrees that, as between the parties, an affiliate of the Adviser (the "Licensed Name Owner") is the sole owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the Licensed Name. The Fund agrees not to do anything inconsistent with such ownership, including directly or indirectly challenging, contesting or otherwise disputing the validity or enforceability of, or the Licensed Name Owner's ownership of or right, title or interest in the Licensed Name (and the associated goodwill), including without limitation, arising out of or relating to any third-party claim, allegation, action, demand, proceeding or suit regarding enforcement of this Section 10 of the Agreement or involving any third party. The parties intend that any and all goodwill in the Licensed Name arising from the Fund's or any applicable sublicensee's use of the Licensed Name shall inure solely to benefit the Adviser. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Fund is deemed to own any rights to the Licensed Name, the Fund hereby irrevocably assigns (or shall cause such sublicensee to assign), without further consideration, such rights to the Licensed Name Owner together with all goodwill associated therewith. The Licensed Name Owner shall be a third party beneficiary of this Section 10
- Sublicensing. The Fund shall not sublicense its rights under this Agreement except to a current or future majority-owned subsidiary of the Fund, and then only with the prior written consent of the Adviser or the Licensed Name Owner, provided that (a) no such subsidiary shall use the Licensed Name as part of a name other than the Fund name without the prior written consent of the Adviser or the Licensed Name Owner in its sole discretion and (b) any such sublicense shall terminate automatically, with no need for written notice, if (x) such entity ceases to be a majority-owned subsidiary, (y) this Agreement terminates for any reason or (z) the Adviser or the Licensed Name Owner gives notice of such termination. The Fund shall be responsible for any such sublicensee's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement, and any breach by a sublicensee of any such provision shall constitute a breach of this Agreement by the Fund. Neither the Fund nor any of its current or future subsidiaries shall use a new trademark, corporate name, trade name or logo that contains the Licensed Name without the prior written consent of the Adviser or the Licensed Name Owner in its sole discretion, and any resulting license shall be governed by a new agreement between the applicable parties and/or an amendment to this Agreement.
- (d) <u>Compliance</u>. In order to preserve the inherent value of the Licensed Name, the Fund agrees to use reasonable efforts to ensure that it maintains the quality of the Fund's

business and the operation thereof equal to the standards prevailing in the operation of the Adviser's and the Fund's business as of the date of this Agreement. The Fund further agrees to use the Licensed Name in accordance with such quality standards as may be reasonably established by the Adviser and communicated to the Fund from time to time in writing, or as may be agreed to by the Adviser and the Fund from time to time in writing. The Fund shall notify the Adviser promptly after it becomes aware of any actual or threatened infringement, imitation, dilution, misappropriation or other unauthorized use or conduct in derogation of the Licensed Name. The Adviser and its affiliates shall have the sole right to bring any action to remedy the foregoing, and the Fund shall cooperate with the Adviser in same, at the Adviser's expense.

- (e) <u>Upon Termination</u>. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, all rights and license granted to the Fund under this Section 10 with respect to the Licensed Name shall cease, and the Fund shall immediately discontinue use of the Licensed Name.
- 11. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing herein shall be construed as being inconsistent with the 1940 Act.

#### 12. Conflicts of Interest and Prohibited Activities.

- (a) The Adviser is not hereby granted or entitled to an exclusive right to sell or exclusive employment to sell assets for the Fund.
- (b) The Adviser shall not: (i) receive or accept any rebate, give-up or similar arrangement that is prohibited under applicable federal or state securities laws; (ii) participate in any reciprocal business arrangement that would circumvent provisions of applicable federal or state securities laws governing conflicts of interest or investment restrictions; or (iii) enter into any agreement, arrangement or understanding that would circumvent the restrictions against dealing with affiliates or promoters under applicable federal or state securities laws; or (v) receive or accept any rebate, give-up or similar arrangement, participate in any reciprocal business arrangement, or enter into any agreement, arrangement, or understanding that would circumvent Section V.G of the North American Securities Administrators Association's Omnibus Guidelines Statement of Policy.
- (c) The Adviser shall not directly or indirectly pay or award any fees or commissions or other compensation to any person engaged to sell Shares or give investment advice to a potential shareholder; provided, however, that this subsection shall not prohibit the payment to a registered broker-dealer or other properly licensed agent of properly disclosed normal sales commissions or other compensation (including cash compensation and non-cash compensation (as such terms are defined under FINRA Rule 2310)) for selling or distributing Shares, including out of the Adviser's own assets, including those amounts paid to the Adviser under this Agreement.

(d) The Adviser covenants that it shall not permit or cause to be permitted the Fund's funds to be commingled with the funds of any other person and the funds will be protected from the claims of affiliated companies and creditors of affiliated companies.

#### 13. Access to Shareholder List.

If a shareholder requests a copy of the Shareholder List pursuant to Section 11.3 of the Fund's Charter or any successor provision thereto (the "Charter Shareholder List Provision"), the Adviser is hereby authorized to request a copy of the Shareholder List from the Fund's transfer agent and send a copy of the Shareholder List to any shareholder so requesting in accordance with the Charter Shareholder List Provision. The Adviser and the Board of Trustees shall be liable to any shareholder requesting the list for the costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by that shareholder for compelling the production of the Shareholder List, and for actual damages suffered by any shareholder by reason of such refusal or neglect. It shall be a defense that the actual purpose and reason for the requests for inspection or for a copy of the Shareholder List is to secure such list of shareholder or other information for the purpose of selling such list or copies thereof, or of using the same for a commercial purpose other than in the interest of the applicant as a shareholder relative to the affairs of the Fund.

- 14. <u>Interpretation</u>. The terms "vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities," "assignment," and "interested persons," when used herein, shall have the respective meanings specified in the 1940 Act, as now in effect or as hereafter amended, and subject to such orders or no-action letters as may be granted by the SEC or its staff.
- 15. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person or by telex, email or facsimile (followed by delivery in person) to the parties at the addresses set forth below.

#### If to the Fund:

Fidelity Private Credit Fund 245 Summer Street Boston, Massachusetts 02210 Email: Cynthia.Lo.Bessette@fmr.com Attn: Secretary

#### If to the Adviser:

Fidelity Diversifying Solutions LLC 245 Summer Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02210
Email: joseph.benedetti@fmr.com

Attn: Secretary

or to such other address as to which the recipient shall have informed the other party in writing.

Unless specifically provided elsewhere, notice given as provided above shall be deemed to have been given, if by personal delivery, on the day of such delivery, and, if by facsimile, email and mail, on the date on which such facsimile, email or mail is sent.

16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, by email, facsimile, or other written form of communication, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which together constitute one and the same instrument. Signatures may be delivered via facsimile, email, or any other electronic signature method complying with applicable law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto caused their duly authorized signatories to execute this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

### FIDELITY PRIVATE CREDIT FUND

By: /s/ Heather Bonner

Name: Heather Bonner

Title: President and Treasurer

# FIDELITY DIVERSIFYING SOLUTIONS LLC

By: /s/ Christopher J. Rimmer

Name: Christopher J. Rimmer

Title: Treasurer