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## Portfolio Performance & Characteristics

Focused on generating current income and an attractive risk-adjusted return

**Annualized Return First Lien Distribution Yield Inception to Date Senior Secured** 99.6% 12 9%2 **10.1%**<sup>1</sup>

## **Investment Approach**

- Fidelity Private Credit Fund seeks to generate attractive current income by originating senior secured loans to privately-owned companies
- · We focus on direct lending to private-equity owned, middle market companies with a strong cash flow profile and attractive growth prospects
- Senior secured loans are positioned in the most protected level of the capital structure, potentially mitigating risk of loss
- These loans have floating interest rates, also potentially reducing price volatility

## **Illustrative Capital Structure for a Borrower**

**Floating Rate** 

**Investments** 

99.6%

Not FDIC Insured ● May Lose Value ● No Bank Guarantee



### **Portfolio Credit Metrics**

Loan to Value	Senior Leverage	Interest Coverage	Yield to Average
40%	4.3X	2.1X	11.7%



All portfolio data shown as of 6/30/24. Annualized distribution yield is calculated by annualizing the current declared distribution and dividing by the last reported monthly net asset value We cannot guarantee that we will make distributions, and if we do, we may fund such distributions from sources other than cash flow from operations, including the sale of assets, borrowings, return of capital, or offering proceeds, and we have no limits on the amounts we may pay from such sources. See the Fund's prospectus. Distributions may also be funded in significant part, directly or indirectly, from temporary waivers or expense reimbursements borne by the Adviser or its affiliates, that may be subject to reimbursement to the Adviser or its affiliates. The repayment of any amounts owed to our affiliates will reduce future distributions to which you would otherwise be entitled. The Fund will post notices regarding distributions subject to Section 19(a) of the investment Company Act of 1940, if applicable. <sup>2</sup>Fund Inception 3/13/2023. While our strategic focus is within the range indicated above, the fund may selectively make investments in companies outside this range. Past performance of an index is no guarantee of future results. An investment may be risky and may not be suitable for an investor's goals, objectives and risk tolerance. Investors should be aware that an investment's value may be volatile and any investment involves the risk that you may lose money. Loan to Value is the average at closing for directly originated loans. Senior Leverage is the current weighted average for directly originated loans. Interest Coverage is the pro-forma trailing 12-month ratio. Yield to Average is the current weighted average of all investments, including directly originated loans and syndicated loans.

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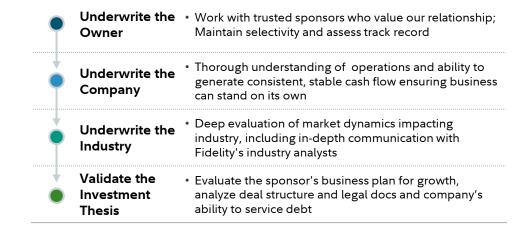
## **Philosophy and Process**

- The broader Private Credit Fund team is led by a senior leadership team averaging more than 20 years of middle market credit experience.
- We strategically focus on lending to companies in the core and lower-middle markets\* while investing opportunistically in the upper-middle market.
- We prioritize sourcing investments through trusted private equity sponsors, that stand as reliable counterparties, offering experience in managing businesses and conducting high-quality due-diligence on potential investments.
- We construct the portfolio with investments that undergo a rigorous underwriting process utilizing a bottom-up, fundamental investment approach.
- We believe that proper loan documentation is important, and we always seek to negotiate effective structural features (covenants) to help protect capital in the event a borrower experiences challenges.

# **Strategic Focus Across the Middle Market**



# Independent Fundamental Due Diligence





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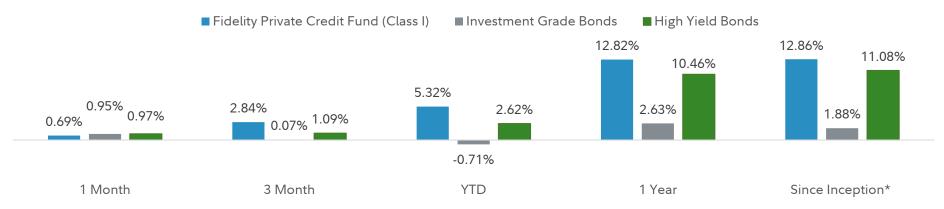
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## Performance as of 6/30/24



#### Q2 2024 Selected New Investments

#### The Smilist, Health Care Services

The Smilist is a dental group offering general and cosmetic dentistry services across several states in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast. We believe this company represents an attractive opportunity to invest in a healthcare platform within an industry segment that could potentially benefit from expanded coverage of healthcare services, an aging demographic, and evergrowing societal values placed on oral hygiene. The sponsor has invested in the company for approximately 10 years and has a track record of investing in multi-site healthcare-services companies.

## Midas Foods, Food Distributor

Midas Foods is a custom dry ingredient recipe formulator and developer for sauces, desserts, seasonings, mixes and soups. It has a nationwide footprint serving restaurants and food manufacturers/processors, among other customers. We believe Midas represents an attractive opportunity to invest in a specialized-food manufacturer with a niche offering in a mature end-market that may potentially benefit from favorable tailwinds. Midas also offers the chance to work alongside a sponsor that's demonstrated a track record in the consumer-services industry.

## **Epiq Solutions, Electronic Components**

Epiq is an engineering company that develops state-of-the-art software-defined radio (SDR) platforms and wireless applications for government and commercial customers. The company represents an attractive opportunity to invest in a differentiated SDR developer (with owned IP) of mission-critical products used across international defense and intelligence programs. The forecasted demand in the defense industry, in part due to ongoing international conflicts and a rapidly changing technology landscape, only adds to our conviction in Epiq.



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# **Direct Lending Environment & Market Outlook**

- Broadly syndicated loan issuance recovered strongly through the first half of 2024, putting pressure on direct lending pricing and structure. This dynamic was most pronounced in the upper-middle market (borrowers that typically generate in excess of \$75M of EBITDA annually). Spreads have declined around 100 to 150 basis points since Q4 2022 in this sector of the middle market.
- New LBO deal volume increased for the fourth consecutive month in June 2024 while total deal volume more than doubled during the first half of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023. Refinancing activity represented about 55% of all deal volume through June compared to about 12% for the same period the year prior.
- The recent increase in new LBO deals suggests that the bid/ask spread currently inhibiting deal volume may be beginning to dissipate, signaling a potential resurgence in direct-lending investment opportunities looking forward.
- The core and lower-middle markets continued to exhibit relatively stable deal volume. Spreads in these segments have declined around 50 to 100 bps since the peak in spreads in late 2022 and early 2023.
- Deals closed through the later half of 2022 and the first half of 2023 may potentially remain material contributors for direct lenders as sponsors capitalize on declining spreads and seek to refinance 2022 and 2023 vintage loans to reduce debt service burdens for borrowers.
- Capital structures continue to reflect the possibility of "higher for longer" rates with equity capitalization at the higher end of the historical range generally 45% to 55%, or more, in the core and lower-middle market.
- Despite these broader market pressures, middle market direct-loan yields remain historically attractive. Base rates remain slightly above 5%, producing all in yields in the 10% to 12% range.

# **Senior Investment Leadership Team**



**David Gaito**Head of Direct Lending
Co-Lead Portfolio Manager



Therese Icuss
Managing Director
Co-Lead Portfolio Manager



**Jeffrey Scott**Managing Director
Co-Lead Portfolio Manager



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- · There is no assurance that we will achieve our investment objective.
- An investment in our Common Shares may not be appropriate for all investors and is not designed to be a complete investment program.
- · This is a "blind pool" offering and thus you will not have the opportunity to evaluate our investments before we make them.
- You should not expect to be able to sell your shares regardless of how we perform.
- You should consider that you may not have access to the money you invest for an extended period of time.
- · We do not intend to list our shares on any securities exchange, and we do not expect a secondary market in our shares to develop.
- · Because you may be unable to sell your shares, you will be unable to reduce your exposure in any market downturn.
- We intend to implement a share repurchase program, but only a limited number of shares will be eligible for repurchase and repurchases will be subject to available liquidity and other significant restrictions.
- An investment in our Common Shares is not suitable for you if you need access to the money you invest.
- We cannot guarantee that we will make distributions, and if we do we may fund such distributions from sources other than cash flow from operations, including, without limitation, the sale of assets, borrowings, or return of capital, and we have no limits on the amounts we may pay from such sources.
- Distributions may also be funded in significant part, directly or indirectly, from temporary waivers or expense reimbursements borne by the Adviser or its affiliates, that may be subject to reimbursement to the Adviser or its affiliates. The repayment of any amounts owed to the Adviser or its affiliates will reduce future distributions to which you would otherwise be entitled.
- · We use leverage, which will magnify the potential for loss on amounts invested in us.
- We qualify as an "emerging growth company" as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act and we cannot be certain if the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies will make our Common Shares less attractive to investors.
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