# Fidelity Private Credit Fund

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- · We have no prior operating history and 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.
- We intend to invest primarily in securities that are rated below investment grade by rating agencies or that would be rated below investment grade if they were rated. Below investment grade securities, which are often referred to as "junk," have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. They may also be illiquid and difficult to value.



# Fidelity Alternative Investments



# Alternative Investments at Fidelity

Investing beyond the traditional

Reasons to consider adding alternatives to a portfolio



Alternative investment strategies may not be suitable for all investors and are not intended to be a complete investment program. • Alternatives may be relatively illiquid; it may be difficult to determine the current market value of the asset; and there may be limited historical risk and return data. • Costs of purchase and sale may be relatively high. • A high degree of investment analysis may be required before investing. • Alternative investments are subject to eligibility requirements.

Diversification does not ensure a profit or guarantee against a loss. Alternative investments are not all created equally, nor will all strategies provide or experience the desired benefits referenced. Performance of any alternative investment may be different than expected.



# Fidelity asset management foundation

Specialized capabilities of a boutique manager backed by a world class financial services firm



\* Includes meeting with brokers, AART shareholders, analyst days, site visits, strategist meetings, calls, private meeting and prospects

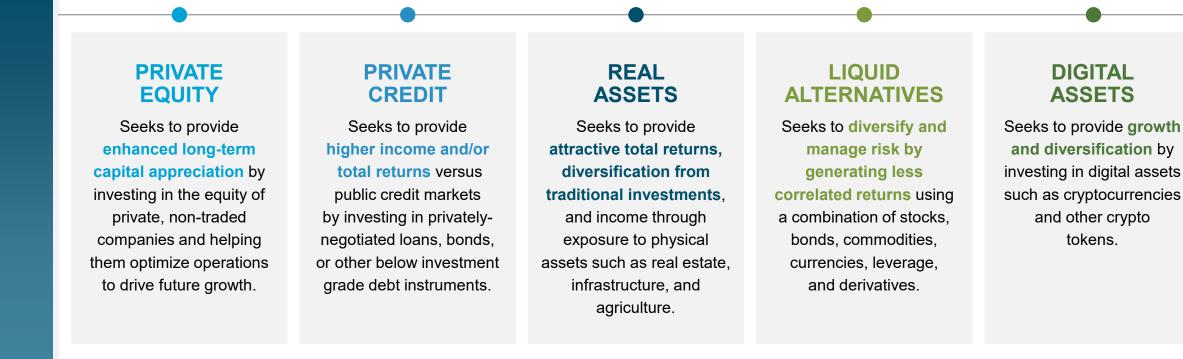
Source: Fidelity Investments, as of March 31, 2025. Data is unaudited.



## **Types of Alternative Investments**

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Expanding the investment universe through a range of categories





# Fidelity Private Credit Fund

Access to Direct Lending for Investors Seeking Current Income and Attractive Risk-Adjusted Returns



## Fidelity Private Credit Fund

Access to direct lending: Potential for attractive current income & risk-adjusted total return

### Attractive Return Profile

Investments in directly originated floating rate loans generate returns from contractual interest payments, helping reduce volatility and mitigate risk

### Capital Preservation

Investments focused on senior secured debt which is the most protected portion of the capital structure, helping protect investments from losses

### Monthly Income Distributions<sup>1</sup>

Investments generate attractive income through regular, contractually determined interest payments which is paid out to investors monthly

### FIDELITY PRIVATE CREDIT FUND: A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (BDC)

Access to Private Credit with	1099	Quarterly liquidity	
low minimum investments	Tax Reporting	up to <b>5.0%</b> ²	

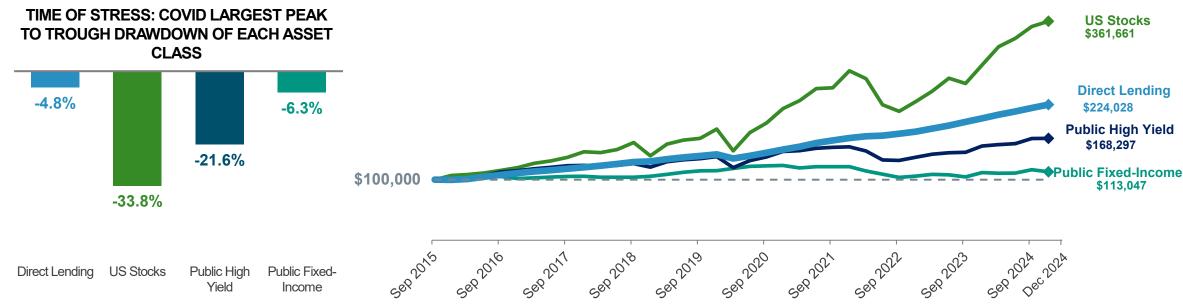
<sup>1</sup>Monthly distributions are not guaranteed and are subject to Board approval.

<sup>2</sup>As of March 31, 2025. Share repurchases are also not guaranteed and are subject to board approval. Quarterly liquidity of up to 5.0% of fund shares at NAV quarter end. For use with eligible investors only.



### Direct Lending: Historically Stable & Attractive Returns Hypothetical growth of \$100,000 using quarterly index returns since 2015

Historical returns of **direct lending** have exhibited the consistency of **public fixed-income**, total returns comparable to **US stocks**, and more modest declines than **US stocks** and **public high yield** in periods of stress.



#### For illustrative purposes only.

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. The chart depicts the growth of a hypothetical \$100,000 invested in the indexes specified. If invested on September 30, 2015 using quarterly returns of various indexes. It is shown for illustrative purposes only and not intended to represent the past or future performance of any investment strategy or product. It is not possible to invest in an index; index performance does not include any fees that would apply to an investment in an actual security product. Direct Lending, US Stocks, Public High Yield and Public Fixed in come represented by the Cliffwater Direct Lending Index, S&P 500 Index, ICE BAML US High Yield Index and the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index respectively. Source: Cliffwater, Standard & Poor's, ICE Data Services and Bloomberg, as of December 31, 2024. Drawdown for COVID 19 was peak to trough for HY (2/20/20–3/23/20), BBG US Aggregate (3/9/20–3/19/20), and DL (12/31/19–3/31/20).



### The U.S. middle market: A large and growing opportunity set Direct Lenders provide debt capital needed to grow their businesses

U.S. middle market: Privately owned enterprises with annual revenue from \$10M to \$1B



Source: National Center for the Middle Market and International Monetary Fund (IMF) as of December 31, 2024.



### Characteristics of Middle Market Direct Loans Providing Debt Capital to Finance the Growth of Privately Owned Enterprises

### **Middle Market Direct Loans**

Nontraded, privately negotiated loans

Predominantly senior secured debt positions providing greater protection against losses

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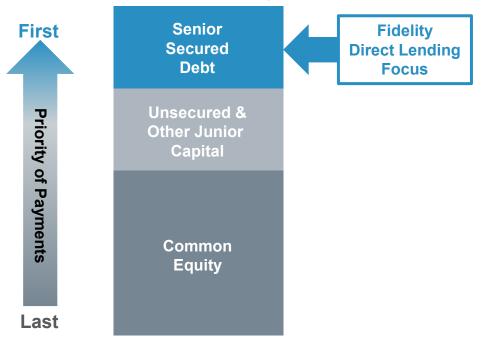
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Generally, offers higher income than other credit markets

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Floating rate debt may help to mitigate the impact of rising rates

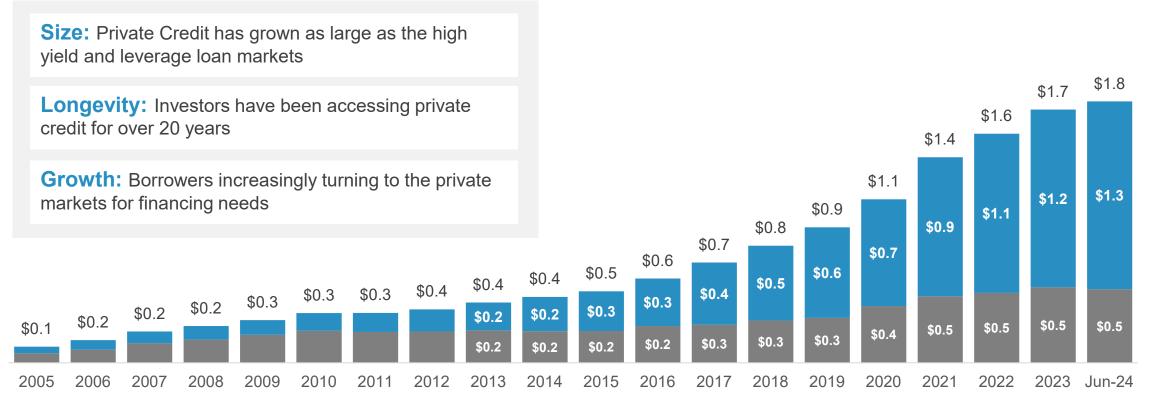
### Illustrative Capital Structure of a Middle Market Enterprise



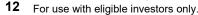
Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

### Size, Longevity and Growth of Private Markets Long-term shift out of public markets into private markets

Size of US Private Credit Market (\$T)



Private Credit ex DL
Direct Lending





## The Fidelity Edge

### An Experienced Direct Lending Team + the Fidelity Capabilities and Heritage in Credit & Leveraged Finance



## Fidelity Direct Lending: Our Strategy & Edge

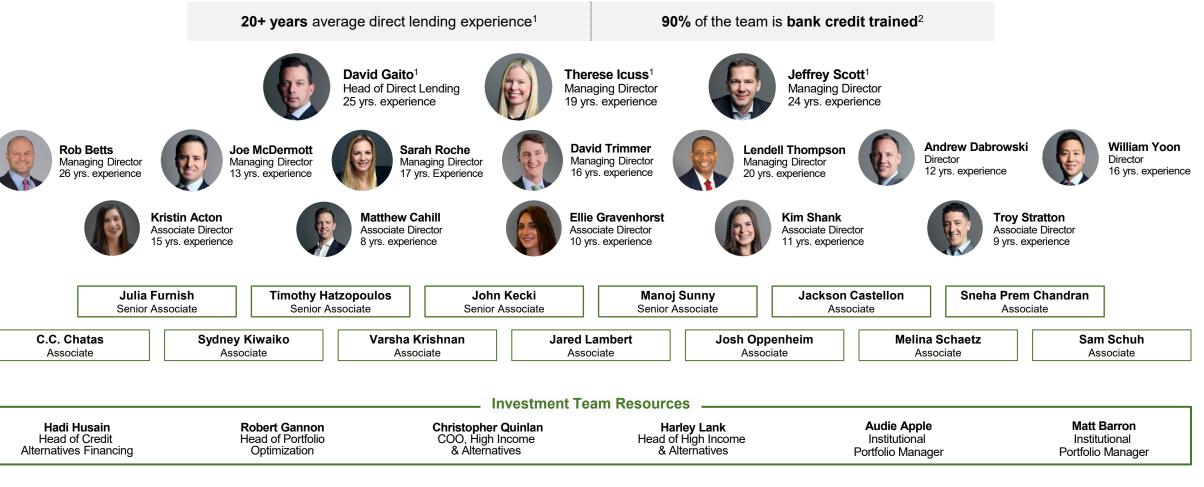
	The Opportunity	The Investment Strategy	The Fidelity Edge	
C	Capture the compelling	Focused on providing senior	A seasoned Direct Lending	
	credit investment	secured credit solutions	team with deep relationships	
	opportunity in private middle	across the middle market for	coupled with Fidelity's	
	market companies	PE-backed companies	leveraged credit platform	



# Fidelity Direct Lending Investment Team

Deep relationships and track records of execution and success with middle market sponsors

### An experienced Investment Leadership Team with strong credit underwriting credentials



Source: Fidelity Investments, as of March 31, 2025.

<sup>1</sup>Investment Committee Members. <sup>2</sup>Based on team members at a Director level and above.



### A Natural Extension of the Fidelity Leveraged Credit Platform

Capabilities across the spectrum supported by proprietary research creates powerful synergies

### **SELECTED FIDELITY HIGHLIGHTS**

<b>1946</b>	<b>\$5.9T</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>490</b>	
Founded & Remains	Total Discretionary	Investment	Research	
Privately Held	Assets	Professionals	Professionals	
	<b>\$893B</b>	fixed income assets under management		

### LEVERAGED CREDIT CAPABILITIES



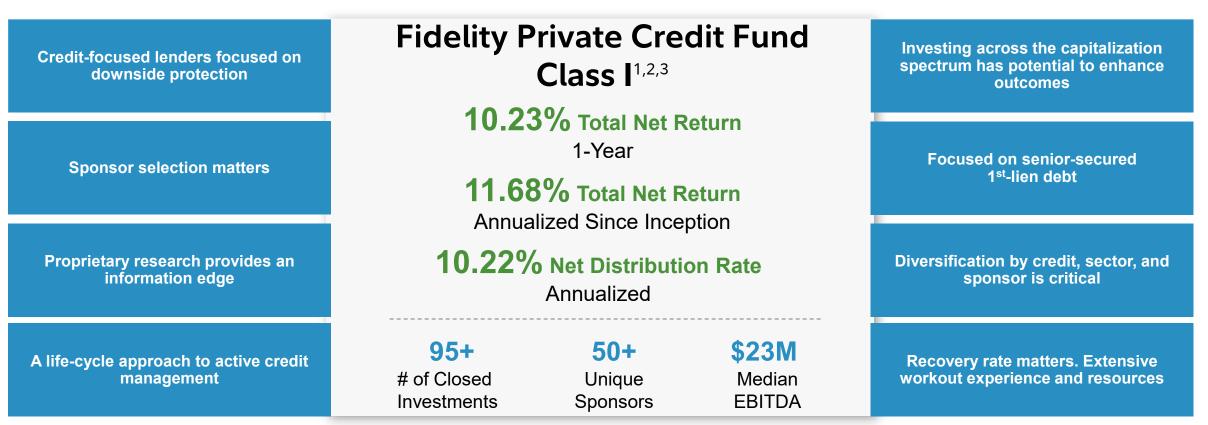
Assets under management includes all Fidelity investment products, such as mutual funds and managed accounts.

All figures, rounded, as of March 31, 2025. Direct Lending AUM reflects buying power across all vehicles.



## Fidelity Direct Lending Track Record

Bottom-up credit investors focused on downside protection



Source: Fidelity Investments, performance as of March 31, 2025. Fund inception date is March 13, 2023. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Class I does not have upfront placement fees.

1. Total Net Return is calculated as the change in NAV per share during the period, plus distributions per share (assuming dividends and distributions are reinvested) divided by the beginning NAV per share and are net of Fidelity Private Credit Fund's (the Fund) fees and expenses. Returns greater than one year are annualized. Returns exclude the impact of early repurchase deductions on the repurchase of shares that have been outstanding for less than one year. The returns have been prepared using unaudited data and valuations of the underlying investments in the Fund which are estimates of fair value and form the basis for the Fund's NAV. The Adviser reimbursed or waived a portion of the Fund's expenses. Absent such reimbursement/waiver, returns would have been lower.

2. Annualized distribution yield is calculated by annualizing the current declared distribution and dividing by the last reported monthly NAV. We cannot guarantee that we will make distributions. Distributions have been and may in the future be funded through 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. Please see the Important Information section for more details.

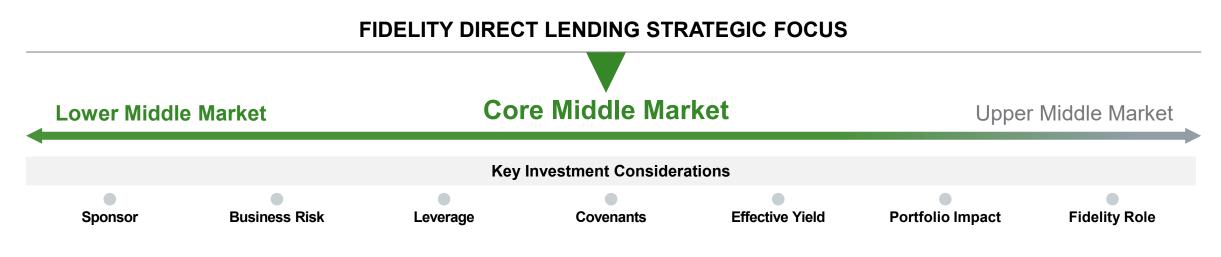
3. Closed Private Credit Investments, Unique Sponsors and Median EBITDA across all vehicles as of March 31, 2025.



### We Strategically Invest Across the Middle Market

Approach enhances sourcing efforts & helps optimize portfolio risk/return

Credit-by-credit analysis balancing key investment considerations that vary across credit cycles



### **Potential Benefits to Investors**

### **Deeper Relationships**

Sponsors are active across the spectrum. Lenders who are active across the spectrum are in an advantaged position

#### **Enhanced Deal Flow**

Enables **increased selectivity and elimination of reverse selection bias** which empowers the team to select the best credits

#### **Information Advantage**

Ability to **further benefit from winning investments** as the business scales from the Lower to Upper Middle Market

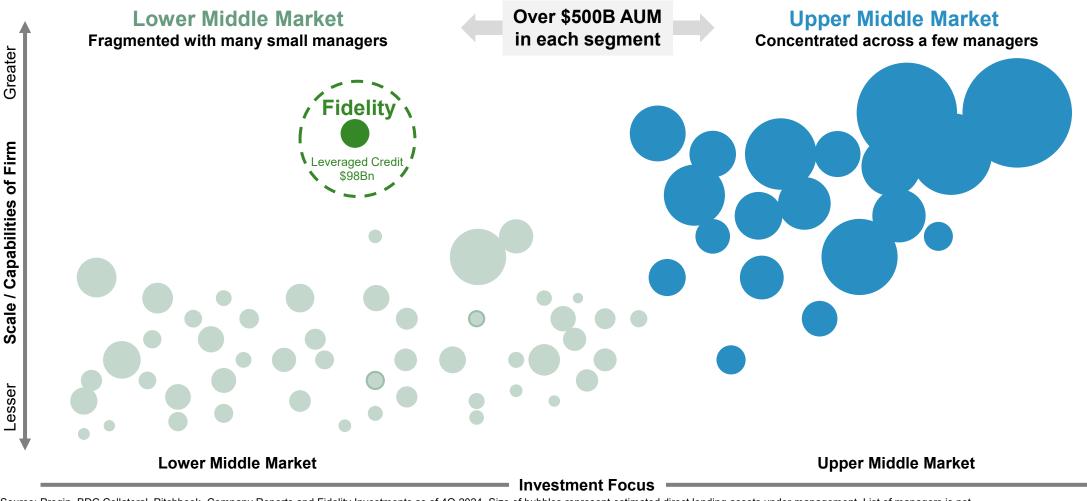
#### **Improved Risk/Return**

Investing across the capitalization spectrum can enhance diversification and optimize portfolio risk/return



### **Direct Lending Manager Landscape**

Fidelity Scale & Resources: A differentiated value proposition in the core and lower middle market



Source: Preqin, BDC Collateral, Pitchbook, Company Reports and Fidelity Investments as of 4Q 2024. Size of bubbles represent estimated direct lending assets under management. List of managers is not exhaustive but represents a cross-section of managers active in middle-market direct lending. Dotted bubble for Fidelity represents leveraged credit assets under management while solid bubble represents middle market direct lending assets under management.



# The Fidelity Edge in middle market direct lending

An experienced direct lending team supported by a leveraged credit platform of scale

### The power of our platform

Our experienced middle market direct lending team brings long-standing expertise and relationships, which are enhanced by Fidelity's broader leveraged finance capabilities & extensive proprietary, real-time research effort



Experienced Team

Direct lending leadership team has an average of **20+ years** of middlemarket credit experience.

Fidelity has over **50 years** in the credit markets, and more than **\$600 billion** in credit investments under management.



### Targeted Sourcing

Direct lending senior team members have significant relationships with leading middle market private equity sponsors.

Sourcing via select sponsors may result in higher quality deal flow, improved efficiency and riskadjusted returns.



### 360° Underwriting

Breadth of resources provides unique perspectives that may lead to more informed decisions.

Facilitates **deeper and differentiated insights** that may enhance returns and mitigate investment risk.



### Active Portfolio Management

Active and experienced portfolio management through cycles helps protect capital and improve outcomes.

The team and Fidelity's experience in **restructuring and distressed investing** provide further support and protection during periods of stress.



Source: Fidelity Investments as of March 31, 2025.

## The Fidelity Value Proposition Resonates with Quality Sponsors

**Representative list of sponsors we have closed investments with at Fidelity** 



Longstanding relationships have provided high quality investment opportunities





## Lifecyle of an investment

Our investor mindset and focus on risk mitigation is embodied in each stage



### INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE

Underwrite the Owner	Underwrite the Company	Underwrite the Industry	Validate the Investment Thesis
Work with trusted sponsors who value our relationship; Maintain selectivity and assess track record	Thorough understanding of operations and ability to generate consistent, stable cash flow ensuring business can stand on its own	Deep evaluation of market dynamics impacting industry, including in-depth communication with Fidelity's industry analysts	
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## **Proprietary Research Insights Inform Credit Decisions**

Experienced credit team + proprietary research leads to More Informed Credit Decisions

**490** research professionals

30+ unique industry sectors covered

5,000+ in-house visits per year

25,000+ company contacts per year

40,000+ proprietary research notes per year

- Aerospace
- Automotive & Parts
- Broadcasting
- Banks & Thrifts ٠
- **Building Materials**
- Capital Goods

- Chemicals
- Cable/Satellite TV
- Consumer Products
- Containers
- Diversified Media
- Energy

- Entertainment
- Environmental
- Financial Services
- Food/Drug Retail
- Food & Beverage
- Gaming

- Healthcare

  - Homebuilders Hotels & Leisure
  - Insurance
  - Metals & Mining
  - Publishing

- Railroads
- Real Estate
- Retail & Restaurants
- Services
- Software
- Steel

- Technology
- Telecommunications
- Textiles/Apparel
- Transportation
- Utilities

### Sector & Industry

Perspective on secular and cyclical dynamics likely to affect operating performance

### Customers

What are the key factors driving vendor selection? Is the purchase decision deferrable?

### **Suppliers**

What is the risk of business disruption from supply chain issues? Insights on pricing dynamics & margins.

### Competitors

Key competitive dynamics, potential for innovation or disruption impacting market share, etc.

### **Deal Valuation**

Research on public comps provides insights on deal multiple and key valuation drivers, as well as paths to exit



# Utilizing Proprietary Research Insights in Practice

Fidelity platform provides unique and differentiated insights relative to competitors

	Company Description	Key Considerations	Fidelity Enhanced Proprietary Diligence
Proprietary research process resulted in high conviction following underwriting and diligence process, positioning Fidelity to win lead Admin Agent role in new LBO acquisition financing	Independent sales representative firm selling commercial HVAC equipment to contractors, building engineers, and property owners in education, government, industrial, healthcare, and hospitality end markets	<ul> <li>How do customers select and purchase HVAC solutions?</li> <li>Why would a customer use an independent sales representative firm vs. an OEM?</li> <li>Could the Company's customers reduce spending in a downturn? How deferable are HVAC purchases?</li> <li>Are the Company's OEM partners considered best-inclass? What are they projecting for industry growth?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Industry Standard Diligence PLUS</li> <li>Primary research on HVAC acquisition and maintenance via FMR Real Estate Operations</li> <li>Long-term Equity &amp; Fixed Income coverage across multiple customers to inform views on demand stability</li> <li>FMR Analyst coverage of HVAC sector with insights on market positioning of OEMs on Company line card along with near-term business outlooks</li> </ul>



# Fidelity Private Credit Fund

Executive Summary & Fund Terms



## The Fidelity Advantage in Direct Lending

A Multi-Decade Heritage in Leveraged Credit Creates Synergies for Direct Lending Platform



### The Power of the Fidelity Leveraged Credit Platform

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FIDELITY DIRECT LENDING
Well known brand with sponsors	Seasoned middle market credit team
Scale & scope of proprietary research	Focused on downside risk
A strong heritage across the leveraged credit spectrum	Strategic investors across the middle market

**Ownership Mentality taken with every credit** Deal team typically owns the credit for the life of the investment

Rigorous credit approach consistently applied

Fundamental bottoms-up independent research & credit analysis

**Extensive Workout Experience** 300+ Workouts Across Fidelity & Direct Lending Team Combined



Source: Fidelity Investments as of March 31, 2025.

## Fidelity Private Credit Fund: Principal Terms

Principal Terms					
Investment Advisor	Fidelity Diversifying Solutions LLC				
Eligible Investors	Eligibility minimums apply and vary by state of residence. See prospectus for details.				
Fund Structure	Public, non-list	ed, perpetually offered business development company (BDC)			
Minimum Investment	Share class sp	ecific			
Subscriptions	Monthly at NA	$\prime$ (fully funded) accepted on the first business day of each month with 5	busine	ss days advanced notification	
Distributions	Monthly distrib Not guaranteed	utions d and subject to Board of Trustees ("Board") approval			
		ake quarterly repurchases of up to 5.0% of fund shares at NAV at quart			
Liquidity	<ul> <li>Shares not h</li> </ul>	eld for at least 12 months and tendered for repurchase are subject to re	epurcha	ise at 98% at NAV	
	Not guarante	ed and subject to Board approval. The share repurchase program may	be mo	dified, suspended or terminated at the Board's discretion.	
Leverage	Expected ranget at 2.0X	e 0.90X–1.5X debt-to-equity with a regulatory cap			
Tax Reporting	Form 1099 DI	1			
Fees					
Management Fee	• 1.25% on ne	t (vs. gross) assets			
Incentive Fee		investment income subject to a 5.0% annualized hurdle with a catch-un nulative realized gains net of realized and unrealized losses paid	p, and	paid quarterly in arrears	
Additional Fees Class S & D ONLY	and a shareh a shareholde	nolder servicing and/or distribution fee equal to 0.85% per annum of the r servicing fee equal to 0.25% per annum of the aggregate NAV.	aggreę	50% cap on NAV for Class S shares and a 1.50% cap on NAV for Class D late NAV as of the beginning of the first calendar day of the month for the	Class S shares, and for Class D shares,
	I he total und	- · · - · · ·	ill not e	xceed 10% and 15%, respectively, of the gross proceeds from this offering	
Share Class Specific Fees		Class I		Class S	Class D
<b>N</b> 41		<b>*</b> 05,0001		Only available through certain non-Fidelity finance	ial intermediaries
Minimum Investment		\$25,000 <sup>1</sup>		\$2,500	\$2,500
Upfront Placement Fee		None		Up to 3.5%	Up to 1.5%
Maximum Early Repurchase Deduction <sup>2</sup>		2.00%		2.00%	2.00%
Total Annual Expenses		5.08%		5.93%	5.33%
Total Annual Expenses (after expense support) <sup>3</sup>		3.80%		4.65%	4.05%

As of March 31, 2025. See next page for disclosures.



## Fidelity Private Credit Fund: Principal Terms Disclosures

Fees and Expenses shown are intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in Common Shares will bear, directly or indirectly. Other expenses are estimated and may vary. Actual expenses may be greater or less than shown.

- 1. The Managing Dealer has waived or reduced from \$1,000,000 for certain categories of investors.
- 2. Under our share repurchase program, to the extent we offer to repurchase shares in any particular quarter, we expect to repurchase shares pursuant to tender offers using a purchase price equal to the NAV per share as of the last calendar day of the applicable quarter, except that shares that have not been outstanding for at least one year may be subject to a fee of 2.0% of such NAV. The one-year holding period is measured as of the subscription closing date immediately following the prospective repurchase date. The Early Repurchase Deduction may be waived in the case of repurchase requests arising from the death, divorce or qualified disability of the holder. The Early Repurchase Deduction will be retained by the Fund for the benefit of remaining shareholders.
- 3. We have entered into the Expense Support Agreement with the Adviser pursuant to which the Adviser is obligated to advance all of our "Other Operating Expenses" (each, a "Required Expense Payment") for the 12-month period commencing September 23, 2022, and unless terminated, for each successive one-year period, to the effect that such expenses do not exceed 0.70% (on an annualized basis) of the Fund's NAV. The Adviser may elect to pay, at such times as the Adviser determines, certain expenses on our behalf (each, a "Voluntary Expense Payment" and together with a Required Expense Payment, the "Expense Payments"), provided that no portion of the payment will be used to pay any interest expense or distribution and/or shareholder servicing fees of the Fund. The Adviser will be entitled to reimbursement of an Expense Payment from Fund under certain conditions. However, the Adviser has waived its right to receive any reimbursement effective from the Fund's inception date until such time as revoked by the Adviser upon thirty days' prior written notice to the Fund. Because the Adviser's obligation to make Voluntary Expense Payments is voluntary, the fees above do not reflect the impact of any Voluntary Expense Payments from the Adviser.



## **Research-Informed Investments**

Portfolio Management: Balancing Credit Quality, Pricing, and Structure



## **Transaction Case Study: Project Heat**

Industry Building Products		Close Date April 2023	Underwritten YTA <sup>1</sup> 12.5%	
TRANSACTION	IDETAILS	COMPANY OVERVIEW		
Security Type: Senior secured loan and revolving credit facility		The Company provides a wide breadth of HVAC OEM offerings to its customers		
Coupon:	SOFR+650bps	and has a highly specialized and technical salesforce that are consulted by customers when determining an HVAC solution.		
Deal Fee:	3.00% OID <sup>2</sup>			
Call Protection:	102 / 101			

#### **INVESTMENT THESIS**

Utilized Fidelity resources early in the diligence process, resulting in certainty of execution for a longstanding Sponsor relationship with members of the Direct Lending team having successfully closed multiple previous financings. We provided a high conviction proposal to a company that has a diversified platform with a defensible market niche in a mature industry.

We were able to complete this transaction by leveraging FMR Real Estate Operations (Pembroke) to diligence purchase considerations and replacement cycles of HVAC units for commercial buildings. The Direct Lending team also worked with Fidelity equity analysts' that cover major HVAC OEMs for insights on market positioning of OEMs on Company line card along with near-term business outlooks.

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<sup>1</sup>Underwritten Yield to Average (YTA) is not a measure of performance; rather, it reflects the underwritten terms of the loan investment. YTA represents the effective yield on the investment and reflects the investment's coupon rate, OID, and an assumed average life of 3 years. The actual life of the investment may differ which would impact the YTA. <sup>2</sup>OID represents a fee charged to the borrower in the form of an original issue discount (OID) which is discount to the full par value due over the term of the loan.



## Transaction Case Study: Project Falcon

	Industry Technology Services	Close Date August 2023	Underwritten YTA <sup>1</sup> 12.8%		
TRANSACTIC	ON DETAILS	COMPANY OVERVIEW	COMPANY OVERVIEW		
Security Type:	Senior secured loan, revolving credit facility				
Coupon:	SOFR+650bps	The Company provides software an	nd technology-enabled support and		
Deal Fee:	3.00% OID <sup>2</sup>	development services for federal government customers.			
Call Protection:	102 / 101				

#### **INVESTMENT THESIS**

Fidelity Direct Lending team transacted with the Sponsor across multiple prior realized and existing platforms with successful outcomes both in a lead and club participant capacity. The relationship allowed us to provide an attractive financing solution to a company that offers a compelling value proposition through high customer and revenue retention rates, and high barriers to entry in an industry with secular tailwinds.

Fidelity Direct Lending leveraged Fidelity analysts' extensive knowledge of the GovTech Services and Defense sectors to diligence market outlook, government budget environment, and long-term budget growth. We provided high conviction responses on an expedited timeline given knowledge advantage over other lenders acquired through the Deal Team's experience and access to broader Fidelity resources.

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## Transaction Case Study: Project Parabola

	Industry Pharmaceuticals	Close Date November 2023	Underwritten YTA <sup>1</sup> 12.6%	
TRANSACTION	DETAILS	COMPANY OVERVIEW		
Security Type:	Senior secured loan, revolving credit facility, delayed draw term loan	ayed The Company manufactures research-use-only, functional grade antibodies in <i>in vivo</i> (i.e., in live animal models) pre-clinical research focused on oncole and immunology.		
Coupon:	SOFR+625bps			
Deal Fee:	2.50% OID <sup>2</sup>			
Call Protection:	102 / 101			

#### **INVESTMENT THESIS**

Fidelity Direct Lending team leveraged a 10+ year relationship with key principals at the Sponsor to provide a flexible financing solution to a company with a defensible market niche, diversified customer base, consistently high operating margins and favorable industry dynamics.

Fidelity Direct Lending team drew on in-house equity analysts' extensive knowledge of the highly complex and niche segment of the biotech industry to inform our diligence process and provide insights to the Sponsor. We also utilized independent third-party research reports obtained through Fidelity's analysts that validated the Company's market positioning and breadth of industry citations relative to competitors. Our process allowed us to provide a high conviction proposal on an expedited timeline given knowledge advantage over other lenders acquired through the Deal Team's pharmaceutical experience and access to Fidelity resources.

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# Fidelity Direct Lending Team

### Biographies





David Gaito, CFA Head of Direct Lending

David Gaito is head of direct lending in the High Income and Alternatives division at Fidelity Investments. Mr. Gaito leads Fidelity's direct lending business, which is focused on making credit investments to middle market companies predominately owned by private equity firms. Prior to joining Fidelity, Mr. Gaito held several senior roles during a distinguished career at PNC Corporate and Institutional Banking.

He was most recently an executive vice president and division executive for PNC's middle market senior secured lending platform, with responsibility for managing the daily operations of a division that included the Boston, Chicago, New York, and Toronto hubs. In this capacity, he was responsible for all aspects of the division's credit management and new business origination. David has an extensive track record in leading divisions, acquiring talent, and mentoring employees to grow assets under management. He brings over 25 years of expertise to the role and has been in the financial industry since 1999.

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#### Therese Icuss Managing Director

Therese Icuss is a managing director of underwriting and credit in the High Income and Alternatives division at Fidelity Investments. Ms. Icuss is a member of the investment committee and oversees the credit, underwriting, and portfolio management functions for Fidelity's direct lending business, which is focused on making credit investments to middle market companies predominately owned by private equity firms.

Prior to joining Fidelity, Ms. Icuss was co-head of underwriting at Twin Brook Capital Partners responsible for oversight of a portfolio of nearly 180 borrowers and \$10B+ AUM, including distressed and workout management and oversight of all new direct origination and management of a team of 40+ underwriters. Prior to that, she worked as a director at Chase Capital responsible for middle market credit and deal execution for senior, 2nd lien, mezzanine and equity investments and ongoing portfolio management including workout responsibilities. She also worked as an analyst at JP Morgan Bank, NA where she held various roles in commercial banking credit, including portfolio management responsibility for a middle market credit portfolio. She has been in the financial industry since 2005.

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Jeffrey Scott Managing Director

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Prior to joining Fidelity, Mr. Scott was managing director at Madison Capital Funding where he sourced and structured senior, unitranche, mezzanine and equity co-investments with a focus on high-quality sponsor-backed companies. Prior to that, he worked as a managing director at Cerberus Capital responsible for running the Chicago office and focused on sourcing, underwriting, and structuring higher-yielding senior, 2nd lien and unitranche loans for more storied middle-market companies. He also worked as an associate at Antares Capital and underwrote senior cash flow loans and equity co-investments for private equity backed middle market companies. He has been in the financial industry since 1997.

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#### Robert Betts Managing Director

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Prior to joining Fidelity, Mr. Betts worked at PNC Financial Services Group for eight years. He served as the head of originations for New England and Canada in PNC's senior secured lending group. Mr. Betts has 19 years of experience, including structuring investments around acquisitions, recapitalizations, and special situations. He has been in the financial industry since 2004. Previously, he also served four years as an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps.

Mr. Betts earned his bachelor of arts degree in history from Yale University and his masters of business administration from Harvard Business School.





#### Sarah Roche Managing Director

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Prior to joining Fidelity in 2023, Ms. Roche was head of Capital Markets and managing director at Twin Brook Capital Partners, focusing on structuring, pricing, negotiating, and executing multi lender transactions. She joined Twin Brook in 2017 as a vice president overseeing a team of underwriters focused on new deal execution and portfolio management. Previously, she was a vice president at NXT Capital LLC. Prior to NXT, Ms. Roche held several positions at JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A, including credit analyst, mezzanine debt private placement associate and syndicated leveraged finance associate. She has been in the financial industry since 2007.

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Managing Director

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Prior to joining Fidelity, Mr. McDermott was a vice president at Madison Capital Funding where he co-led new deal underwriting and execution for the general industries vertical and was the chair of Madison's ESG committee. He also held various underwriting roles focused on new deal execution and portfolio management within the general industries vertical and healthcare vertical at Madison Capital Funding. Prior to that, he was an associate on the Foreign Multi-National Corporates team and a credit analyst within the middle market group at J.P. Morgan Chase. He has been in the financial industry since 2010.

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Prior to assuming his current role, Mr. Trimmer was a research analyst in the High Income and Alternatives division focused on broadly syndicated bank loans and high yield bonds, among other asset classes. Prior to joining Fidelity in 2020, Mr. Trimmer was an investment analyst at Liberty Mutual Investments. Previously, he held various investment analyst roles at Barings. He has been in the financial industry since 2008.

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Mr. Thompson earned his Bachelor of Arts in economics at Columbia University and his Master of Business Administration from UCLA Anderson School of Management.

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Prior to joining Fidelity, Mr. Yoon was most recently a vice president of direct lending at Madison Capital Funding, where he led one of the generalist underwriting teams. Prior to that, he was an investment analyst in the private and alternative assets group at Allstate Investments. He also worked in restructuring and liability management at Miller Buckfire, private equity and mezzanine at GoldPoint Partners and investment banking at Deutsche Bank. He has been in the financial services industry since 2006.

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### Kim Shank

#### Associate Director

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Prior to joining Fidelity, Ms. Shank was assistant vice president at Madison Capital Funding where she was a senior underwriter focused on new deal execution and portfolio management for the general industries vertical. Prior to that, she worked as an underwriting associate and credit analyst at J.P. Morgan Chase. She has been in the financial industry since 2013.

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