

### Overview

Sagard Private Credit Fund ("the Fund") harnesses Sagard's institutional-calibre credit capabilities to offer Canadian investors the opportunity to participate in this attractive asset class.

The Fund invests in a broadly diversified portfolio of private credit investments, comprised mainly of floating rate, senior secured, first-lien loans originated by Sagard, together with traded and asset-based loan opportunities. In essence, the Fund makes loans to private companies, receive interest payments on those loans and then distributes the net proceeds to its investors in the form of distributions.

**The Fund launched in September 2024 with over CA\$50M**, of which Sagard, its affiliates and employees invested CA\$25M.



Monthly distributions, driving initial indicative annual net returns of 9-10%



Capital preservation & NAV stability with senior secured, first-lien priority



Inflation protection via floating-rate loans



**Convenient evergreen structure** with monthly subscriptions & quarterly liquidity



Currency hedged to CA\$ to minimize foreign exchange risk\*\*

The terms and conditions set forth herein are speculative and subject to change.

Over the course of a full investment cycle (assuming the fund's portfolio is fully invested and stable market conditions), comprised mainly of distributions. There can be no assurance that any distributions will be made to investors. For information regarding calculation of performance information, please refer to "Performance Reporting" in the Appendix.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Applicable to CAD-denominated units only. USD-denominated units are unhedged.

### Performance to date

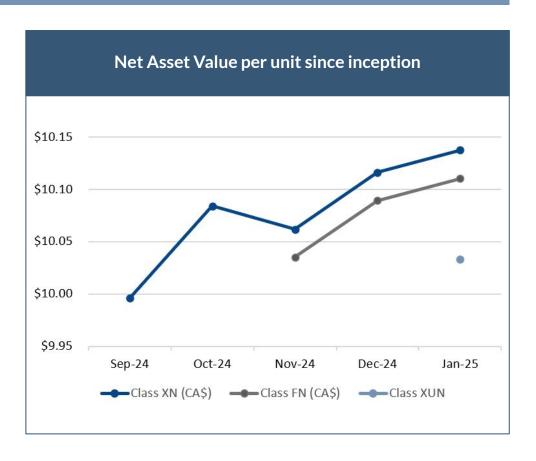
Since inception in September 2024, the fund has delivered an annualized net return of 10.55%<sup>2</sup>

### Total Net Return<sup>3</sup>

	January 2025	Inception-to-Date
Class XN Launched Sep'24	1.00%	4.17%
Class FN Launched Nov'24	1.00%	3.29%
Class XUN Launched Jan'25	1.13%	1.13%

#### **Net Asset Value & Distribution Yield**

	NAV Per Unit <sup>4</sup>	Annualized Distribution Yield <sup>5</sup>
Class XN Launched Sep'24	CA\$10.1373	9.48%
Class FN Launched Nov'24	CA\$10.1103	9.48%
Class XUN Launched Jan'25	\$10.0332	9.36%



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### Portfolio snapshot

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**Portfolio Companies** 

\$91.8M

Total Par Value of Debt Investments\*

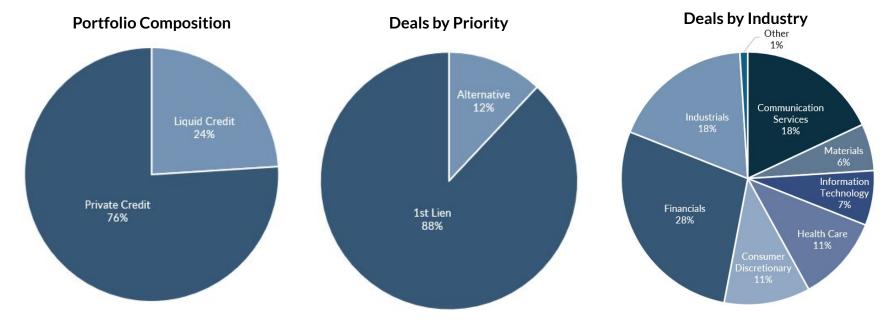
34.0%

Loan-to-Value (LTV)\*\*

3.8x

Senior Debt to EBITDA\*\*\*

Sagard Private Credit LP, which launched in September 2024, continues to scale in line with our expectations. All portfolio holdings are performing as anticipated, delivering steady coupon payments and distributions. The addition of alternative asset classes (e.g., asset-based lending) has helped generate relatively low risk and high returns for the book.



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<sup>\*</sup> Face Value funded on the Initial Investment date, gross of any fees. Presented in aggregate of all advances.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Loan-to-value (LTV) are based on the portfolio's debt investments. Does not include recurring revenue loans.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Reflects weighted average Senior Debt to EBITDA.

About Sagard



### Who we are

### Sagard is a global multi-strategy alternative asset manager

We deliver flexible **capital**, an entrepreneurial **culture**, and a global **network** of investors, commercial partners, advisors, and value creation experts

\$27B+ AUM6

Asset Classes

**Venture Capital** 

**Private Equity** 

**Private Credit** 

**Real Estate** 

90%

of Sagard partners are shareholders

200+

corporate, institutional and family office LPs

400+

professionals<sup>7</sup>, of which 100+ are investmentfocused

offices across Canada. the United States, Europe, and the Middle **East** 

### We operate investment strategies across 4 asset classes



## Private Equity

\$9.0B

- Sagard Private Equity Canada
- Sagard Midcap
- Sagard NewGen
- Performance Direct Investments

### Venture Capital

\$7.9B

- Portage Ventures
- Portage Capital Solutions
- Performance Venture Capital
- Diagram

#### **Real Estate**

\$5.1B

Sagard Real Estate<sup>8</sup>

### Credit

\$4.5B\*

- Sagard Credit Partners
- Sagard Senior Lending Partners
- Sagard Healthcare Partners
- Sagard | HalseyPoint

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### Sagard's Impressive Shareholder and Affiliate Network

- Sagard is backed by one of the largest family-controlled financial services groups in the world
- PCC, Sagard's majority shareholder, is a publicly-listed holding company controlled by the Desmarais family with a market capitalization of CA\$29.0B<sup>9</sup> and CA\$3.6T of AUA<sup>9</sup>
- PCC is a diversified financial services conglomerate with a significant presence across North America, Europe and China
- A number of PCC ecosystem partners have become Sagard's LPs over the past few years and support its development



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Why Invest in Private Credit?



### What is private credit?

Broadly defined, private credit is lending by non-bank institutions. The borrower may be a public or private company that requires financing for any number of potential objectives, from funding business expansion to optimizing its balance sheet.

Generally, the borrower lacks access to traditional bank financing and/or might prefer to work with a lender who can offer more flexible terms and faster loan processing.

For the investor, private credit offers the potential for higher yield and increased protections vs. traditional fixed income, thanks to more tightly negotiated terms, covenants and pricing.

This being said, private credit covers a broad range of strategies, each offering different risk-return profiles.

#### Several key types of private credit include:

### Senior direct lending - Sagard's exclusive focus

Senior secured loans made directly to middle-market companies that typically offer relatively stable spreads. Loans are 'first lien', meaning that the lender gets paid back first if the borrower gets in trouble

#### Junior/mezzanine debt

Subordinated loans that combine elements of debt and equity, with the expectation of higher returns than traditional senior debt

#### Distressed debt

Lending to insolvent or distressed borrowers, which typically involves more risk but potential for higher upside as companies are restructured

### **Specialty finance**

Non-corporate lending in areas like equipment leasing, consumer finance, commercial real estate finance or asset-based finance

Sources: Mackenzie Investments, KKR, Goldman Sachs, Pregin

### Sagard believes private credit is an attractive asset class

Private credit is one of the fastest growing private asset classes, forecast to grow to \$2.8T in assets globally by 2028.\*

While institutional investors are allocating ~5-8% of their assets to private credit, more than half plan to increase their allocations.\*

The asset class can offer several core benefits, including:



Attractive Risk/Return Potential

In our view, private credit can offer returns comparable to equity benchmarks with the potential for lower downside risk



Income Via Monthly Distributions

Loans typically offer floating rate coupons, paid on a quarterly or monthly basis



Attractive Spreads Support Loan Coupons

Private credit is typically priced off a floating rate benchmark, with spreads offering a generous coupon



Focus on Capital Preservation

Senior secured, first lien priority in the capital stack, supported by robust loan covenants and intensive due diligence



Actively Managed, Diversified Portfolio

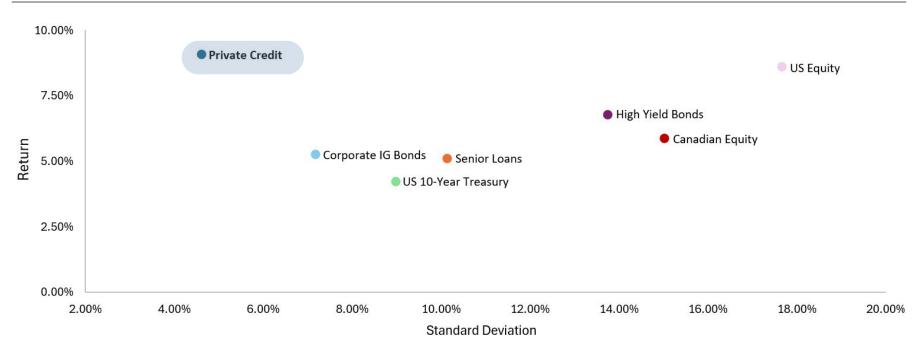
Adding private credit to a traditional portfolio of equity and fixed income can diversify returns

<sup>\*</sup>Pregin Special Report: The Future of Alternatives in 2028 (Oct 2023)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Goldman Sachs, "Balancing Act: Building Private Credit Portfolios" (Oct 2023); Bloomberg, "Investors to Increase Allocation to Private Credit" (Dec 2023)

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### Private credit can deliver strong risk-adjusted returns



Annualized Data	Private Credit	Corporate IG Bonds	Senior Loans	US 10-Year Treasury	High-Yield Bonds	Canadian Equity	US Equity
Return	9.07%	5.25%	5.09%	4.22%	6.77%	5.86%	8.59%
Standard Deviation	4.62%	7.18%	10.14%	8.99%	13.75%	15.02%	17.66%
Sharpe Ratio	1.26	0.28	0.18	0.11	0.26	0.17	0.30

Source: Bloomberg, Cliffwater.

For illustrative purposes only. Total Returns and Risk: December 30, 1994 through December 30, 2024 (30 years) for all asset classes except for Private Credit, which has data shown since the inception of the Cliffwater Direct Lending Total Return Index December 30, 2004 through December 30, 2024 (20 years). Annual Return is periodic returns rescaled to a period of one year. Volatility represents the standard deviation of the annual returns.

Corporate Investment-Grade Bonds represented by Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Total Return Index (LUACTRUU), Senior Loans represented by Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Total Return Index (CSLLLTOT), U.S. 10-Year Treasury represented by S&P US Treasury Bond Current 10-Year Index (SPBDU1BT), High-Yield Bonds represented by Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index (LF98TRUU), Private Credit represented by Cliffwater Direct Lending Total Return Index (CDLI), Canadian Equity represented by S&P/TSX Composite Index (Total Return). US Equity represented by S&P500 Index (Total Return), Risk free rate defined by Government of Canada Long Term Bond (10-year) as of December 30, 2024.

Sagard's Private Credit Platform



## Sagard's credit platform is led by an experienced investment team, many of whom have worked together prior to joining the firm



Adam Vigna (Co-Founder, Chief Investment Officer)

- Former Global Head of CPPIB's credit business, which over his 8-year tenure (2008-2016, became group head in 2013) grew to an \$18 billion portfolio\*
- Previously was a VP at Goldman Sachs in the Special Situations Group
- 20 years investing experience



Lynn Hopton (Chief Investment Officer & PM, Sagard | HalseyPoint)

- Former Co-Head and Senior Managing Director of Leveraged Debt at Columbia Management
- Previously worked at AIG/SunAmerica and Security Pacific Merchant Bank
- 32 years investing experience



**Dev Gopalan** (Partner & PM, Sagard Senior Lending Partners)

- Former Head of US Private Credit at KKR and CEO of Angel Island Capital
- Previously worked at CPPIB and Goldman Sachs' respective credit businesses
- 19 years investing experience

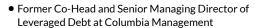


Mustafa Humayun (Partner & PM, Sagard Credit Partners)

- Former Managing Director in CPPIB's credit business and led multiple sector teams across North and South America
- 17 years investing experience



Yvonne Stevens (Chief Operating Officer, Sagard | HalsevPoint)



- Previously worked at AIG/SunAmerica
- 32 years investing experience



**David MacNaughtan** (Partner & Head of Sagard Healthcare Partners)

- Former Head of Intellectual Property investment strategy at CPPIB; EVP & Co-Head, Royalty Monetization at DRI Capital
- 27 years investing experience

#### Our leadership is supported by a robust team of seasoned investment professionals

















































<sup>\*</sup> This investment activity represents the estimated amount of capital structured and sourced, at CPPIB, in which Adam Vigna and team played an instrumental role. This investment activity is not representative of investment activity at Sagard. Sagard has not independently verified this information and it is provided solely for informational purposes. A number of different team members at CPPIB were involved in the investment activity described herein and these individuals will not be involved at Sagard. Certain statements contained herein are based on the subjective views and opinion of Sagard and cannot be independently verified.

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### Sagard's institutional private credit strategies

### **Sagard Credit Partners**

Non-sponsor direct lending strategy focused on the North American middle market

#### **SCPI**

- **2017** vintage
- \$557M committed capital
- **14.1%** gross IRR<sup>11</sup>
- **11.1%** net IRR<sup>12</sup>

#### **SCPII**

- 2021 vintage
- \$1,367M committed capital\*
- 17.1% gross IRR<sup>11</sup>
- **12.0%** net IRR<sup>12</sup>

### **Sagard Senior Lending Partners**

Senior non-sponsor direct lending strategy focused on the North American middle market

#### SSLP I

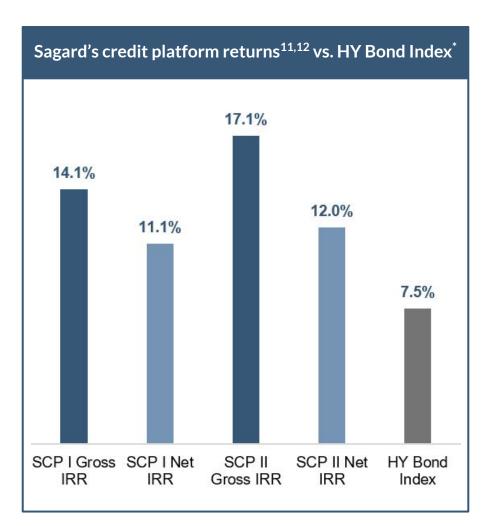
- 2022 vintage (final close May 30, 2024)
- \$816M committed capital\*
- 7-9% unlevered target net IRR<sup>1,12</sup>

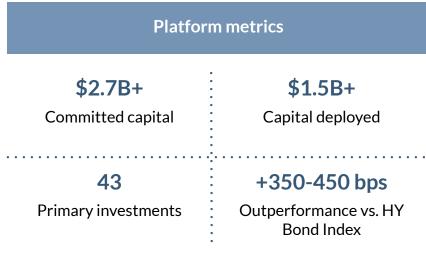
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<sup>\*</sup> Includes capital from co-mingled funds and separately managed accounts.

## Sagard's credit platform track record and key metrics





Fui	nd-level perf	ormance	
Weighted Average	SCPI	SCP II	SSLP I
Net Leverage	6.2x	3.2x	3.4x
LTV (%)	62%	44%	36%
Spread / Coupon	S + 735	S+812	S + 608

As of December 31, 2024. Past performance not a guarantee of future results and there can be no assurance that historical trends continue. HY Bond Index is based on Bloomberg Barclays US Corp HY Index as of December 31, 2024.

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes Sagard Senior Lending Partners I, as the fund is early in its life.

## Sagard's robust and systematic approach to sourcing



We have access to abundant deal flow



We are highly selective in our investments

From 800+ deals sourced/year...

...to ~10 deals (~1%) closed/year

800-1,000

120-150

60-80

10-15

Sourcing

Weekly pipeline meetings to review opportunities from CEOs and management teams, advisory firms, banks, and conferences

#### **Posting Memo**

After initial review, high-potential deals are assigned to a senior credit team member who develops a posting memo for the investment committee (IC) outlining transaction, terms, and proposed diligence plan

#### **Term Sheet**

If approved by the IC, initial due diligence is completed (including identifying merits/risks and defining full diligence plan), and non-binding term sheet presented

#### Deep Diligence / Final IC

Once term sheet is agreed upon, Sagard credit team lead completes DD with third-party support and develops financial model; final IC memo is completed and presented for final approval by CIO

Represents illustrative pipeline for SCP I, SCP II, and SSLP I funds only

### What Sagard looks for across the sourcing process

#### **Borrowers** with 2+ of these attributes...

- Market leadership and/or pricing power
- **Recession resilience** (e.g., excess free cash flow)
- Management alignment (e.g., major equity ownership, exit incentives)

#### ...Sourced from our broad network

- Direct connection to borrower (e.g., relationship with management, previous borrower)
- **Long-term relationship with intermediary,** who usually comes from our database of 300+ channels

#### **Examples of Sagard's credit investments**



Canadian passenger rail transport

15.7%

GROSS UNDERWRITTEN IRR (2 year holding period)

17.6%

1.33x

GROSS REALIZED IRR

**GROSS REALIZED MOIC** 

- Sagard's term loan refinanced the company's existing bank debt and provided liquidity to help finance the company's cash burn as they resumed operations post-COVID shutdowns
- Since then, the company has fully recovered and outperformed pre-COVID levels, with 2022 having been their most-traveled rail season in its 33-year history



American fast food restaurant

18.0%

**GROSS UNDERWRITTEN IRR** (3.5 year holding period)

23.7%

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GROSS REALIZED IRR

GROSS REALIZED MOIC

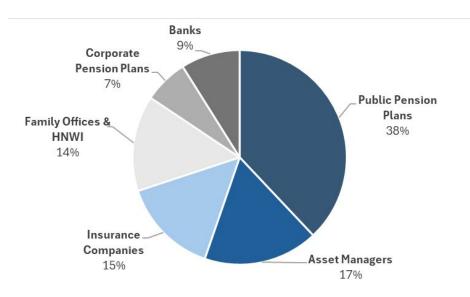
- Sagard provided financing to support High Bluff Capital's acquisition of the company, with the bespoke credit agreement providing added downside protection to Sagard
- After successfully navigating a challenging 2022 that faced inflationary headwinds, the company returned their focus to international expansion and sought a refinancing

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<sup>\*</sup> Gross Portfolio IRR on Realized Investments is based on portfolio cash flows, including the investment amount at inception, income earned, and realized proceeds of the investments that have been fully exited to date.

### A number of major institutions invest in Sagard's credit platform

Total Institutional Investors & Commitments			
Fund Name	Institutional Investors*	Committed Capital (US\$M)	
SCPI	21	557	
SCPII	24	1,367***	
SSLPI	8	816***	
Total	34**	2,740	



# **Examples of Investors GREAT-WEST BMO MACKENZIE** beneva **Desjardins** Montréal #

The aggregated capital committed by each LP over the course of the LP's relationship with the firm unless otherwise specified.

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<sup>\*</sup> Includes institutional LPs only. / \*\* This total shows the unique number of institutional investors. Some LPs are invested in more than one Sagard credit fund.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Includes capital from co-mingled funds and separately managed accounts.

Sagard Private Credit Fund



### Overview

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Inflation protection via floating-rate loans



**Eligible for investment by registered plans,** such as RRSPS and TFSAs



Evergreen structure with monthly subscriptions & quarterly liquidity



Currency hedged to CA\$
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exchange risk\*\*



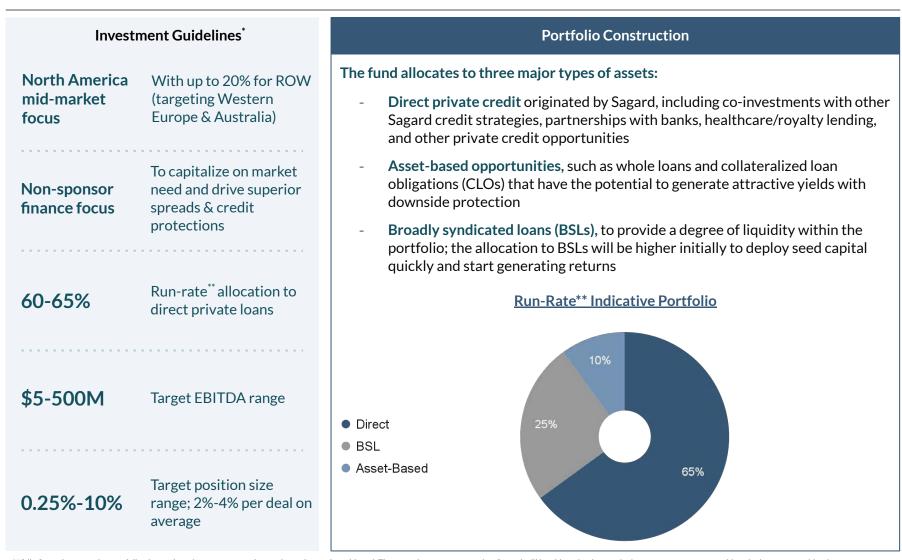
**0.2% discount on credit services fees** for eligible PMs and IAs\*\*\*

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Eligible PMs and IAs include individual PMs, IAs, or PM or IA teams at PM or IA firms that have invested, or are subscribing for, at least \$25M of aggregate assets or client assets in Sagard-iCapital retail vehicles. Please refer to the Fund's Offering Memorandum for more details. For information regarding calculation of performance information, please refer to "Performance Reporting" in the Appendix.

### Overview of initial indicative portfolio



While Sagard targets the portfolio above, there is no assurance that such results can be achieved. There can be no assurance that Sagard will be able to implement its investment strategy or achieve its investment objective.

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<sup>\*</sup> This table outlines the initial indicative portfolio construction as it relates to the fund's investments in broadly syndicated loans only.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Run-rate expected at 12 months post launch.

## Summary of key terms

Series A

Series X

Structure	Sagard Private Credit Fund ("Access Fund") is an Ontario trust managed by iCa underlying fund is Sagard Private Credit LP ("Master Fund"), an Ontario limited ("Sagard") as its general partner	
Offering	The Access Fund offers Series F, A, and X Units in both CAD and USD; CAD unit	ts are hedged back to the Canadian dollar
Investor Eligibility	Canadian accredited investors under applicable securities laws; US-Canadian of	dual citizens permitted
Min. Investment	\$25,000 initial; \$500 subsequent	
Distributions	Expected monthly, though not guaranteed; distributions will be made in the sar are reinvested unless the investor advises otherwise	me currency as the applicable units. Distributions
Subscriptions & Valuations	Monthly subscriptions accepted at NAV on the first day of each month; must be submitted no later than 12 business days prior. Monthly valuations on the last business day of each month	
Redemptions	Redemptions are accepted quarterly at quarter-end NAV, with 75 calendar day however, Master Fund redemptions are limited to 5% of Master Fund NAV per redemption fee of 2% of NAV for redemptions made within one year. Manager Price payable will be made in the same currency as the applicable units	quarter. Access Fund may charge an early
Launch & Term	The Access Fund launched in September 2024 as a perpetual vehicle	
Leverage	Expected portfolio leverage of 1.5x, with max of 2.0x	
Registered Plan Eligibility	Units are eligible for investment by registered plans such as RRSPs, RRIFs, DPS	SPs, RESPs, RDSPs, and TFSAs
Performance Fees	Quarterly performance fee of 15% subject to 1.25% per quarter total return so	oft hurdle with high water mark
Management Fees & Fundserv Codes	Management Fees**	Fundserv Codes (CAD / USD)
Series F	1.4% p.a. of NAV	ICN100LF / ICN100YF

ICN100LA / ICN100YA

ICN100LX/ICN100YX

2.4% p.a. of NAV (incl. 1.0% advisor servicing fee)

1.2% p.a. of NAV, including 0.2% discount for eligible PMs and IAs\*\*\*

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<sup>\*</sup>The Access Fund's cash redemption of Units will be limited to the amount indirectly accepted by the Fund. / \*\*Includes admin fees at the Access Fund and credit services fees at the Master Fund levels. Plus applicable taxes. / \*\*\*Eligible PMs and IAs include individual PMs, IAs, or PM or IA teams at PM or IA firms that have invested, or are subscribing for, at least \$25M of aggregate assets or client assets in Sagard-iCapital retail vehicles. Please refer to the Fund's Offering Memorandum for more details.

### Why invest with Sagard



**Proven Canadian firm** – Sagard has an established track record as a Canada-based asset manager with over \$27B of AUM<sup>6</sup>



**Deeply rooted ecosystem** – We have a strong shareholder and affiliate network, including majority ownership by the Power Corporation of Canada with \$3.6T of AUA<sup>9</sup>



**Experienced investment team** – Our leadership team brings extensive experience from CPPIB, KKR, and Goldman Sachs to manage our \$4B+6 credit platform



**Differentiated approach to private credit** – The Fund targets higher yields via **mid-market** and **non-sponsor** opportunities often overlooked by traditional lenders



Robust deal sourcing and diligencing engine – We employ a highly selective and tailored approach to achieve greater spreads, investing in only ~1% of the deals we consider



**Strong track record** - Our flagship private credit strategies\* are delivering between **11-12% net** IRR<sup>12</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Sagard Credit Partners I and Sagard Credit Partners II only, given that Sagard Senior Lending Partners I is early in its life.

Appendix



# Key differentiating investment targets

	Middle market focus	Non-sponsor lending focus
What it is	<ul> <li>Middle market companies have annual revenues between \$10M and \$1B</li> <li>They are the backbone of our economy - it is estimated there are 200,000+ in the US and Canada</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Non-sponsored lenders work directly with borrowers (often the company founders) without an intermediary</li> <li>This contrasts to sponsor finance lending, where a PE firm helps facilitate the loan for the company</li> </ul>
Why it matters	<ul> <li>Middle market companies may have more complex financing needs than large companies, and often look for more flexible options to scale their business</li> <li>Today, we believe that there are fewer providers who service these companies; given the current environment, many lenders have moved to the upper middle market as funds have grown</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Post-pandemic, we see that banks have become more risk-averse; sponsor-led loans are quicker and easier, as the sponsor expedites the underwriting process</li> <li>As such, we believe that many entrepreneurs who are looking for flexible financing options are overlooked by traditional lenders, creating an opportunity for non-sponsor lenders</li> </ul>
What it means for our investors	<ul> <li>In our view, fewer competitors lending to these companies allows for enhanced pricing and improved downside protection (i.e., advantageous terms on first-lien loans, tighter covenants)</li> <li>Non-sponsored deals typically offer yields of ~1-2%* above comparable sponsored credits</li> <li>Our core business is the tight management of risk; we are extremely selective and take the time we need to diligence our deals and obtain the highest risk/return profile possible</li> </ul>	

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<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Understanding Private Credit: Sponsored vs. Non-Sponsored Financing", Brookfield Oaktree White Paper 2023

# Sagard has team members experienced in investing across cycles, with exposure in workouts and restructurings

#### **Experienced in Navigating Stressed & Distressed Situations**

The team has experience investing in distressed situations and achieving favourable outcomes throughout their careers.

- Adam Vigna and Mustafa Humayun have led several successful workouts and invested in various distressed situations involving restructurings during their time at Goldman Sachs Special Situations Group ("GS SSG") and CPPIB
- Dev Gopalan invested in distressed situations (loans priced in the 70s and 80s) with Sensata and PQ, where the underwriting case envisioned a bankruptcy for both positions, but they were ultimately realized at par
- Collectively, Sagard has developed relationships with key service providers involved in these situations, including high-profile restructuring lawyers in Canada & the US, as well as restructuring advisors such as FTI, Alvarez & Marsal, Moelis, Houlihan Lokey, TD Special Situations, Rothschild, and BMO

PlyGem (at GS SSG)



Vinyl siding and window manufacturer

Invested in the company's debt at distressed levels during financial crisis; led debt exchange negotiations and ultimately was taken out at a meaningful gain

# Ally Financial / Rescap (at KKR)



Residential mortgage originator

The Rescap position was sold even dollar and moved into the Ally complex at a senior subordinated bond; Rescap recoveries resulted at 70 cents, while the Ally position realized at par

#### Laricina Energy (at CPPIB)



Oil sands exploration

Event of default due to missing minimum production covenant; led a restructuring that ultimately resulted in a creditor protection filing and favourable exit under CCAA

#### Just Energy (at Sagard)



Energy retailer

Led a recapitalization transaction in 2020 that resulted in CA\$500M of face value debt being extinguished with Sagard Credit Partners having zero capital impaired

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### Our sourcing system

### **Active Pipeline**

- Personal networks of SSLP and SCP
- Referrals from other Sagard strategies and the broader Sagard ecosystem
- Direct outreach to Sagard Leadership
- Long-term relationships with advisors/recurring updates
- Benefiting from strong relationships with borrowers who become references for future deal flow
- Thematic sourcing

# Rigorous Monitoring & Dynamic Portfolio Management

- Monthly reporting packages from borrowers to actively monitor performance and liquidity
- Regular touch points with management to receive "real-time" business updates
- Allows for a proactive approach to predict potential covenant issues
- Utilize data from Sagard's firm-level portfolio for sourcing and to underwrite new opportunities

Deal pipeline should not be relied upon as an indicator of future deal sourcing.



# Disciplined, Focused Screening

- SSLP and SCP Deal Screen
- Support from bi-weekly Sagard pipeline review
- Timely Pass/Move

# Established Due Diligence Process

- Private equity style due diligence focused on identifying key drivers and risks
- Utilizing Sagard's internal resources & advisors, as well as Sagard's established external network
- Sagard Value Creation team considered a key resource in evaluating KPIs for each business

## Our underwriting process

### The following summarizes key elements of our due diligence process:

# Customer, Supplier, and Competitor Diligence

In addition to access to the PCC network, we may also use expert networks to find consultants and advisors with specific expertise in a target industry or company

#### **Legal Review**

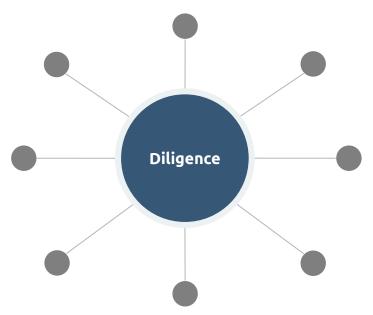
We, along with a third-party law firm, will conduct full legal due diligence, including corporate structure review, litigation review, review of collateral, as well as analysis of organizational documents and board minutes

#### **Quality of Earnings Reports**

We will typically hire an accounting firm to analyze the reported earnings and cash flows of the potential borrower to assess any adjustments or add-backs

#### **Projections and Cases**

Based on its diligence, we will prepare base, upside and crash case (recovery analysis) financial forecasts



#### **References and Background Checks**

We obtain competitor and character references on a potential borrower and its management team. Our team conducts background checks in respect of criminal and civil litigation history of the potential borrower and key members of the management team, along with media and other investigative checks

#### **Review of Major Contracts**

Customer, supplier, employment and other contracts/ agreements are analyzed by lawyers and the deal team to understand any potential risks

#### **Technical Reports**

In specialized industries, we will engage best in class experts to augment its own diligence

#### **Third Party Audits**

Where necessary, we will engage third party experts to conduct field audits of a potential borrower's facilities, regulatory and environmental records

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### Our approach to risk management

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- → Private equity style due diligence approach to private credit
- → Our team has expertise required to analyze complex situations that other lenders choose not to invest time into



- → Majority of deals are expected to be bespoke and direct, depending upon size of tranche and the company
- → Our team is building a Monte Carlo simulation tool to assess risk at the portfolio level



- → Investments are monitored through regular management calls, internal review meetings, and board observation rights
- → Our team has a proven ability to successfully restructure underperforming credits

### 1 Management Calls and Meetings

Weekly ad-hoc calls with portfolio company executives to informally monitor the health of the business. Calls with management teams typically involve some or all of the original deal team, including senior members.

2 Internal Weekly, Monthly, and Quarterly Review Meetings

Weekly and monthly group meetings to discuss financial updates and strategic initiatives. On a quarterly basis, the entire investment team reviews each investment and assesses the financial health and cash flow profile of the business.

**Board Observation Rights and Financial Reporting** 

As part of the credit agreement, we typically receive board observation rights. All financial reporting, board updates and any other new information received is first analyzed amongst the deal team, then discussed in real-time during our weekly calls.

### Deals from Sagard's healthcare strategy may be included in SPCF

Sagard Healthcare Partners invests in the life sciences sector with a focus on investments protected by strong intellectual property.

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INVESTMENTS

**16-19%** TARGET GROSS IRR<sup>1,11</sup>

13-16%

TARGET NET IRR<sup>1,1</sup>

Launched in	2019 (Series I), 2023 (Series II)		
Looks for	<ul> <li>Biopharmaceutical royalties, royalty securitizations, structured credit investments globally</li> <li>Investment size between US\$50-150M</li> </ul>		
Differentiation	<ul> <li>Proven team of industry experts with deep experience in a complex investment strategy and a history of working together</li> </ul>		
	• Flexible mandate including royalties, royalty-backed debt, and credit to enable deployment of capital to areas of higher relative value		
	A fund structure best suited for long-dated, cash generating assets such as royalties		
	<ul> <li>Access to Sagard's operational infrastructure, business support and network, enabling team to focus and</li> </ul>		

For information regarding calculation of performance information, please refer to "Performance Reporting" in the Appendix. Past performance contained herein is not necessarily indicative of future results and there can be no assurance that any Sagard fund will achieve comparable results or that such fund will be able to implement its investment strategy or achieve its investment objective.

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### Performance Reporting (1 of 2)

<sup>1</sup>The projected returns, forecasts and estimates (including, without limitation, any projected rates of return) included herein are necessarily speculative in nature, involve elements of subjective judgment and analysis and are based upon various assumptions made by Sagard in relation to the investment strategy being pursued by the fund referenced herein. It can be expected that some or all of such assumptions may prove to be incorrect or may vary significantly from actual results. Any change or inaccuracy in such assumptions will impact actual results. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially from those projected returns herein. Moreover, while Sagard (the "Firm") generally focuses on investments that are anticipated to provide such projected returns, it is not the case that every investment made will yield such returns. Projected returns are hypothetical and do not reflect the actual returns of any Firm client or investor. No assurance, representation or warranty is made by any person that the projected returns will be achieved and undue reliance should not be put on them. Additional information about the key assumptions used in determining the projected returns and the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the projected returns are available upon request. <sup>2</sup>Weighted average return across all unit classes.

<sup>3</sup> Returns shown include all applicable fund management fees and performance fees, but excludes Sagard's standard management fees for its advisory services. The fund was substantially invested in cash for the month of September 2024 as the portfolio was established. Since the fund's inception in September 2024 until the end of January 2025, the management and performance fees were waived to facilitate certain portfolio investments. In the absence of these temporary waivers, total annualized return performance figures would be lower. Past performance is not indicative of future results and future performance may materially differ from expectations.

<sup>4</sup>NAV per unit post distribution.

<sup>5</sup>The Annualized Distribution Yield calculation is based on the distribution per unit for January 2025 multiplied by 12. Calculation will be based off actual distributions paid once the initial 12-month period has elapsed.

<sup>6</sup> Assets Under Management ("AUM") As of December 31, 2024 is the sum of:

- i. net asset value of private equity, venture capital, private credit and healthcare funds, including uncalled capital commitments of those funds and unused leverage.
- ii. gross asset value of the underlying real estate of Sagard Real Estate funds and separate accounts.
- iii. fair value of assets held in co-investment vehicles managed by Sagard and uncalled capital commitments of those co-investment vehicles,
- iv. AUM of other managers controlled by Sagard, including fund of funds AUM of the previous quarter, adjusted for subsequent closes during the current reporting quarter (expected AUM pro-forma for the acquisition of PEM), and
- v. fair value of all other assets managed by Sagard that are not otherwise included in the clauses above.

Our definition of AUM is not based on any definition contained in our fund management agreements. Furthermore, our calculation may differ from the manner in which the SEC defines "Regulatory Assets Under Management" on Form ADV and from the AUM definition used by other asset managers.

<sup>7</sup> Includes employees employed by Sagard Holdings Inc. and Sagard SAS, as well as affiliates of Sagard Holdings Management Inc., Sagard Wealth and EverWest Real Estate Investors, LLC. 8 References herein to Sagard Real Estate are intended to refer to EverWest Advisors LLC, which is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment advisor, EverWest Real Estate Investors LLC and their affiliates. Sagard acquired EverWest on November 19, 2021. The term "Sagard Real Estate" as used herein may refer to one or more of the following entities: EverWest Advisors, LLC dba Sagard Real Estate Advisors, which is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment advisor; EverWest Real Estate Investors, LLC dba Sagard Real Estate Investors; EverWest Property Services, LLC dba Sagard Property Services; or their affiliates, individually or collectively, as the context requires.

9 Data as of December 31, 2024, AUA represents total assets under administration, Great-West Lifeco Inc. figure represents total consolidated assets. Canada Life figure represents total assets measured at fair value. Empower figure represents total assets under administration. IGM Financial and IG Wealth Management figures represent total assets under management and advisement. Rockefeller Capital Management figure represents total client assets. GBL figure represents total net asset value. Wealthsimple figure represents total assets under advisement. All other figures represent total assets under management. Figures that are in CAD are converted into USD using the exchange rate provided by Bank of Canada as of December 31, 2024.

<sup>10</sup> In February 2023, Personal Capital was rebranded into the Empower Retirement Brand.

11 Gross IRR is a measure of the discounted cash flows (inflows and outflows) related to an investment. Gross Portfolio IRR is based on the portfolio cash flows, including the investment amount at inception, income earned, realized proceeds and carrying value of the portfolio as of December 31, 2024. Gross performance information does not reflect inception-to-date management fees, any fund expenses borne indirectly by investors in a fund, carried interest charged by the Firm or its affiliates or, to the extent applicable, expected credit losses, which will reduce returns and in the aggregate are expected to be substantial.

12 Net Fund ITD IRR represents the annualized IRR on the total Limited Partners' capital contributions, distributions, and the Fund's net asset value after management fees, fund expenses, and carried interest as of December 31, 2024. Net Fund ITD IRR incorporates the performance results of certain investors who pay no or reduced management fees and/or no or reduced carried interest, and accordingly some investors may earn lower returns than those set out herein.

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### Performance Reporting (2 of 2)

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