
SLGI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the period ended December 31, 2023

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool



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SLGI Asset Management Inc. (the "Manager") is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objectives and Strategies

The fundamental objectives of the Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool (the "Fund") are to seek to provide income while preserving capital by investing in primarily non investment grade high yield debt securities or securities that have not been rated by any internationally recognized rating agency.

The Fund's sub-advisor is Crescent Capital Group LP ("Crescent") and the sub-advisor to Crescent is Sun Life Capital Management (Canada) Inc. ("SLC"). In pursuing its investment objectives, Crescent invests primarily in fixed and floating rate high yield corporate debt, including both broadly and narrowly syndicated bonds and bank loans. Crescent utilizes both a top-down and bottom-up approach to identify opportunities that capture favourable risk-adjusted returns.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in foreign denominated debt securities primarily hedged back to the Canadian Dollar.

Risk

There were no changes in the Fund's investment objectives or strategies during the period which materially impacted the overall level of risk in the Fund. The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as outlined in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

As at December 31, 2023, the majority of the Fund's investments are considered readily realizable and highly liquid; therefore, the Fund's liquidity risk is considered minimal.

Results of Operations

During the period, the net asset value of the Fund increased from \$153.5 million to \$166.7 million due to positive performance, partially offset by negative net sales.

During the period, the Fund returned 9.1% for Series A securities, this result lagged the Fund's blended benchmark, 50.0% ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Index (CAD Hedged), 50.0% Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (CAD Hedged), which returned 12.5%. The broad-based index, FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, returned 6.7%. We have included the returns of the broad-based index to help you understand how the Fund performed compared to the general market. We have also included the returns for the Fund's blended benchmark, which more closely reflects the market sectors and/or asset classes in which the Fund invests, to provide another comparison to the performance of the Fund. Please refer to the 'Past Performance' section of this report for performance of each series.

The Fund outperformed the broad-based index. The Fund's non-investment grade debt securities outperformed the Canadian investment-grade corporate bonds and Canadian government bonds in the broad-based index over the reporting period.

Fixed income markets were eventful over the period and included one of the most extreme whipsaws in fixed income since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. In the first half of the year, the Canadian economy was more resilient than many expected with GDP growth numbers coming in ahead of consensus expectations, fueled by a recovery in household spending. A key factor in this stronger-than-expected economic growth has been a resilient labour market. In the second half of the year, the effects of tighter monetary policy started to make an impact in slowing the Canadian economy.

In the third quarter, bonds sold off aggressively triggered by hawkish guidance from the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") that another interest rate hike was possible before the end of the year. Market sentiment then shifted in November with the Fed changing its tone on the direction of interest rates with the timing of potential rate cuts in 2024. This dovish guidance from the Fed caused government bond yields to decline and spurred a rally in fixed income through the remainder of the year.

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Against this macroeconomic backdrop, the Canadian fixed income market rebounded over the period after suffering the worst year in four decades. Returns in the first half of the year were driven by falling long-term government bond yields and narrowing credit spreads after spiking in March because of the various banking crises that emerged. Returns in the latter half of the year were driven by the change in expectations for the path of interest rates. Bond yields fell across the entire yield curve and credit spreads declined sharply. Corporate bonds outperformed government bonds over the period.

The Bank of Canada remains concerned about the corrosive effects of high inflation and raised its benchmark interest rate by a cumulative 0.70 percentage points ending the period at 5.0%. Meanwhile, the Fed raised interest rates by a cumulative 0.75 percentage points ending the period at 5.5%. While inflation remains high, tightening monetary policy by central banks has helped slow the rate of inflation globally. While the rate of inflation in goods has declined, services inflation remains high across most regions in the world with wages being the biggest driver.

A spread is the difference in yield between a Treasury bond and another debt security of the same maturity but different credit quality. Investment grade bonds are the highest quality bonds as determined by a credit rating agency. High yield bonds are more speculative, with a credit rating below investment grade bonds. Emerging market (EM) bonds saw negative returns. EM corporate bonds were more resilient than EM sovereign bonds. Sovereign bonds are debt securities issued by a national government to finance government spending.

An overweight position in High Yield bonds, which have fixed coupons, and an underweight position in bank loans, which have floating rate coupons detracted from performance. Given the raising rate environment during the reporting period bank loans outperformed high yield bonds. The Fund maintained a 65% fixed rate versus 35% floating rate allocation for the first two quarters which attributed to the underperformance against its 50/50 (bank loan/ high yield bond) blended benchmark. During the first two quarters of 2023, the Fund maintained an overweight position in BB-rated credit tier and underweight B and CCC-rated credit tiers detracted from performance. The reporting period witnessed a major risk-on rally in the market. The Fund's higher credit quality position in anticipation of a recession hurt the relative performance of the fund. In Q3 of 2023, the fund started to reduce its fixed rate exposure and rebalanced the credit rating exposure to a benchmark neutral position. This resulted in a partial recovery of the Fund's performance in the final quarter of 2023.

The Fund's position in Narrowly Syndicated Credit sub-asset class contributed to its performance.

Recent Developments

The composition of the Fund's independent review committee ("IRC") changed during the period. André Fok Kam completed his term and Ann David was appointed effective July 1, 2023.

Global tensions and conflicts within some geographic regions, such as the ongoing military conflict in Ukraine, have continued to impact global markets and economies. In addition, there continues to be tensions between larger nations over a number of issues, including trade, technology, human rights, and sovereignty. These issues have, in some cases, resulted in government sanctions and trade restrictions. These global tensions and regional conflicts, documented in the media, create a more challenging operating environment. The longer-term impact to geopolitical norms, supply chains and investment valuations is uncertain. The Manager continues to watch for developments and assess the impact to investment strategies.

Related Party Transactions

SLGI Asset Management Inc. is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund. For its services, the Manager receives a management fee that is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the Fund. This fee is calculated daily and payable monthly.

The Manager is responsible for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations, including providing or arranging for the provision of investment advice, bookkeeping, recordkeeping and other administrative services for the Fund.

As trustee, the Manager holds legal title to the Fund's investments in trust for securityholders.

As portfolio manager, the Manager is responsible for managing the investment portfolio of the Fund directly or through sub-advisors. The Manager has retained Crescent Capital Group LP, an affiliate of the Manager, to act as sub-advisor for the Fund. The sub-advisor to Crescent Capital Group LP is Sun Life Capital Management (Canada) Inc., an affiliate of the Manager. Sun Life Financial Inc. has an indirect majority ownership interest in Crescent Capital Group LP.

The Fund may have direct or indirect holdings in Sun Life Financial Inc. or its affiliates or other funds managed by the Manager or its affiliates. Funds managed by the Manager, or its affiliates, may invest in securities of the Fund.

The Manager has a distribution agreement with Sun Life Financial Investment Services (Canada) Inc. (the "Dealer"), a company under common control, under which the Dealer may distribute securities of the funds offered by the Manager in the jurisdictions in which the Dealer is so authorized.

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Fund Administrative Expenses

The Manager pays certain operating expenses of the Fund (the "Administration Expenses") in return for a fixed administration fee paid to the Manager by the Fund ("Administration Fee"). The Administration Fee is based on the net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund. The Administration Expenses include, but are not limited to, record keeper fees, accounting, audit and legal fees, bank and interest charges, safekeeping and custodial fees, taxes, administrative and systems costs, costs of reports to investors, prospectuses and other disclosure documents, regulatory filing fees (including any regulatory fees and expenses payable by the Manager) and trustee fees for registered plans. The amount of this charge is disclosed as Fixed annual administration fees in the Fund's Statements of Comprehensive Income found in the annual financial statements.

The Fund also pays certain operating expenses directly (the "Fund Costs"). Fund Costs include: borrowing costs incurred by the Fund from time to time; costs in connection with portfolio transactions; fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the IRC; taxes payable by the Fund; contingent fees for foreign tax reclaim filings; and the costs of complying with any new regulatory or legal requirement imposed on the Fund. The Fund allocates Fund Costs proportionately among each series of securities of the Fund to which they apply. The Fund Costs that are specific to a series of securities are allocated to that series. These amounts are paid out of the assets attributed to each series of securities of the Fund, which reduces the return you may receive.

Fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the IRC are allocated to the fund and series to which they apply in a manner that, in the Manager's view, is considered fair and reasonable. The amounts of these charges are disclosed in the line item "Independent review committee fees" in the Fund's Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the previous five years or for the period(s) since inception to December 31, 2023.

The Fund's Net Asset Value per Security (\$)⁽¹⁾

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series A

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	9.82	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.73	0.28
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.04)	(0.19)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.39	(0.09)
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	0.92	(0.07)
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.65)	(0.16)
From dividends	-	-
From capital gains	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.01)
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	(0.65)	(0.17)
Net asset value, end of period	10.04	9.82

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series F

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	9.82	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.73	0.25
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.15)	(0.22)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.62	0.04
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	2.10	0.02
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(1.09)	(0.18)
From dividends	-	-
From capital gains	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.02)
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	(1.09)	(0.20)
Net asset value, end of period	9.67	9.82

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Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series I

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	9.81	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.72	0.25
Total expenses	(0.01)	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.03)	(0.22)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.35	0.02
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	1.03	0.05
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.71)	(0.23)
From dividends	-	-
From capital gains	-	-
Return of capital	-	(0.02)
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	(0.71)	(0.25)
Net asset value, end of period	10.13	9.81

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.
- (2) Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, or both.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series A

	2023	2022
Total net asset value (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	390	285
Number of securities outstanding (000s) ⁽¹⁾	39	29
Management expense ratio (%)	1.61	1.61
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) ⁽²⁾	1.61	1.61
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽³⁾	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁴⁾	86.28	24.56
Net asset value per security (\$) ⁽¹⁾	10.04	9.82

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series F

	2023	2022
Total net asset value (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	2,696	10
Number of securities outstanding (000s) ⁽¹⁾	279	1
Management expense ratio (%)	1.02	1.03
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) ⁽²⁾	1.02	1.03
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽³⁾	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁴⁾	86.28	24.56
Net asset value per security (\$) ⁽¹⁾	9.67	9.82

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series I

	2023	2022
Total net asset value (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	163,568	153,177
Number of securities outstanding (000s) ⁽¹⁾	16,150	15,611
Management expense ratio (%)	0.11	0.11
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) ⁽²⁾	0.11	0.11
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽³⁾	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁴⁾	86.28	24.56
Net asset value per security (\$) ⁽¹⁾	10.13	9.81

- (1) This information is provided as at December 31 of the period shown, as applicable.
- (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding broker commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) including the Fund's allocated percentage of Fund-on-Funds' expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- (3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- (4) The Fund's portfolio turnover ratio indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover ratio of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover ratio in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high portfolio turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

Management Fees

The maximum annual management fee paid by the Fund is a percentage of the average daily net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund exclusive of any applicable taxes and operating expenses, which is accrued daily and is paid to the Manager monthly in arrears. Management fees pay for portfolio and investment advisory services, oversight of any service providers, marketing and promotional activities, arranging for the distribution and sale of securities of the Fund, general administration of Fund operations and sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers.

The percentages and major services paid for out of the management fees are set out below:

	Maximum Annual Management Fee Rate (%)	As a Percentage of Management Fees	
		Dealer Compensation (%) ⁽¹⁾	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit (%)
Series A Securities	1.25	37	63
Series F Securities	0.75	-	100
Series I Securities ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	100

- (1) Includes sales and trailing commissions.
- (4) Series I management fees are not paid by the Fund. Series I investors negotiate management fees and pay directly to the Manager.

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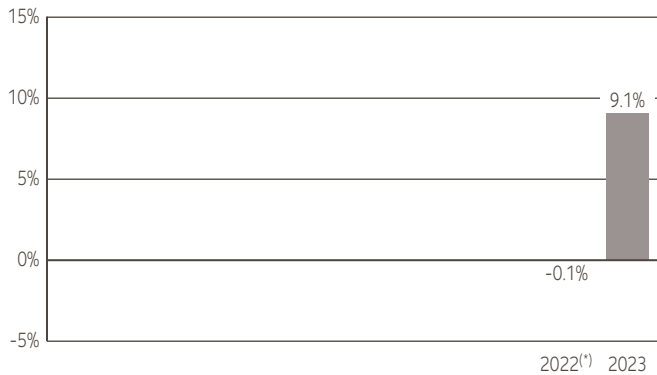
Past Performance

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, other optional charges or income tax payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

Year-by-Year Returns

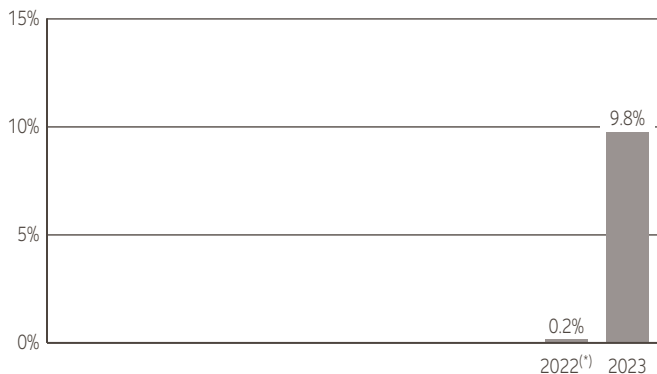
The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for the period shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

Series A Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2023



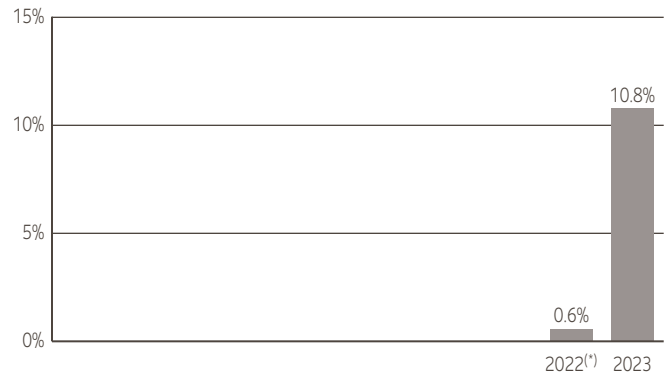
⁽¹⁾ for the period of July 18, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Series F Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2023



⁽¹⁾ for the period of July 18, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Series I Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2023



⁽¹⁾ for the period of July 18, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Annual Compound Returns

The table compares the historical annual compound total returns of Series A, F and I securities of the Fund with the following benchmark and broad-based index, if applicable:

The benchmark (the "Benchmark") is composed of:
 50.0% ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Index (CAD Hedged)
 50.0% Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (CAD Hedged)

The Series A securities underperformed the benchmark since inception, and over the past year.

The following are the broad-based index or indices:
 Broad-based index - FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

A discussion of the Fund's performance compared to its benchmark and broad-based index or indices, can be found in the Results of Operations section.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Performance Start Date ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
Series A	9.1%	-	-	-	6.1%
Series F	9.8%	-	-	-	6.7%
Series I	10.8%	-	-	-	7.7%
Benchmark	12.5%	-	-	-	10.1%
Broad-based index	6.7%	-	-	-	4.3%

⁽¹⁾ The performance start date for Series A securities was July 18, 2022.

⁽²⁾ The performance start date for Series F securities was July 18, 2022.

⁽³⁾ The performance start date for Series I securities was July 18, 2022.

INDEX DESCRIPTION(S)

The ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Index (CAD Hedged) is designed to track the performance of U.S. dollar denominated below investment grade rated corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market.

Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (CAD Hedged) is a broad index designed to reflect the performance of U.S. dollar facilities in the leveraged loan market.

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The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index is a market capitalization weighted index composed of investment grade, fixed coupon, government and corporate bonds, issued in Canada and denominated in Canadian dollars, with a remaining term to maturity of at least one year.

Summary of Investment Portfolio*

as at December 31, 2023

Top 25 Investments

Holding Name	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
1 Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.9
2 TransDigm Inc., 4.88%, May 01, 2029	0.8
3 CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp., 5.00%, Feb 01, 2028	0.8
4 CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp., 4.50%, May 01, 2032	0.7
5 USD Currency Forward Contract, May 15, 2024	0.7
6 American Airlines Inc., 7.25%, Feb 15, 2028	0.6
7 CHS/Community Health Systems Inc., 5.63%, Mar 15, 2027	0.6
8 Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., 8.25%, Jan 15, 2029	0.5
9 USD Currency Forward Contract, Apr 12, 2024	0.5
10 Tenet Healthcare Corp., 6.13%, Jun 15, 2030	0.5
11 Sirius XM Radio Inc., 5.00%, Aug 01, 2027	0.5
12 CSC Holdings LLC, 5.50%, Apr 15, 2027	0.5
13 Caesars Entertainment Inc., 8.13%, Jul 01, 2027	0.5
14 USD Currency Forward Contract, Jun 14, 2024	0.5
15 Carnival Corp., 4.00%, Aug 01, 2028	0.4
16 Vistra Operations Co. LLC, 7.75%, Oct 15, 2031	0.4
17 United Rentals North America Inc., 4.00%, Jul 15, 2030	0.4
18 USD Currency Forward Contract, Mar 14, 2024	0.4
19 Transocean Inc., 11.50%, Jan 30, 2027	0.4
20 EQM Midstream Partners LP, 4.50%, Jan 15, 2029	0.4
21 1011778 BC ULC, 2.25%, Sep 21, 2030	0.4
22 Arcline FM Holdings LLC, 5.50%, Jun 23, 2028	0.4
23 The Knot Worldwide Inc., 4.50%, Jan 31, 2028	0.4
24 Iron Mountain Information Management Services Inc., 5.00%, Jul 15, 2032	0.4
25 Tenet Healthcare Corp., 6.13%, Oct 01, 2028	0.4
	16.0
Total Net Asset Value (000s)	\$ 166,655

Sector Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
U.S. Corporate Bond	82.6
International Corporate Bond	8.4
Canadian Corporate Bond	4.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.9
Other Assets less Liabilities	1.0
	100.0

Asset Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
U.S. Fixed Income	82.6
International Fixed Income	8.4
Canadian Fixed Income	4.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.9
Other Assets less Liabilities	1.0
	100.0

(*) All information is as at December 31, 2023. The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Unless otherwise noted positions are long. You may obtain quarterly updates to these holdings free of charge by calling us at 1-877-344-1434, visiting our website at www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com or by sending an email to us at info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

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