
SLGI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the period ended December 31, 2024

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, 2024, 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 \$166.7 million to \$215.4 million due to positive net sales, as well as positive performance.

During the period, the Fund returned 6.3% 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 7.7%. The broad-based index, FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, returned 4.2%. 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 of securities of the Fund.

The Fund outperformed its broad-based benchmark due to its allocation to high yield fixed income. During the reporting period high-yield fixed income outperformed investment grade fixed income.

Global bond markets saw elevated levels of volatility during the year, as central banks in developed countries started reducing interest rates. Bond yields came down during the year due to rate cuts but went up towards the end of the period. Bond yields went up due to strong economic data and uncertainty around potential inflationary policies of the new government in the U.S.

All major central banks in developed countries except Japan reduced their interest rates as inflation came down closer to their target. The Federal Reserve (Fed) in U.S. cut rates for three consecutive times, bringing the target range to 4.25% - 4.5%. The European Central Bank also cut rates four times during the year bringing the base rate to 3%. The Bank of Canada (BoC) reduced the rates by 1.75%. The BoC anticipates lower economic growth and inflation in Canada due to the government decision to reduce immigration levels.

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High yield bonds outperformed investment grade bonds during the period. High yield bonds saw their spreads reduced due to higher demand from investors and stronger economic growth. 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.

Most emerging market bonds saw lower yields as developing economies' central banks reduced rates. In China, long-term benchmark yields remained near multi-decade lows as the People's Bank of China lowered its policy rates. A few emerging markets like Brazil and Indonesia raised rates during the year to ensure currency stability. Emerging market hard currency bonds outperformed local currency bonds. Local currency bonds had lower returns due to a stronger U.S. dollar.

The Fund's underweight positioning in the CCC rated securities detracted from relative performance given CCCs were the best performing credit tier during 2024. The Fund maintained a benchmark neutral positioning in the B rated credit tier, however security selection within the credit tier detracted from relative performance.

The Fund's position in Narrowly Syndicated Credit sub-asset class contributed to performance. The Fund's allocation favoured loans (floating rate coupon), which contributed to relative performance as the loan market outperformed the bond market by over 70 basis points through 2024.

Recent Developments

Effective July 1, 2024, the management fees for the Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool Series A, and F were lowered from 1.25% to 1.20%, and 0.75% to 0.70%, respectively.

Global tensions and conflicts within some geographic regions have continued to impact global markets and economies. In addition, there continue 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 (U.S.) LLC ("SLC U.S."), 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.

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.

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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 Independent Review Committee ("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. For the purpose of allocating IRC costs across the Funds, the Manager distinguishes between two categories of Funds: Funds that are structured as fund of funds and Funds that hold direct investments. The Manager has determined that, based on the complexity of the issues to be reviewed by the IRC for the Funds in each category, it is appropriate for the Funds that are structured as fund of funds to be allocated a lesser proportion of IRC costs than Funds that hold direct investments. The Manager first attributes IRC costs to each such category of Funds, and then allocates such costs equally between the Funds in each category. 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, 2024.

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

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series A

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	10.04	9.82	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.86	0.73	0.28
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.06	(0.04)	(0.19)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.13)	0.39	(0.09)
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	0.63	0.92	(0.07)
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.56)	(0.65)	(0.16)
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	(0.01)
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	(0.56)	(0.65)	(0.17)
Net asset value, end of period	10.09	10.04	9.82

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series F

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	9.67	9.82	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.83	0.73	0.25
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.04	(0.15)	(0.22)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.12)	1.62	0.04
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	0.66	2.10	0.02
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.82)	(1.09)	(0.18)
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	(0.02)
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	(0.82)	(1.09)	(0.20)
Net asset value, end of period	9.50	9.67	9.82

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Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series I

	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	10.13	9.81	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.86	0.72	0.25
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.06	(0.03)	(0.22)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.15)	0.35	0.02
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	0.76	1.03	0.05
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.81)	(0.71)	(0.23)
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	(0.02)
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	(0.81)	(0.71)	(0.25)
Net asset value, end of period	10.08	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

	2024	2023	2022
Total net asset value (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	506	390	285
Number of securities outstanding (000s) ⁽¹⁾	50	39	29
Management expense ratio (%)	1.55	1.61	1.61
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) ⁽²⁾	1.55	1.61	1.61
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽³⁾	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁴⁾	119.73	86.28	24.56
Net asset value per security (\$) ⁽¹⁾	10.09	10.04	9.82

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series F

	2024	2023	2022
Total net asset value (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	6,662	2,696	10
Number of securities outstanding (000s) ⁽¹⁾	701	279	1
Management expense ratio (%)	0.94	1.02	1.03
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) ⁽²⁾	0.94	1.02	1.03
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽³⁾	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁴⁾	119.73	86.28	24.56
Net asset value per security (\$) ⁽¹⁾	9.50	9.67	9.82

Sun Life Crescent Specialty Credit Private Pool - Series I

	2024	2023	2022
Total net asset value (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	208,199	163,568	153,177
Number of securities outstanding (000s) ⁽¹⁾	20,649	16,150	15,611
Management expense ratio (%)	0.11	0.11	0.11
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) ⁽²⁾	0.11	0.11	0.11
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽³⁾	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁴⁾	119.73	86.28	24.56
Net asset value per security (\$) ⁽¹⁾	10.08	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 (%) ^(*)	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit (%)
Series A Securities	1.20	37	63
Series F Securities	0.70	-	100
Series I Securities ⁽⁺⁾	-	-	100

^(*) Includes sales and trailing commissions.

⁽⁺⁾ 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, 2024



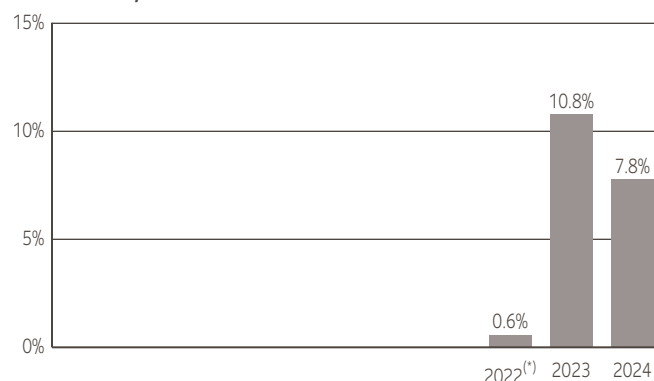
^(*) for the period of July 18, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Series F Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2024



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

Series I Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2024



^(*) 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, if applicable, 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	6.3%	-	-	-	6.1%
Series F	6.9%	-	-	-	6.8%
Series I	7.8%	-	-	-	7.7%
Benchmark	7.7%	-	-	-	9.1%
Broad-based index	4.2%	-	-	-	4.2%

⁽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, 2024

Top 25 Investments

Holding Name	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
1 Cash and Cash Equivalents	5.2
2 TransDigm Inc., 6.83%, Feb 28, 2031	1.5
3 HUB International Ltd., 7.38%, Jan 31, 2032	1.1
4 Asurion LLC, 8.71%, Aug 19, 2028	1.0
5 Cloud Software Group Inc., 8.25%, Jun 30, 2032	0.9
6 Allied Universal Holdco LLC, 7.88%, Feb 15, 2031	0.9
7 CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp., 6.38%, Sep 01, 2029	0.9
8 Medline Borrower LP, 6.61%, Oct 23, 2028	0.9
9 Caesars Entertainment Inc., 6.61%, Jan 27, 2031	0.8
10 UKG Inc., 7.62%, Jan 31, 2031	0.8
11 Neptune Bidco US Inc., 9.29%, Apr 15, 2029	0.8
12 United Rentals North America Inc., 6.13%, Mar 15, 2034	0.7
13 American Airlines Inc., 8.50%, May 15, 2029	0.7
14 1011778 BC ULC / New Red Finance Inc., 4.00%, Oct 15, 2030	0.7
15 Venture Global LNG Inc., 8.13%, Jun 01, 2028	0.7
16 MH Sub I LLC, 8.82%, Apr 25, 2028	0.7
17 OneMain Finance Corp., 7.13%, Nov 15, 2031	0.7
18 Boxer Parent Co., Inc., 8.34%, Jul 30, 2031	0.7
19 Univision Communications Inc., 8.50%, Jul 31, 2031	0.7
20 Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc., 8.49%, Aug 23, 2028	0.6
21 AssuredPartners Inc., 7.86%, Feb 10, 2031	0.6
22 Central Parent Inc., 7.58%, Jul 06, 2029	0.6
23 Garda World Security Corp., 7.90%, Feb 01, 2029	0.6
24 Alliant Holdings Intermediate LLC / Alliant Holdings Co., 6.75%, Oct 15, 2027	0.6
25 Boost Newco Borrower LLC, 6.83%, Jan 31, 2031	0.6
	24.0
Total Net Asset Value (000s)	\$ 215,367

Sector Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
U.S. Corporate Bond	90.0
International Corporate Bond	7.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5.2
Canadian Corporate Bond	4.7
Other Assets less Liabilities	(7.3)
	100.0

Asset Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
U.S. Fixed Income	90.0
International Fixed Income	7.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5.2
Canadian Fixed Income	4.7
Other Assets less Liabilities	(7.3)
	100.0

(*) All information is as at December 31, 2024. 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

This management report of fund performance may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategies, results of operations, performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, or that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions. They are based on current beliefs, expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and various economic factors. Many factors could cause the Fund's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors could include, among other things, general economic, political and market factors, including interest and foreign exchange rates, business competition, technological changes, changes in government regulations or in tax laws and pandemics. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this report are based upon what management currently believes to be reasonable assumptions, the Manager cannot assure current or prospective investors that actual results, performance or achievements will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. The words "may", "could", "would", "should", "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "forecast", "objective", and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The Manager does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document or to reflect new information or the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

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