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Pension Fund**

Sycamore Tree Opportunistic Credit Strategy



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Executive Summary

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Sycamore Tree is a Dallas based boutique investment firm specializing in alternative credit

- 90 years of founder experience across market cycles
- 14-person investment team with 20 years of average experience¹
- Significant experience at identifying value in the sub-investment grade credit markets

Sycamore Tree Capital Partners presents the firm's Opportunistic Credit strategy. The Dallas based firm, founded in 2020, specializes in alternative credit. The firm has \$1.6B in AUM¹, with ~\$70M AUM¹ in this strategy, which seeks to generate attractive total and risk-adjusted returns by investing in [U.S. dollar denominated] tradeable corporate loans and bonds of U.S. companies, and debt and equity securities of CLO issuers. Targeting 8 to 12% annualized net returns², the strategy focuses on opportunities driven by relative value, event-driven catalysts, mispriced industry themes and technical imbalances. The strategy provides an opportunity to participate in an actively managed portfolio of high conviction credits offering attractive yield and upside potential.

We are a minority-owned firm certified with the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council.



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¹ as of March 31, 2023

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Over 90 Years of Founder Experience

Mark Okada
Chief Executive Officer



37 years of experience as one of the leading investors and innovators in the bank loan and CLO market

Highland Capital Mgmt, 1993-2019
Co-founder
Chief Investment Officer

Protective Life Insurance, 1990-1993
Manager, Fixed Income

Hibernia National Bank, 1986-1990
VP, HLT Portfolio Analyst

Trey Parker
Chief Investment Officer



25 years of investing and capital markets experience across credit, private equity and structured credit

Highland Capital Mgmt, 2007-2019
Co-Chief Investment Officer
Head of Credit
Head of Private Equity

Hunt Special Situations Group, 2004-2007
Senior Associate, Private Equity

BMO Merchant Banking, 2001-2004
Private Equity Analyst
Mezzanine Debt Analyst

First Union/Morgan Stanley, 1998-2000
Sales & Trading

Jack Yang
President



39 years of experience in building leading credit businesses, product development, multi-channel fundraising, M&A

Alcentra Group, 2013-2019
Head of US & Global Head of Business Development

Onex Credit Partners, 2010-2012
Managing Partner

Highland Capital Mgmt, 2003-2009
Managing Partner/
Head of Business Development

Merrill Lynch & Co, 1994-2003
Global Head of Leveraged Finance

Chemical Securities, Inc, 1983-1994
Managing Director

An Asset Management Boutique Specializing in Alternative Credit

Founded by principals with industry-leading experience, pedigree and relationships; demonstrated success across cycles delivering successful client solutions

SEC-registered investment adviser with 25 professionals headquartered in Dallas with an office in New York*

PRIMARY OFFERINGS:



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*Sycamore Tree Capital Partners, L.P. and its CLO management affiliate, Sycamore Tree CLO Advisors, L.P., are registered investment advisers with the SEC.

¹ as of March 28th, 2023

A Diverse, Inclusive and Responsible Business

Ownership/Leadership



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- Our firm is a partnership, majority owned and led by diverse individuals
- Minority Business Enterprise Certification March 2023

Investing

- 43% of investment team are diverse professionals*
- 2 of 5 Investment Committees (“IC”) are 67% diverse, 1 IC is 33% diverse and 2 ICs are 20% diverse*
 - Signatory to PRI as of April 2021



Culture/Workforce

- 52% of our total team is diverse, female, military veteran, and/or person with a disability*
- Actively creating a diverse culture via analytics



Business Practices



Gold Sponsor



Bronze Sponsor

- Developing firm business policies and practices with considerations for ESG

Employee Social & Community Involvement



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*As of March 28, 2023

Opportunistic Credit Investment Team: 20 Years of Average Experience

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Mark Okada, CFA
(37)
Chief Executive Officer, Co-Founder

Trey Parker
(25)
Chief Investment Officer, Co-Founder

Jack Yang
(39)
President, Co-Founder

INVESTMENT TEAM

Trey Parker
(25)
Co-Portfolio Manager

Scott Farrell, CFA
(21)
Co-Portfolio Manager

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Scott Farrell, CFA | Jon Poglitsch, CFA | John Zimmermann, CFA | Kyle Okita | Evan Knooihuizen | Brian Kerr, CFA | Joshua Davidson | Michael Weiser | Aveline Chan |
| (21) | (20) | (18) | (19) | (13) | (11) | (8) | (9) | (4) |
| Managing Director | Managing Director | Director | Vice President | Vice President | Vice President | Vice President | Associate | Trader |
| Structured Credit, Trading | Head of Credit, Aerospace & Defense | Retail, Technology | Building and Development, Business Equipment and Services | Chemicals, Industrials, Insurance | Consumer, Food, Financials, Media/Telecom | Healthcare, Publishing | Automotive, Energy, Leisure | Trading |



Market Outlook Drives Portfolio Construction

“Top-Down” Market Assessment / Outlook

Macroeconomic challenges call for managers to “play good defense”

- **Economic Risk**
 - Inflation sticky via structural labor shortage and rents
 - Fed tightening beginning to show cracks (e.g regional bank asset-liability mismatches and commercial real estate exposure)
- **Technical Risk**
 - Slower CLO issuance and retail fund outflows amid recession fears
 - M&A activity and overall loan issuance slowing
 - Ratings agency downgrades rising
- **Credit Risk**
 - Loan market default rate still relatively low by historical standards
 - Higher borrower costs (labor and materials, interest) and leverage
 - Credit documentation in recent years more aggressive/borrower-friendly



“Bottom-Up” Portfolio Construction

Actively managed portfolio of high conviction credits offering attractive yield and upside potential

- **Portfolio Allocation**
 - **Credit Rating:** Target average rating and/or weights based on internal ratings
 - **Duration:** Shorten/lengthen duration of the portfolio based on rate outlook
 - **Asset Class Mix:** Implement appropriate combination to achieve best risk-adjusted outcomes
 - **Leverage:** Selective use when technical and economic outlooks are positive
- **Asset Selection**
 - **Industry:** Focus on industries that are still going through a transition
 - **Fundamentals:** Focus on survivors with defensible business models plus liquidity or access to capital markets sufficient to withstand a crisis/recession
 - **Quality:** Avoid likely default candidates and be cautious within industries facing secular business model shifts
 - **Value:** Obtain attractive yield relative to industry and similarly-rated peers
- **Pro-active Portfolio/Risk Management**
 - Ongoing monitoring – industry/company fundamentals and technical conditions
 - Proactive ratings perspectives
 - Maintaining thesis/sell discipline
 - Checks and balances in the investment process



Risk Management

Risk Management Best Practices Integrated Throughout Our Investment Processes

DAILY

- **Investment team morning meeting covers:**
 - Market movements
 - Current price levels
 - New issue pipeline
 - Portfolio news headlines
 - Trading commentary
- **Realtime PM Dashboard reflects:**
 - Major movers
 - Ratings actions
 - Credit default / CCC watch list changes
 - Portfolio compliance

WEEKLY

- **Meetings between Head of Credit and investment team to review:**
 - Issuer updates
 - Industry relative value
 - Identification of new ideas
- **PM team meeting covers:**
 - Portfolio movers
 - New issuance
 - Ratings actions
 - Restructurings
 - Amendments
 - Portfolio positioning / rebalancing

MONTHLY

- **Sector rotation and risk management meetings chaired by CIO reviewing:**
 - Economic / fundamental risk factors
 - Technical risk factors
 - Credit market risk factors
 - Portfolio risk positioning
 - Sector rotation / industry weightings

SEMI-ANNUALLY

- **Monitoring meetings to conduct a complete reevaluation of issuers**
 - All credits are re-presented to Investment Committee with a focus on performance review and thesis reassessment

ONGOING

- **Regular credit updates to review data from earnings calls and updates, comparison to expectations, and recommended actions**
- **Ad-hoc Investment Committee meetings to address significant investment updates, out of the norm issuer requests, or other extraordinary courses of action**



Opportunistic Credit Strategy Overview

Objectives

- Attractive total return: 8-12% net annualized return expectations*
- Preservation of capital via seniority and asset coverage
- Significant yield/current income
- Diversification: modest volatility versus public equities and conventional fixed income

Strategy

- US borrowers, US Dollar denominated investments
- Floating-rate, tradable senior loans, corporate bonds, unaffiliated US CLO debt and equity
- No non-current pay investments (at purchase)

Structure

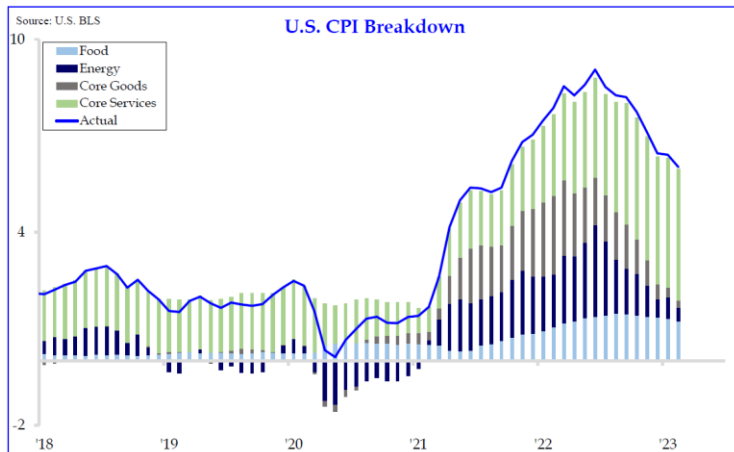
- Onshore/Offshore, Commingled open-end fund, SMA
- Monthly subscriptions
- 1-year initial hard lock; followed by quarterly redemptions s.t. 60 days notice
- Conservative use of vehicle leverage (avg. target of 1x, hard cap of 2x)



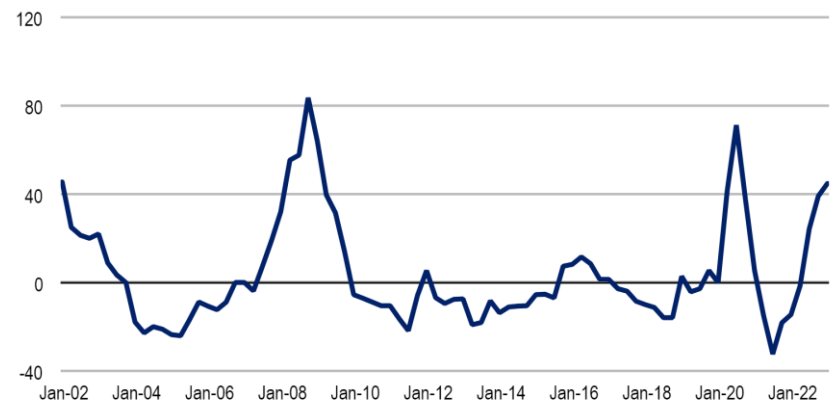
Economic Trends Contributing to Current Opportunity Set

- **Price inflation**
 - Key inflation components such as rents remain sticky
- **Wage inflation**
 - Tight labor market with solid employment, low weekly jobless claims, and elevated job openings
- **Supply/demand imbalances**
 - Ongoing sector-specific secular changes
- **Tighter monetary policy**
 - Nine rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve with more possible
- **Consumer behavior**
 - Rebalancing of consumer spending from goods to services post-COVID
- **Tighter financial conditions**
 - Regional bank failures causing stricter lending standards

US CPI¹



Senior Loan Officer Survey – Net % for Tightening Standards²



¹ Strategas Charts of the Week. March 18, 2023

² BofA Global Research, CLO Weekly, March 17, 2023

Focused on Unique, Undervalued Credit Opportunities

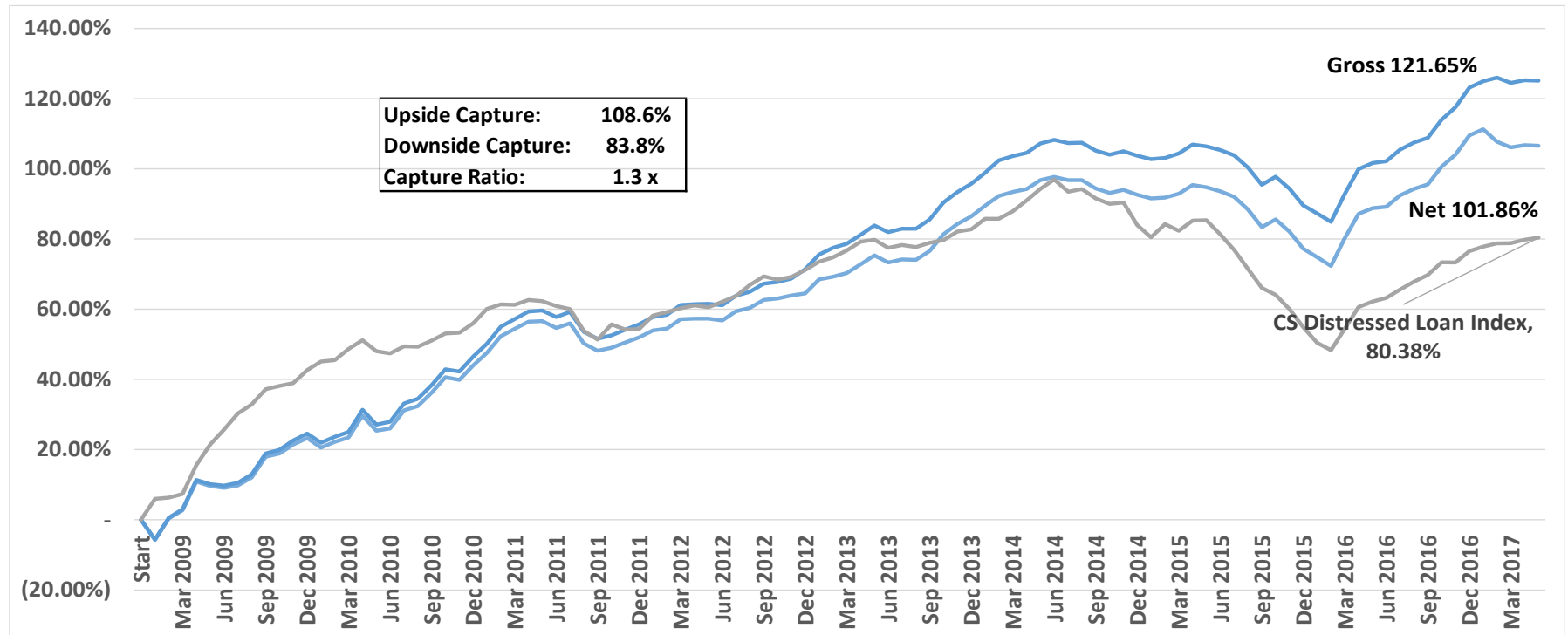
Strategy seeks to invest in high conviction loan, corporate bond and CLO opportunities that are misunderstood by market participants, less correlated and expected to deliver outsized returns relative to fundamental and market risks. Incorporates mispriced industry themes as they arise

| Current Investment Themes | Asset Classes | Target Yield | Credit Quality | Target Holding Period | Description |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|
| Relative Value Opportunities | Corporate Loans and Bonds | 10-15%+ | Bs, CCCs | 18-24 months | Opportunities that typically offer both attractive yield and price convexity relative to the market and relevant comps, based on our analysis of issuer fundamentals and technical conditions |
| Event Driven – Corporates | Corporate Loans and Bonds | 10%+ | Bs | 3-6 months | Debt trading at a discount, which is expected to appreciate or be repaid at par pending an acquisition, refinancing, or other corporate event |
| Event Driven – CLOs Calls/Resets/Repayments | CLO bonds | 15%+ | BBBs, BBs, Bs | 12-18 months | Attractively yielding CLO bonds trading at deep discounts but are expected to pull-to-par or be repaid based on keen understanding of CLO structures, in light of market and underlying loan portfolio conditions |
| Second Liens | Corporate Loans | 12-15%+ | CCCs | 6-30 months | Investments in discounted, second-priority loans issued by fundamentally sound companies that offer outsized yield and/or price upside |



Prior Firm Special Situations Returns

Based on actively managed special situations SMA for a large, US public pension fund



ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

Period: January 2009 - May 2017

Focus: Stressed, distressed credit and special situations
(Includes Loans, high yield, special sits)

| | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | Inception | Sharpe | Sortino |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Gross Return | 25.89% | 5.92% | 14.39% | 23.62% | 1.54 | 16.21 |
| Net Return | 18.88% | 2.83% | 12.02% | 20.51% | 1.29 | 12.04 |
| CS Distressed Loan Index | 19.73% | (4.90%) | 3.79% | 13.15% | 0.96 | 6.47 |



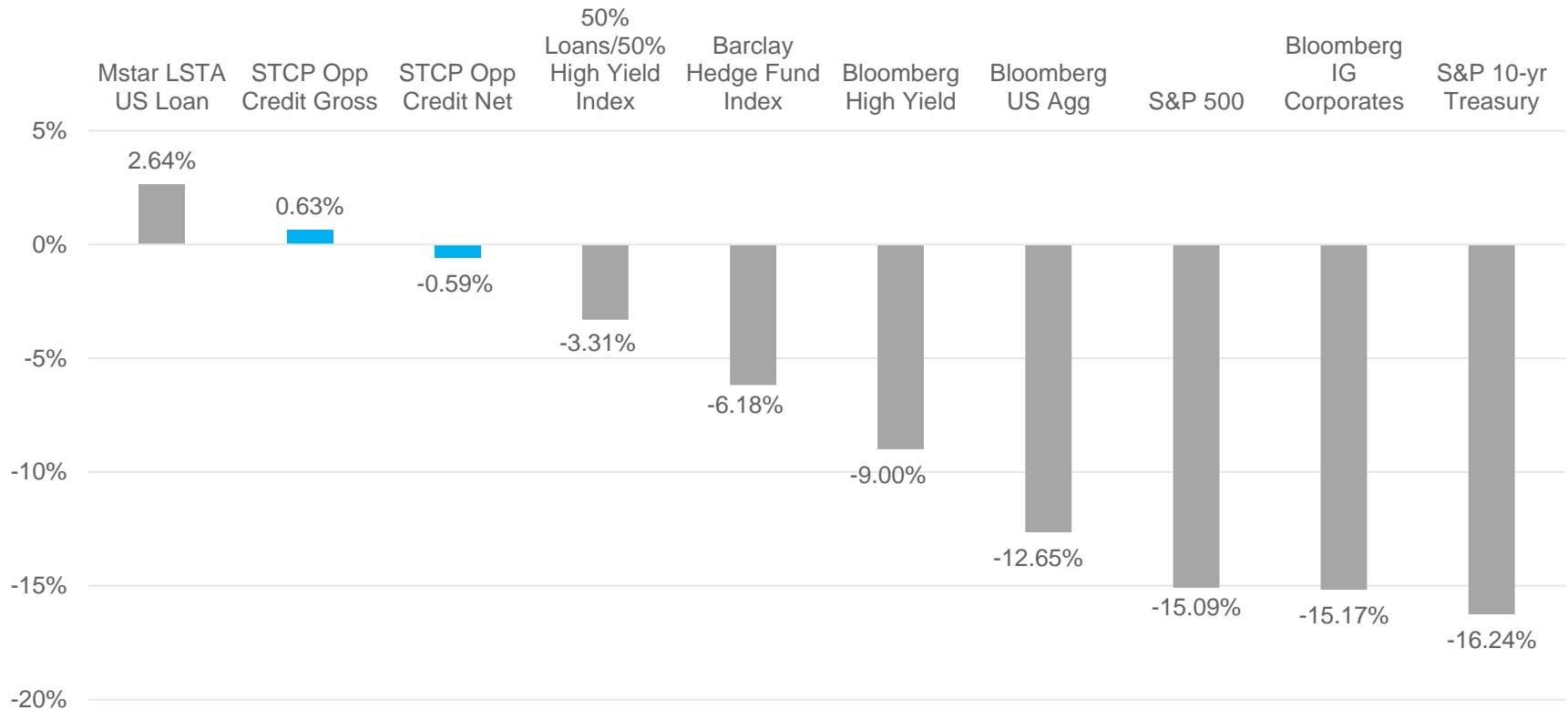
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Opportunistic Credit Strategy Performance

- Positioning in higher coupon, floating rate, senior secured assets has enabled outperformance

Inception-to-Date Cumulative Performance – January 2022 to February 2023



Net performance reflects management and performance fees as well as expenses paid by the Strategy's investors during the periods shown. The Strategy's management fee schedule is 1.00% per annum for an investor NAV less than \$25 million, 0.75% per annum for an investor NAV equal to or greater than \$25 million and less than \$75 million, and 0.50% for an investor NAV \$75 million or greater. The Strategy's performance fee is 15% subject to a 6% hurdle and a high water mark provision. Net performance returns include reduced management and performance fees negotiated with Strategy investors in side letter agreements.



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As of Feb. 28, 2023. Sources: S&P, Pitchbook LCD, Barclays. 50% Loans/50% High Yield Index is 50% Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index and 50% Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index. The chart above illustrates the performance achieved under the current open-end structure and strategy, which was implemented on December 31, 2021. From December 15, 2020 to December 31, 2021, the Sycamore Tree Opportunistic Credit Strategy was structured as a closed-end, drawdown vehicle pursuing a dislocation strategy. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

Opportunistic Credit Strategy: Portfolio & Performance

Portfolio Positioning¹

Objective:

Generate attractive total returns via a combination of income and capital appreciation by investing in idiosyncratic, sub-investment grade credit opportunities

Portfolio Guidelines:

- Investment types: tradable loans, corporate bonds, third-party CLO debt and equity
- 10% maximum in CLO equity
- No non-current pay investments (at purchase)
- Up to 2x leverage allowed

Current Portfolio:

- 52 investments
- 11.8% current yield / 23.5% yield to expectations
- \$86.7 wtd avg price
- 89% floating rate instruments
- Weighted Avg Expected Life: 1.8 yrs
- 36% loans, 37% CLO mezz debt, 10% corp. bonds, 0% CLO equity, 9% CLO AAA debt, 8% cash
- 93.3% rated B- or higher, 6.7% CCC
- No leverage employed

Performance Summary²

| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD |
|------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| 2023 | Strategy (Net) | 2.16% | 0.80% | | | | | | | | | | | 2.98% |
| | 50% US Lev Loan/50% US HY Index | 3.24% | -0.36% | | | | | | | | | | | 2.87% |
| 2022 | Strategy (Net) | 0.53% | (0.27%) | 0.45% | 0.06% | (3.78%) | (1.12%) | 0.56% | 1.40% | (4.25%) | 0.23% | 2.36% | 0.53% | (3.46%) |
| | 50% US Lev Loan/50% US HY Index | (1.18%) | (0.77%) | (0.55%) | (1.67%) | (1.15%) | (4.45%) | 4.02% | (0.39%) | (3.12%) | 1.80% | 1.68% | (0.10%) | (6.01%) |

Past performance is not indicative of future results. 50% Leveraged Loan /50% High Yield blended index is composed of 50% Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index and 50% Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index. "Net performance" reflects management and performance fees paid by the strategy's investors during the periods shown. The strategy's management fee schedule is 1.00% per annum for an investor NAV less than or equal to \$25 million, 0.75% per annum for an investor NAV greater than \$25 million and less than \$75 million, and 0.50% for an investor NAV \$75 million or greater. The strategy's performance fee is 15% subject to a 6% hurdle and high water mark provision. Net performance returns include reduced management and performance fees negotiated with strategy investors in side letter agreements. The above chart reflects the performance achieved by the strategy while operating under an open-end structure, effective Dec. 31, 2021. Between Dec. 15, 2020 and Dec. 31, 2021, the strategy operated as a closed-end, drawdown vehicle. Please see the Disclosures at the end of this report for more information.

- Benchmark: 50% Morningstar/LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index / 50% Bloomberg US Corp. High Yield Index
- Performed well through broader market volatility, down just (0.6%) Jan. 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- Outperformed 50% loan/50% high yield benchmark by +2.7% net since inception
- Preserved capital better than most commonly-held asset classes during 2022, down (3.5% net)
 - "60/40" portfolio losing (16.1%)
 - US Aggregate Bonds down (13.0%)
 - S&P 500 down (18.1%)
 - US High Yield losing (11.2%)
- Targeted 3-year return of 12-15%, without leverage*



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Past performance is not indicative of future results. ¹Portfolio data as of March 20, 2023. Number of investments, current yield, yield to expectations and wtd avg price exclude cash and investments in CLO – AAA, which are cash alternatives. Represent 83% of the portfolio. ²Index data sourced from Pitchbook LCD and Bloomberg as of Feb 28, 2023. *Please see important disclosures relating to forward looking statements and target returns on the Preliminary Matters page at the beginning of the presentation.

Summary

- Sycamore Tree has a **deeply experienced team** with **broad capabilities within credit**. Averaging 20 years of experience and having participated in multiple credit cycles, its investment team is skilled in **preserving capital** and **identifying value**.
- The Firm has established itself as an **institutional quality** asset manager with robust investment process, infrastructure, operations and compliance and is a **certified Minority Business Enterprise**.
- **Private credit markets are less efficient** than public markets, creating opportunities for active managers to generate alpha and **attractive risk-adjusted returns** via a combination of **income** and **capital appreciation**.
- Sycamore Tree's Opportunistic Credit Strategy captures **undervalued opportunities** across liquid, tradeable credit with key focuses on **downside protection and attractive contractual, floating rate income**.



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To illustrate the Special Situations Strategy performance in the context of a stand-alone strategy, such as the Strategy, pro forma performance information is presented net of management fee and incentive allocation and applicable expenses. All performance figures presented herein are approximate, based on unaudited data and have not been examined by any independent third party. Individual investor results may vary depending on, among other factors, the date of the investment, fees paid and new issue eligibility. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Material Changes to Strategy Presentation. Between December 15, 2020 and December 31, 2021, the Sycamore Tree Opportunistic Credit Fund operated as a closed-end, drawdown vehicle. The Fund was originally named the Sycamore Tree Credit Dislocation Fund and was formed to take advantage of the dislocation in the credit markets by investing in loans, corporate bonds and CLO mezzanine debt without the use of leverage. It targeted a 10-15% net IRR, and investors could not withdraw capital from the Fund. Furthermore, the standard management fee was 0.80% per annum and performance fee was 20% with catch-up subject to an 8% preferred return.

Following the material amendment of the Fund to an open-end structure on December 31, 2021, the Fund's investment program is focused on loans, corporate bonds, CLO mezzanine debt and CLO equity that the General Partner believes present attractive value across the market cycle using a combination of the following investment strategies: general relative value, event-driven catalysts, mispriced industry themes and technical opportunities, as well as selective and methodical use of portfolio leverage. The Fund now targets an 8-12% net annualized return and investors are permitted to withdraw capital subject to their applicable lock-up periods, notice periods and redemption frequency terms. Therefore, monthly valuations are shown for performance and any performance shown for a period longer than one month is a time-weighted return. Net performance reflects the deduction of management fees using a dollar-weighted average management fee rate, inclusive of negotiated rates agreed to within side letters. The standard management fee is 1.00% per annum for an investor NAV less than \$25 million, 0.75% per annum for an investor NAV equal to or greater than \$25 million and less than \$75 million, and 0.50% for an investor NAV \$75 million or greater. The standard performance fee is 15% subject to a 6% hurdle and high water mark provision.

The returns shown below reflect the pre-amendment performance of the Fund's initial, fee-paying investors, who participated in the Fund's first close on December 15, 2020 and exclude second close investors and non-fee-paying employees. The inception date of performance is Jan. 14, 2021. Given the closed-end structure, the performance shown for this period is represented by money-weighted internal rates of return and multiples on invested capital per industry standards.

| Fund Performance Summary as of Dec 31, 2021 | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Gross Multiple | Net Multiple | Gross IRR | Net IRR |
| 1.02x | 1.00x | 2.74% | -0.49% |



Performance Disclosures Continued

Performance. Multiple on invested capital (“MOIC”) is found by dividing the total value (realized and unrealized) of an investment by the total amount invested. Internal Rate of Return (“IRR”) represents an annual rate of return on investments, calculated on the basis of actual investment inflows and outflows. Gross MOICs and IRRs do not reflect management fees, performance fees, and Strategy expenses, which in the aggregate are substantial and will reduce returns. Net MOICs and IRRs include the impact of management fees, performance fees (if applicable) and Strategy expenses. Current yield is an investment's annual coupon rate divided by the current price of the security. All performance figures presented herein are approximate, based on unaudited data and have not been examined by any independent third party. Individual investor results may vary depending on, among other factors, the date of the investment, fees paid and new issue eligibility. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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S&P 500: a gauge of large-cap U.S. equities It is a market-capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies.

Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index: a market value-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the U.S. leveraged loan market based upon market weightings, spreads and interest payments.

S&P U.S. Treasury Bond 10-year Index: a one-security index comprising the most recently issued 10-year U.S. Treasury note or bond.



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S&P Leverage Loan Index is a market value-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the U.S leveraged loan market. The S&P Global Leveraged Loan 100 Index consists of the 100 largest loans in the S&P Global Leveraged Loan Index. Total return is the product of two components: interest income return and market value return.



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The S&P Global Leveraged Loan 100 Index consists of the 100 largest loans in the S&P Global Leveraged Loan Index. The S&P Global Leveraged Loan 100 Index is a subindex of the S&P Global Leveraged Loan Index. The S&P Global Leveraged Loan Index is a fixed-weighted, rules-based index designed to reflect global senior loan facilities in the leveraged loan market. It consists of a 75% weighting of the S&P Leveraged Loan Index (LLI) and a 25% weighting of the S&P European Leveraged Loan Index (ELLI). Total return is the product of two components: interest income return and market value return.

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