

# Nicola Private Debt Fund

As of May 31, 2025

# Overview

Nicola Private Debt Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of private credit investments in an open-ended, evergreen fund structure. The Fund seeks to generate attractive income while emphasizing capital preservation by investing primarily in senior secured middle-market corporate debt.

# **Highlights**

Stable income generation – Attractive premium above the returns of typical, publicly traded, non-investment-grade fixed-income securities. Typically generates higher risk-adjusted returns with a long history of delivering recurring cash distributions.

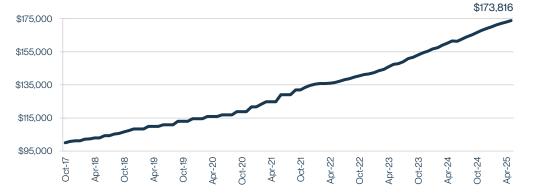
Multi-strategy diversification – Diversified across regions and industries using direct lending, co-investments, and funds accessing senior, unitranche, and mezzanine debt financing in middle-market companies.

Rigorous risk management – Lower default and loss rates historically, due to meaningful covenants, documentation oversight, and other safeguards. The Fund's holdings also have senior secured placement in borrowers' capital structures.

Low volatility – Aims to generate limited price volatility in challenging markets relative to public fixed-income mark-to-market pricing.

# Performance

### Cumulative Net Returns \$100,000 Invested at Inception



# Performance Summary

	Cumulative Returns				Annualized Returns				
	YTD	1M	ЗМ	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception	Inception Date
CAD- Hedged	2.8%	0.5%	1.6%	3.5%	7.7%	8.4%	8.4%	7.6%	October 31, 2017
USD	3.7%	0.7%	2.3%	4.3%	8.7%	8.4%	-	7.9%	December 31, 2021

#### Calendar Year Net Returns

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	20175
CAD- Hedged	8.9%	9.6%	5.3%	10.7%	6.2%	5.7%	7.1%	1.1%
USD	8.6%	10.6%	4.0%	-	-	-	-	-

About the Fund

Inception Date October 31, 2017

Net Asset Value (NAV) C\$1.4B

Distribution Frequency Monthly

Distribution Yield¹ 9.0%

Liquidity Terms Monthly²

Base Currency CAD

#### Fund Characteristics

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Capital deployed Trailing 12 Month	C\$917.0M			
% in Funds vs. Co-Investments	9.2% / 86.3%			
No. of Fund vs. Direct / Co-Investments	15 / 125			
Senior vs. Subordinated Loans	97.5% / 2.5%			
Fixed vs. Floating Loans	4.0% / 96.0%			
Average position size	C\$17.1M			
Average Borrower EBITDA	US\$92.4M			
Risk Metrics (since inception)				
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Maximum Drawdown (Jun 2024 – Jun 2024)	0.0%
Best 12 Months (Dec 2020 – Nov 2021)	12.4%
Worst 12 Months (Oct 2019 – Sep 2020)	5.1%
Best Quarter (Q2 2021)	3.4%
Worst Quarter (Q2 2020)	0.8%
Standard Deviation <sup>3</sup>	2.1%
Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup>	2.5

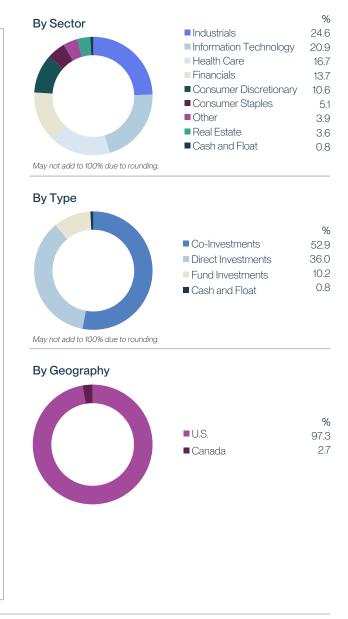
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# Holdings (as of last reported quarter)

# Top 10 Holdings

Investment	% of AUM	Description
Project Victory	2.9	Senior Credit Facilities to a health insurance and benefits management service provider
Project Robotto	2.5	Senior Credit Facilities to a value-added distributor of high-reliability semiconductors.
Project Iris	2.5	Senior Credit Facilities to an optometry clinic consolidator
Project Wave	2.4	Senior Credit Facilities to a healthcare patient engagement platform
Project Greenpark	2.1	NAV Loan secured by 27 real estate assets across the U.K., France, Greece, Ireland, Spain, Germany, Poland, and the U.S.
Project Diagnostic	2.1	Senior Credit Facilities to a global developer, manufacturer, and distributor of consumable products and services for the life sciences and diagnostics markets
Project Transform	2.0	Senior Credit Facilities to a leading provider of critical digital transformation services to enterprise and upper-middle market customers
Project Winter	2.0	Senior Credit Facilities to a provider of subscription-based commercial ice machine rental and maintenance, repair, and overhaul services
Project Breeze 1.7		Senior Credit Facilities to a provider of highly engineered commercial HVAC solutions and services
Project Converse	1.7	Senior Credit Facilities to a provider of residential exterior services
Total	21.9	



#### Disclosure

Distribution Yield reflects the annualized fixed distribution rate that the Fund is expected to pay to unitholders, based on the Fund's most recent declared distribution. Distributions are not guaranteed and may vary in amount and frequency over time.

Nicola Wealth Management Ltd. (Nicola Wealth), the "Fund Manager," is a wealth management and planning firm established in 1994. With a philosophy built on cash flow and diversification, our growing series of funds is managed by members of Nicola Wealth's Asset Management Team.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. All investments contain risk and may gain or lose value. Returns are net of fund expenses charged to date. This is not a sales solicitation. This investment is intended for tax residents of Canada who are accredited investors.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The fund trades monthly with redemptions requiring six-month's notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Standard deviation is a statistical measure that quantifies the risk of an investment. It indicates how much a fund's return deviates from the average return over a period. A higher standard deviation suggests potentially greater volatility (higher risk), while a lower standard deviation indicates potentially less volatility (lower risk).

<sup>4</sup>Sharpe ratio measures the risk-adjusted return, helping investors understand how much an investment compensates for the risk taken. It is calculated by dividing a fund return less cash (riskless) return by its risk standard deviation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Return for the fund's first calendar year reflects performance from inception to December 31 of that year.