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INFORMATION DOCUMENT  
(DOCUMENT D'INFORMATION DES INVESTISSEURS)

BLACKSTONE CRÉDIT PRIVÉ EUROPE SC

OTHER AIF  
(AUTRE FIA)

GOVERNED BY ARTICLE L. 214-24 III OF THE FRENCH MONETARY AND FINANCIAL CODE  
IN THE FORM OF A FRENCH CIVIL PORTFOLIO COMPANY WITH VARIABLE CAPITAL  
(SOCIÉTÉ CIVILE DE PORTEFEUILLE À CAPITAL VARIABLE)

STRICTLY RESERVED TO ELIGIBLE INVESTORS AS DEFINED HEREIN

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY HAS ONLY NOTIFIED THE COMPANY FOR MARKETING  
IN FRANCE WITH THE FRENCH FINANCIAL MARKETS AUTHORITY (AUTORITE DES MARCHES FINANCIERS)  
AND THE COMPANY WILL NOT BE MARKETED IN ANY EEA JURISDICTIONS OTHER THAN FRANCE.

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The present information document for investors ("*Document d'information des investisseurs*") (the "**Information Document**") has been drawn up in accordance with Article 421-34 I of the General Regulation of the French *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (respectively the "**GRAMF**" and the "**AMF**") and Article 3 of AMF Instruction n°2014-02. The information contained herein shall be made available to investors prior to a prospective investment in an alternative investment fund ("**AIF**"). The Information Document has not been subject to the approval of the AMF.

Blackstone Crédit Privé Europe SC (the "**Company**") is a civil portfolio company with variable capital and qualifies as an "Other AIF" ("*Autre FIA*") within the meaning of Article L. 214-24 III of the French Monetary and Financial Code (the "**FMFC**"). The Company, as an Other AIF, is not subject to the approval or supervision of the AMF and adopts specific operating and investment rules, which are set out in the present Information Document as well as in the By-Laws of the Company.

The Company's Units are available only to professional clients, in accordance with Articles L. 214-24-1 I of the FMFC and 421-1 and seq. of the GRAMF, qualifying as Eligible Investors (as defined below) and more specifically to French insurance companies and *Fonds de retraite professionnelle supplémentaire*. The Units of the Company are eligible to units of account (i) of life-insurance and capitalization contracts mentioned in Article L. 131-1 of the French Insurance Code (*Code des assurances*) within the conditions set forth in Articles R. 131-1 and seq. of the French Insurance Code (*Code des assurances*) and (ii) of contracts relating to retirement savings plans (*plans d'épargne-retraite*) mentioned in Article L. 224-1 of the FMFC within the conditions set forth in Articles R. 224-1 and seq. of the FMFC.

Any public offer (*offre au public*) of the Units of the Company is strictly prohibited.

The Company shall not have more than one hundred fifty (150) Unitholders, who shall qualify as Eligible Investors.

It is intended that the Company should fall within the scope of Article 8 of SFDR but the Company does not commit to making one or more "sustainable investments" within the meaning of Article 2(17) of SFDR. Additional information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Company is contained in **Appendix 3** to this Information Document.

This **Appendix 3** has been drawn up in accordance with Annex II of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 of 6 April 2022 and may be amended from time to time in order to implement any change in the above mentioned regulations applicable to the Company.

## 1. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Information Document and except as may otherwise be defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all capitalised terms shall have the meaning set forth in the glossary attached hereto in **Appendix 1**.

## 2. GENERAL PRESENTATION

### 2.1 Characteristics of the Company

<b>Legal form and fund structure</b>	The Company is a French alternative investment fund within the meaning of Directive 2011/61/EU (the " <b>AIFM Directive</b> ")
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	<p>qualifying as an Other AIF (<i>Autre FIA</i>) referred to in Article L. 214-24 III of the FMFC.</p> <p>The Company is structured as a civil portfolio company with variable capital.</p> <p>The Company is governed by the provisions of Volume II, Title I, Chapter IV, Section 2, Sub-section 1 of the FMFC as well as by the provisions applicable to civil companies with variable capital, namely Articles 1832 to 1870-1 of the French Civil Code, Articles 1 to 59 of Decree n°78-704 of 3 July 1978 and Articles L. 231-1 and seq. of the French Commercial Code relating to companies with variable capital, as amended from time to time.</p>
<b>Name</b>	Blackstone Crédit Privé Europe SC.
<b>Registered office</b>	92, Avenue de Wagram - 75017 Paris.
<b>Incorporation Date of the Company</b>	The Company is incorporated and registered with the Registry of Trade and Companies of the Commercial Court of Paris under the number 981 595 077 as of 27 November 2023 (the " <b>Incorporation Date</b> ").
<b>Duration of the Company</b>	The Company shall have a duration of ninety-nine (99) years as from the Incorporation Date except in the event of early dissolution or extension of the Company as set forth in the By-Laws and Article 25 of the Information Document.
<b>Valuation Date</b>	The Net Asset Value of each Class of Units of the Company will be computed twice a month, i.e. on the fifteenth (15 <sup>th</sup> ) and the last calendar day of each month (each, a " <b>Valuation Date</b> "). The Net Asset Value will be available six (6) Business Days after the Valuation Date at the latest.
<b>Summary of the offer</b>	<p>The Company is structured without any sub-fund or compartment.</p> <p>Subscribers: Units are only available for subscription by Eligible Investors as defined hereunder in Article 5.1.</p> <p>Minimum initial subscription: <i>cf infra</i>. Article 8.2.1.2.</p> <p>Minimum additional subscription: <i>cf infra</i>. Article 8.2.1.2.</p>

## 2.2 Information on the Units issued by the Company

The Company issues two (2) different categories of Units.

Category	ISIN Code	Eligible Investors	Currency	Nominal Value	Minimum initial subscription	Minimum additional subscription	Income allocation
<b>INS<sub>A</sub>-EUR</b>	FR001400L0X2	Professional clients within the meaning of Article L. 533-16 of the FMFC and referred to in Article 5.1.	EUR	EUR 25	EUR 10,000	EUR 1,000	Accumulation
<b>B</b>	FR001400L0Y0	Blackstone and its Affiliates	EUR	EUR 25	N/A	N/A	N/A

## 2.3 Documents and information made available to the Unitholders

Several documents and information including, but not limited to, the By-Laws, the latest available Net Asset Value of the Units, the latest version of the Information Document and the annual report, shall be made available upon request to the Unitholders at no expense.

In addition, the Unitholders will be provided with the PRIIPS KID of the Company (i) before they subscribe or acquire Units and (ii) each time such PRIIPS KID is updated.

The annual report of the Company shall comprise the information referred to in paragraphs IV and V of Article 421-34 of the GRAMF, namely:

- i. the percentage of the Company's Assets which may be subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature;
- ii. any new arrangements for managing the liquidity of the Company;
- iii. the current risk profile of the Company and the risk management systems employed by the Management Company to manage those risks;
- iv. any changes to the maximum level of leverage which the Management Company may employ on behalf of the Company as well as any rights of the reuse of collateral or any guarantee granted under the leveraging arrangement; and
- v. the total amount of leverage employed by the Company.

These documents and information may be obtained from the Management Company at the following address:

92, Avenue de Wagram - 75017 Paris

### 3. ACTORS

<b>Manager</b>	<b>Blackstone Crédit Privé Europe Associates S.à r.l.</b> , a Luxembourg private limited liability company ( <i>société à responsabilité limitée</i> ), registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B279856, having its registered office at 11-13, boulevard de la Foire - L-1528 Luxembourg, has been appointed as manager ( <i>gérant</i> ) of the Company (the " <b>Manager</b> ") in the By-Laws.
<b>Management Company</b>	<b>IQ EQ Management S.A.S.</b> , a French simplified joint-stock company ( <i>société par actions simplifiée</i> ), registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 431 251 121, having its registered office at 92, Avenue de Wagram - 75017, Paris, approved as a portfolio management company and manager of alternative investment funds (AIFM) by the AMF under number GP-02023 has been appointed as management company to act as alternative investment fund manager within the meaning of the AIFM Directive (the " <b>Management Company</b> ").
<b>Investment Manager</b>	<b>Blackstone Alternative Credit Advisors, L.P.</b> , a Delaware limited partnership, with registered office at 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the " <b>SEC</b> ") as an investment adviser under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended from time to time (the " <b>Investment Manager</b> ").
<b>Sub-Investment Manager</b>	<b>Blackstone Ireland Limited</b> , registered with the Central Bank of Ireland under number C346109 as an investment firm within the meaning of Directive 2014/65/UE (the " <b>Sub-Investment Manager</b> ").
<b>Independent Committee</b>	The independent committee set up at the Company level and undertaking the missions set forth hereunder in Article 16.
<b>Depository</b>	<b>CACEIS Bank S.A.</b> , a French credit institution licensed as such by the French <i>Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution</i> , registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 692 024 722 , having its registered office at 89-91 rue Gabriel Péri, 92120 Montrouge and its postal address at 12 place des États-Unis – CS 40083 – 92549 Montrouge CEDEX, France (the " <b>Depository</b> ").
<b>Auditor</b>	<b>Deloitte et Associés S.A.S.</b> , a French simplified joint-stock company ( <i>société par actions simplifiée</i> ), registered with the Nanterre Trade and Companies Register under number 572 028 041, having its registered office at 6, Place de la Pyramide - 92908 Paris La Défense CEDEX (the " <b>Statutory Auditor</b> ").
<b>Central Administration</b>	<b>IQ EQ Management S.A.S.</b> , a French simplified joint-stock company ( <i>société par actions simplifiée</i> ), registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 431 251 121, having its



	registered office at 92, Avenue de Wagram - 75017, Paris, approved as a portfolio management company and manager of alternative investment funds (AIFM) by the AMF under number GP-02023 (referred to, in respect of such function, as the " <b>Central Administration</b> ").
<b>Corporate Secretary and Accounting Service Provider</b>	<b>IQ EQ S.A.S.</b> , a French simplified joint-stock company ( <i>société par actions simplifiée</i> ), registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 509 964 482, having its registered office at 92, Avenue de Wagram - 75017, Paris, (the " <b>Corporate Secretary and Accounting Service Provider</b> ").

#### 4. INVESTMENT POLICY

##### 4.1 General features

The Company is part of Blackstone's European Private Credit program, named "**ECRED**". ECRED is a credit investment program operated throughout several entities and the term "**ECRED**" is used throughout this Information Document to refer to the program as a whole. As a credit investment program, ECRED makes its investments through a number of entities established for structuring purposes, which will be owned by a Luxembourg special limited partnership (*société en commandite spéciale*) for the purpose of indirectly holding the Investments of ECRED (the "**ECRED Aggregator**"). For sake of clarity, the ECRED Aggregator will not qualify as an AIF. The Investments referred to in this Information Document shall be deemed those indirectly held by the Company through the ECRED Aggregator.

The Company will invest its assets mainly indirectly through the ECRED Aggregator. The Company will invest in the ECRED Aggregator, in parallel with Blackstone European Private Credit Fund (Master) FCP ("**ECRED Master FCP**"), a Luxembourg multi-compartment mutual fund (*fonds commun de placement*) governed by Part II of the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment, as amended from time to time. ECRED Master FCP is authorized and supervised by the Luxembourg supervisory authority, the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the "**CSSF**").

The investment information set out below describes the indirect investments of the Company held through the ECRED Aggregator. To the extent additional vehicles may be established in parallel to such ECRED Aggregator (the "**ECRED Aggregator Parallel Vehicles**"), its feeder vehicles and Parallel Vehicles (as defined below), will, to the extent possible, rebalance their interests among the ECRED Aggregator Parallel Vehicles in order to maintain a consistent holding in each separate vehicle.

The investment policy of the Company will be substantially similar to the investment strategy of ECRED Master FCP, save in respect of any applicable tax, legal or regulatory considerations, and in any case within the scope of the AMF approval of the Management Company.

##### 4.2 Investment objective

The investment objective of the Company is to deliver attractive risk adjusted returns primarily through current income, with some balance derived from longer-term capital appreciation, mainly through investment in a highly diversified portfolio primarily constructed from privately originated investments in European companies through: (i) first lien senior secured and unitranche loans and bonds; (ii) anchor

orders and club deals (generally, investments made by small groups of investment firms) in broadly syndicated or quasi-liquid loans and bonds; and (iii) second lien, unsecured, subordinated, mezzanine debt, structured credit and asset backed financings and other debt and equity securities (the investments described in this sentence, collectively, the “**Private Credit Investments**”). The Company also expects that it will invest approximately ten (10) - twenty (20) % of its total assets in broadly syndicated and publicly traded loans, bonds and other debt securities (primarily senior secured) (collectively, the “**Opportunistic Credit Investments**”) and cash and/or cash equivalents. The Company expects that Opportunistic Credit Investments generally will be liquid, and may be used for the purposes of maintaining liquidity, while also presenting an opportunity for attractive investment returns, in particular during idiosyncratic and dislocation market environments. The Company will focus a majority of its portfolio on investments in European companies, predominantly in the upper-middle market, and to a lesser extent, expects to allocate a portion of its portfolio to investments in U.S., Asian, Australian and other non-European companies. The Company expects to capitalize on Blackstone Credit & Insurance’s (“**BXCI**”) scale and reputation in the market as an experienced financing partner to originate and execute such Private Credit Investments and Opportunistic Credit Investments (together, the “**Investments**”).

BXCI is one of the world’s leading credit investors. Investments span the credit markets, including direct lending, opportunistic, CLOs, high yield, infrastructure and asset based credit. BXCI is also a leading provider of investment management services for insurers, helping those companies better deliver for policyholders through our world-class capabilities in investment grade private credit.

More specifically, the Company will seek to capitalize on BXCI’s scale and reputation in the market as an experienced financing partner to originate and execute investments, and generate attractive risk adjusted returns. The Company will aim to meet its investment objectives by seeking to:

- (i) invest in established, high quality companies primarily operating in the upper-middle market with leading and defensible market share positions, strong free cash flow generation and liquidity to withstand market cycles, proven management teams with established track records of success;
- (ii) build a highly diversified portfolio across issuers and sectors, focusing on companies in sectors that BXCI has investment expertise in and believes can benefit from favorable long-term secular growth trends. Focus sectors currently include (but such focus sectors may change over time): technology and software, healthcare, life sciences, energy transition, professional and business services and infrastructure and building;
- (iii) utilize the experience and expertise of the BXCI platform globally with wide reaching and deep origination capabilities to source transactions with private equity sponsors and corporates, benefitting from an established European presence since 2006;
- (iv) leverage BXCI’s ability to transact at scale with speed and certainty, with financing solutions tailored to borrowers;
- (v) employ a selective and defensive investment approach focused on long term credit performance and principal preservation, generally investing in loans with asset coverage ratios and interest coverage ratios, Blackstone believes provide substantial credit protection, and also seeking favorable financial protections, including, where Blackstone believes necessary, financial maintenance covenants and incurrence covenants;
- (vi) maintain active and rigorous portfolio monitoring, designed to anticipate and mitigate potential

credit events with the portfolio; and

- (vii) deploy the power and scale of Blackstone and the BXCI platform to offer value creation and operational expertise to portfolio companies.

### **4.3 Investment strategy**

#### **4.3.1 Investment information and portfolio allocation**

Under normal circumstances, the Company will target an allocation of approximately eighty (80) to ninety (90) % of its total Assets in Private Credit Investments. To a lesser extent, the Company will also invest approximately ten (10) to twenty (20) % of its Assets in Opportunistic Credit Investments and cash and/or cash equivalents as a means of generating liquidity for its portfolio, while also presenting an opportunity for attractive investment returns.

The Company may make Investments directly or through one or more intermediate vehicles (each an “**Intermediate Vehicle**”). For the avoidance of doubt, in applying and interpreting the terms of this Information Document, the Investment Manager may determine that Investments do not include Intermediate Vehicles, as the context may require.

The loans in which the Company invests generally are expected to pay floating interest rates based on a variable base rate plus an applicable spread. The first lien senior secured and unitranche loans and bonds in which the Company expects to invest generally have stated terms of five (5) to eight (8) years, and the second lien, unsecured, subordinated and mezzanine debt investments that the Company may make generally are expected to have stated terms of up to ten (10) years, but the average life of such securities generally is expected to be between three (3) and five (5) years. However, there is no limit on the maturity or duration of any security the Company may hold in its portfolio. Loans and securities purchased in the secondary market generally will have shorter remaining terms to maturity than newly issued investments. The Company expects most of its debt investments will be unrated. The Company expects that unrated debt investments will have credit quality generally consistent with below investment grade securities. The Company's debt investments also may be rated by a nationally recognized global change agency, and, in such case, generally are expected to carry a rating below investment grade (rated lower than “Baa3” by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. or lower than “BBB-” by Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services). In addition, the Company may also invest in collateralized loan obligations (“**CLOs**”) and other structured and asset backed credit securities across senior and junior tranches. These securities will generally not have direct rights against the underlying borrowers or entities that sponsor of the vehicle. A majority of the Company’s Investments will be in European companies, but the Company also expects to invest, to a lesser extent, in U.S., Asian, Australian and other non-European companies.

Subject to the limitations set out in this Information Document and applicable laws and regulations, the Company may invest in loans or securities, the proceeds of which may refinance, realize or otherwise repay loans or securities of companies whose loans or securities are owned by Other Blackstone Accounts. In addition, the Company may invest in loans or securities in companies whose loans, securities, economic ownership interests and voting rights are owned by Other Blackstone Accounts.

The Company may, but is not required to, enter into interest rate, foreign exchange or other derivative agreements to hedge interest rate, currency, credit or other risks, but it generally does not intend to enter into any such derivative agreements for speculative purposes. The Company will not enter into any short-sale agreements. Any derivative agreements entered into for speculative purposes are not expected to be material to the Company’s business or results of operations. Subject to compliance with

applicable legal and regulatory requirements, these hedging activities may include the use of futures, options and forward contracts. The Company will bear the costs incurred in connection with entering into, administering and settling any such derivative contracts. There can be no assurance any investment in derivative securities including any hedging strategy employed will be successful.

The Company's Investments may exceed and otherwise vary materially from the allocation targets to Private Credit Investments and Opportunistic Credit Investments, including due to factors such as a large inflow of capital over a short period of time, the Investment Manager's and the Sub-Investment Manager's assessment of the relative attractiveness of opportunities, or an increase in anticipated cash requirements or Redemption Requests and subject to any limitations or requirements relating to applicable law.

Certain Investments could be characterized by the Investment Manager, in its discretion, as either Private Credit Investments, Opportunistic Credit Investments or cash and/or cash equivalents depending on the terms and characteristics of such Investments.

#### 4.3.2 Information on Investments in 'Other BX Funds'

The Company may make investments by investing in, and will make investments alongside, Other BX Funds (subject to the terms and conditions of such Other BX Funds' governing documents). Any investments in Other BX Funds will be valued as described in Article 10.2 hereunder.

#### 4.3.3 Investment restrictions

The Company will not at any one time directly or indirectly, through the ECRED Aggregator, invest and hold more than twenty (20)% of its Net Asset Value in any single Investment as measured at the time of acquisition; provided that such diversification will be assessed on a look-through basis and no remedial action will be required if such restriction is exceeded for any reason other than the acquisition of a new Investment (including the exercise of rights attached to an Investment).

This twenty (20) % diversification requirement will not apply during a ramp-up period of up to four (4) years after the initial subscription to the Company is accepted. Furthermore, this restriction shall not apply in respect of collective investment schemes or any other investment vehicles which provide investors access to a diversified pool of assets.

For the purpose of the foregoing restriction, the amount invested in any Investment will reflect only the amount of equity invested by the relevant entity and therefore will be net of any leverage or other additional indebtedness that the Investment Manager deems related to the Investment being acquired, whether incurred, allocated or expected specifically at the Investment level or incurred, allocated or expected from other vehicle indebtedness.

The Investment Manager may also impose additional limitations in its discretion based on the underlying investors in the Company and/or for compliance with any legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Company and/or Unitholders (including for example the BHC Act).

#### 4.3.4 Leverage

The Company may utilize leverage, incur indebtedness and provide other credit support for any purpose, including to fund all or a portion of the capital necessary for an Investment or to enhance returns. The Company will not incur indebtedness, directly or indirectly, that would cause the Leverage Ratio (as defined hereunder) to be in excess of sixty-seven (67)% (the "**Leverage Limit**"); provided,

that no remedial action will be required if the Leverage Limit is exceeded for any reason other than the incurrence of an increase in indebtedness (including the exercise of rights attached to an Investment).

**"Leverage Ratio"** means, on any date of incurrence of any such indebtedness, the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the Aggregate Net Leverage (as defined below) by (ii) the Company's Net Asset Value plus the aggregate principal amount of indebtedness for borrowed money (e.g. bank debt) of the Company and any subsidiary special purpose financing vehicle thereof with direct recourse to such subsidiary special purpose financing vehicle.

**"Aggregate Net Leverage"** means (i) the aggregate principal amount of indebtedness for borrowed money (e.g., bank debt) of the Company and any subsidiary special purpose financing vehicle thereof with direct recourse to such subsidiary special purpose financing vehicle, minus (ii) cash and cash equivalents of the Company.

For purposes of determining Aggregate Net Leverage, the Investment Manager: (i) shall use the principal amount of borrowings, and not the valuations of the Company's borrowings as described in Article 9 hereunder, (ii) may, in its sole discretion, determine which securities and other instruments are deemed to be cash equivalents and (iii) will disregard any indebtedness between the different entities constituting ECRED and its subsidiaries. The Company's Assets or any part thereof, including any accounts of the Company, may be pledged in connection with any credit facilities or borrowings. The Leverage Limit may be exceeded on a temporary basis to satisfy short-term liquidity needs, refinance existing borrowings or for other obligations, but in each case the Leverage Ratio will not exceed seventy-five (75) %. For the avoidance of doubt, the Leverage Limit does not apply to indebtedness at the Investment level, guarantees of indebtedness, or other related liabilities that are not recourse indebtedness for borrowed money of the Company. The Company may, but is not obligated to, engage in hedging transactions for the purpose of efficient portfolio management. The Investment Manager, with the assistance of the Sub-Investment Manager, may review the hedging policy of the Company from time to time depending on movements and projected movements of the relevant currencies and interest rates and the availability of cost-effective hedging instruments for the Company at the relevant time.

In addition, the Management Company has established a maximum level of leverage for the Company, applying both the gross and commitment calculation methods described in Delegation Regulation (EU) 231/2013 of 19 December 2012, relative to the Net Asset Value of the Company of five hundred (500) % and four hundred (400) % respectively. Compliance with the maximum level of leverage will be determined on a quarterly basis. If this limit were ever exceeded after leverage has been incurred by the Company, the Investment Manager will make commercially reasonable efforts to bring the Company's exposure back into compliance with the maximum level of leverage, but such event will not constitute a breach of an investment restriction adopted by the Company or a "trade error" for any purpose. The Management Company may increase the Company's maximum leverage exposure from time to time. If the Management Company increases such maximum level of exposure, it will provide notice in writing to Unitholders in the next regularly scheduled notice to Unitholders.

Further developments relating to the use of leverage are set forth in the risk factors to which the Company is exposed in [Appendix 4](#).

#### 4.3.5 Parallel Vehicles and Feeder Vehicles

If it considers appropriate for any legal, tax, regulatory, compliance, structuring or other considerations of the Company or of certain Unitholders, the Investment Manager, or any of its Affiliates may, in their sole discretion, establish one or more parallel vehicles to invest alongside the Company (as determined

in the Investment Manager's discretion), (the "**Parallel Vehicles**"), which may not have investment objectives and/or strategies that are identical to the investment objectives and strategies of the Company and/or feeder vehicles to invest through the Company ("**Feeder Vehicles**" and collectively with Parallel Vehicles and ECRED Aggregator Parallel Vehicles, "**Parallel Entities**"). The costs and expenses associated with the organization and operation of any Parallel Entity may be apportioned to, and borne solely by, the investors participating in such Parallel Entity or be allocated among the Company, ECRED Aggregator and any Parallel Entities as determined by the Investment Manager in its reasonable discretion. Investors should note that, as a result of the legal, tax, accounting, regulatory, compliance, structuring or other considerations mentioned above, the available information relating to and the terms of such Parallel Entities may substantially differ from the available information relating to and the terms of the Company. In particular, such differences may cause investors subscribing or redeeming into Parallel Entities to subscribe at, or have their shares or units, as applicable, redeemed at a different net asset value per share or unit in the corresponding Parallel Entities than in the Company.

The terms of each Parallel Vehicle will be substantially similar to the Company and/or ECRED Master FCP, except to the extent reasonably necessary or desirable to address the particular legal, tax, regulatory, accounting or other similar needs of a Parallel Vehicle or one or more investors in such Parallel Vehicle, or to provide for different rights, benefits, powers or duties and terms, including with respect to fees, distributions and liquidity. Save as otherwise provided in this paragraph, (i) the Company and any such Parallel Vehicle will invest in, and divest of, any Investment on economic terms that are the same in all material respects and (ii) the respective interests of the Company and any Parallel Vehicle in any Investment will be apportioned among them on a *pro rata* basis (based on available capital) and they will similarly share any related investment expenses.

To the extent an investor is admitted to a Parallel Entity, upon funding its commitment to such Parallel Entity and such Parallel Entity funding such amounts into ECRED Master FCP or the ECRED Aggregator, such Parallel Entity will receive additional units in ECRED Master FCP or the ECRED Aggregator, as relevant, which in turn will result in a dilution of the Company's interests in the ECRED Aggregator, and vice versa when additional Unitholders are admitted to the Company.

## 5. CONDITIONS RELATING TO UNITHOLDERS

The Company shall not have more than one hundred fifty (150) Unitholders, who shall each qualify as Eligible Investors as defined below.

### 5.1 Eligible Investors

The Company will be made widely available to investors which are eligible based on the terms of this Information Document and in compliance with the AIFM Directive, and be marketed sufficiently widely and in a manner suitable to attract Eligible Investors (as defined hereafter).

Apart from Blackstone and its Affiliates, an "**Eligible Investor**" is an investor:

- (i) which qualifies as a professional client within the meaning of Articles L. 533-16 and D. 533-11 of the FMFC, or any other investor which belongs to an equivalent category under applicable laws;
- (ii) which is more specifically a French insurance company subscribing in representation of units of account of life-insurance and capitalization contracts in accordance with Article L. 131-1 of the French Insurance Code (*Code des assurances*) or a *Fonds de Retraite Professionnelle Supplémentaire* subscribing in representation of units of account of contracts relating to

retirement savings plans (*plans d'épargne-retraite*) in accordance with Article L. 224-1 of the FMFC;

- (iii) which satisfies the know-your-client (KYC), terrorist financing and anti-money laundering checks carried out by the Management Company with the assistance, as the case may be, of the Investment Manager;
- (iv) which meets the legal, regulatory and tax requirements detailed in this Information Document;
- (v) which, (a) prior to the subscription of Units, has entered into an agreement with the Company and the Investment Manager with a view to subscribing to the Units; and (b) in the event of a Transfer, to whom the agreement entered into by Company and the Investment Manager with the Transferor has been transferred or which has entered into an agreement with the Company and the Investment Manager containing provisions substantially similar to the agreement entered into by the Company and the Investment Manager with the Transferor; and
- (vi) whose holding of Units is not detrimental to the interests of the existing Unitholders, the Company or Blackstone nor causes such parties to become exposed to (i) legal, regulatory, tax or economic obligations, disadvantages, fines or penalties that they would not have otherwise incurred or (ii) reputational damages in the view of Blackstone and its Affiliates and/or the Company and/or the Manager and/or the Investment Manager (in their sole discretion).

In addition, the Company's Units cannot be subscribed or acquired in the United States of America (including in its territories and dependencies) for the benefit of a U.S. Person, as defined in Regulation S under the SEC, except where the U.S. Person qualifies as a Permitted U.S. Person and is subscribing to or acquiring the Company's Units in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act or in a transaction otherwise exempt from registration under the Securities Act, including in reliance on Regulation D.

No further substantive criteria is intended to apply which would limit or deter Eligible Investors from investing in the Company.

Prospective investors and existing Unitholders (as the case may be) must demonstrate that they qualify as Eligible Investors before subscribing to or acquiring Units and throughout the holding of Units. The Management Company will bear the responsibility to ensure that such prospective investors and existing Unitholders (as the case may be) qualify as Eligible Investors and have received the relevant information thereto.

In the event of a Transfer of Units, either directly or indirectly, such Transfer shall not be deemed valid where the transferee does not qualify as an Eligible Investor.

Class INS<sub>A</sub>-EUR Units may only be subscribed or acquired by French insurance companies or *Fonds de Retraite Professionnelle Supplémentaire* qualifying as Eligible Investors in accordance with the criteria set forth herein. Class B Units may only be subscribed or acquired by Blackstone and its Affiliates.

## **5.2 Consequences related to becoming a Unitholder**

The Unitholders acknowledge that by becoming Unitholders they accept, and undertake to comply with, the provisions of the Information Document, the provisions of the By-Laws and their respective Subscription Agreements (as defined below).

The Unitholders do not acquire any direct right to the Company's Assets through the subscription to or acquisition of Units.

The rights and obligations of the Unitholders shall be as defined in the present Information Document and in the By-Laws and shall be governed and construed in accordance with French applicable laws and regulations.

Any dispute or disagreement arising thereto shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of French courts as further outlined hereunder in Articles 30 and 31.

With regard to the Company's Investments, it is generally expected that the courts of the jurisdiction in which the Company has made an Investment would recognise the choice of French law to govern the Information Document and (insofar as French law is expressed to apply) any agreements relating to an Investment in such jurisdiction, and with respect to Investments in the European Union, French law will apply subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 of 17 June 2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I Regulation).

It is generally expected by the Management Company that any Investment by the Company in any of the jurisdictions contemplated by the investment strategy as set out in Article 4.1 will generally be made through Intermediate Vehicles established as limited liability entities.

### **5.3 Fair treatment of Unitholders**

The Management Company intends for all Unitholders to be treated fairly in accordance with the relevant requirements of the AIFM Directive and applicable French laws and regulations.

The Management Company will guarantee fair treatment to the Unitholders holding Units of the same Class.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, a Unitholder may be granted preferential treatment within the meaning of, and to the widest extent allowed by, this Information Document and the By-Laws. To the extent that a Unitholder obtains preferential treatment or the right to obtain preferential treatment, a brief description of such preferential treatment, the type of Unitholder who obtained such preferential treatment and, where relevant, such Unitholder's legal or economic links with the Company, the Manager, the Management Company, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager will be made available on a confidential basis upon request at the registered office of the Management Company, to the extent required by applicable law.

For the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, the following shall not be considered as a preferential treatment and shall not be subject to this paragraph: (i) any right to provide specific reporting (in content or format) or information as required by such Unitholder's status, (ii) any method of giving notice by one party to another, or (iii) such other administrative arrangements as may be agreed with any Unitholder from time to time. Furthermore, the Unitholders acknowledge that they will not be entitled, solely by reason of this paragraph, to (a) receive any rights or benefits established in favor of another Unitholder by reason of the fact that such other Unitholder is subject to any laws, rules, regulations, treaties, decrees, governmental orders or policies to which the requesting Unitholder is not also subject or has different tax, legal or regulatory status, (b) receive any rights or benefits which are personal to such other Unitholder based solely on the place of organization or headquarters, organizational form of, or other particular restrictions or considerations applicable to such other Unitholder or (c) receive any rights or benefits granted to Blackstone or its Affiliates, their partners, members, or current or former employees or partners (including for this purpose, any charitable programs, endowment funds and



similar or related entities, programs and/or accounts established by or associated with any of the foregoing).

#### **5.4 BHC Unitholder**

The fact, for a Unitholder, to qualify as a BHC Unitholder entails consequences relating to the limitation of the voting rights attached to the Units that such BHC Unitholder holds.

These consequences are further detailed in Article 11.2 of the By-Laws. Any Unitholder subscribing to, or acquiring, Units of the Company is deemed to have read such consequences carefully and, as the case may be, to have accepted such consequences.

### **6. RISK PROFILE**

Any Eligible Investor subscribing to or acquiring Units is exposed to several risk factors related to the Company's investment strategy and Investments and shall, in this respect, carefully consider such risk factors before committing to subscribe to or acquire Units.

The relevant risk factors related to an investment in the Company and to which Unitholders are continuously exposed are further described in **Appendix 4** to the present Information Document.

### **7. TAX INFORMATION**

#### **7.1 Declaration information**

Each Unitholder agrees to provide any FATCA Information to the Management Company on behalf of the Company or to any intermediary through which it holds these Units in the Company, whether directly or indirectly, and to permit the Company or the Management Company (on behalf of the Company) to share this information with the French Tax Authority and as appropriate, with the U.S Internal Revenue Service. The FATCA Information of the Unitholder shall include, among other things, the Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN) of the Unitholder or one of the tax forms mentioned below:

W-9: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf)

W-8BEN: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8ben.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8ben.pdf)

W-8BEN-E: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8bene.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8bene.pdf)

W-8ECI: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8eci.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8eci.pdf)

W-8EXP: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8exp.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8exp.pdf)

W-8IMY: [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8imy.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8imy.pdf)

Each Unitholder shall keep the Management Company informed of any change in its position regarding the aforementioned elements.

For the requirements of this Article, each Unitholder hereby waives any right that it might hold by way of banking secrecy, rules on data protection and any other similar legislation, likely to prohibit the sharing of information and guarantees that each person about whom it notifies or has notified information to the Company, to the Management Company or to the Investment Manager has received

this information and has granted any agreement necessary for permitting collection, processing, transfer and declaration of the information.

Each Unitholder acknowledges and agrees that the Management Company (on behalf of the Company) is authorized to compel a FATCA Recalcitrant Investor to sell its Units, or may sell such FATCA Recalcitrant Investor's Units on behalf of such FATCA Recalcitrant Investor at the lower of the following two amounts: (i) the paid-up amount attributable to the Units held by the FATCA Recalcitrant Investor net of any distributions received by such FATCA Recalcitrant Investor with respect thereto and (ii) their latest Net Asset Value available.

The Company is authorized to withhold thirty (30)% on all payments made to a FATCA Recalcitrant Investor pursuant to FATCA, which amounts shall be deemed distributed to such Unitholder, and no additional amounts will be due and/or paid in respect of any amounts withheld in connection with FATCA, whether by the Company or an intermediary payer through which a Unitholder holds its Units in the Company.

The Company is authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Internal Revenue Service described in Section 1471(b)(1) of the U.S. Code and to make any amendments to this Information Document reasonably necessary to enable the Company to comply with FATCA and to cause its Unitholders to provide the FATCA Information.

The Management Company is subject to rules introduced by the Directive No. 2014/107/EU of the Council of 9 December 2014 ("**DAC 2 Directive**") which amend the Directive No. 2011/16/EU with respect to the automatic and mandatory exchange information in tax matters as well as treaties entered into by France allowing an automatic exchange of information for tax purposes in accordance with Article 1649 AC of the French General Tax Code. In this respect, the Management Company will collect information required by the DAC 2 Directive that could go further than those collected under FATCA regulation and be communicated to the French Tax Authorities in accordance with the "common reporting standards" ("**CRS**"), for the purpose of being subsequently communicated to the competent Tax Authorities of the countries that have adopted such standard CRS.

The Company and the Management Company are required to report to the relevant Tax Authorities any potentially aggressive cross-border tax-planning arrangements which would meet one or several hallmarks defined in the Appendix to the Council Directive EU 2018/822 dated May 25, 2018 amending Directive 2011/16/EU ("**DAC 6**"). In this context, the Company and/or the Management Company may disclose to the relevant Tax Authority information regarding notably the identity of Unitholders, or information related to the Company and its Unitholders including associated enterprises to such Unitholders.

## **7.2 Specific tax information**

Each Unitholder shall promptly provide the Management Company with such information, certifications, representations and forms relating to the Unitholder (including, but not limited to, information relating to its direct or indirect owners, account holders and controlling persons) in the Unitholder's possession or reasonably available to it ("**Information**") as the Management Company may reasonably request from time to time so as to permit the Management Company to:

- (i) evaluate and comply with any present or future legal, regulatory, commercial or Tax requirements applicable to any Relevant Entity, the Unitholders or the Investments or that may potentially be applicable in connection with any proposed investments of the Company;

- (ii) consider and evaluate the extent to which any payments collected by or paid to any Relevant Entity are likely to be paid after deduction of, or after withholding for, Tax;
- (iii) assist in obtaining an exemption from, reduction in or refund of any Taxation (including Taxation imposed pursuant to any applicable Information Reporting Regime); or
- (iv) comply with various compliance obligations (including obligations relating to Information Reporting Regimes and any anti-money laundering, "know your client", anti-financial crime, anti-terrorism or similar requirements) and various anti-money laundering obligations.

In addition, each Unitholder shall take such actions as the Management Company may reasonably request in order to enable any Relevant Entity to comply with, or mitigate any Taxation under, any applicable Information Reporting Regime or other Tax laws and hereby authorises each Relevant Entity to take such actions as it reasonably determines are necessary in order to enable any Relevant Entity to comply with, or mitigate any Taxation under, any applicable Information Reporting Regime (including the disclosure of personal data).

In the event that any Unitholder (x) fails to establish that payments and allocations to it are exempt from withholding under any applicable Information Reporting Regime, or (y) fails to comply with any of the requirements set out above, or (z) fails or is unable to confirm that its participation does not give rise to a hybrid mismatch or to a Taxation imposed on or to be economically borne by the Company pursuant to the Directive (EU) 2017/952 of 29 May 2017 amending Directive (EU) 2016/1164 as regards hybrid mismatches with third countries and any subsequent transposing law and in each case, fails to (or in the case of (z) above is unable to) rectify any such failure to comply in a timely manner and the Management Company reasonably considers that any of the following is necessary, advisable or desirable having regard to the interests of the Company and Unitholders generally, the Management Company shall have full authority (but shall not be obliged) to take any action that the Management Company deems in good faith to be necessary or appropriate to mitigate any adverse effect on the Company, any other Unitholder or any Relevant Entity, including, without limitation: (i) withholding any Taxes required to be withheld pursuant to any applicable legislation, regulations, rules or agreements; and (ii) applying Article 4.3.5 and (iii) allocating to an Unitholder any Taxation imposed on or economically borne by the Company (whether by way of deduction of Tax, disallowance of a deduction for Tax purposes at the level of the Investments, or otherwise) and/or any withholding Taxes and/or other costs which are attributable to that Unitholders failing to comply with the requirements set out above and/or requiring the Unitholders to withdraw from the Company. If requested by the Management Company or the Investment Manager, the Unitholder shall promptly execute any and all documents or take such other actions as the Management Company and/or the Investment Manager may reasonably require pursuant to this Article. The Management Company and the Investment Manager may exercise the power of attorney granted to it pursuant to this Article to execute any such documents or take such actions on behalf of any Unitholder in connection with the above if the Unitholder fails to do so.

Each Unitholder covenants to pay to the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Manager, the Company and the Unitholders an amount equal to all loss, Taxes, costs, expenses, damages, claims and/or demands (including without limitation any withholding Tax, penalties or interest suffered by the Company, a Relevant Entity, and/or the Unitholders) arising (a) as a result of such Unitholder's participation in the Company or failure to establish that payments and allocations to it are exempt from withholding under the applicable Information Reporting Regime or failure to comply with any of the other requirements set out in this Article or any requests of the Management Company or the Investment Manager under this Article in a timely manner and (b) as a result of any action taken by the Management Company or the Investment Manager in respect of the Unitholder pursuant to this Article.

Each of the Unitholders hereby appoints the Management Company and/or the Investment Manager (and their duly appointed attorneys acting severally) as its true and lawful attorney with full power of substitution to do all things and to execute any documents as may be required in connection with this Article and each such Unitholder undertakes to ratify such actions as the Management Company or the Investment Manager (and/or their duly appointed attorneys) lawfully does pursuant to such power of attorney. The power of attorney in this Article shall come into effect on the date it is first exercised by the Management Company or the Investment Manager as the case may be and each Unitholder undertakes to maintain the appointment of, and not revoke, their respective powers of attorney for the duration of this Information Document.

Each Unitholder is hereby notified and acknowledges that information about such Unitholder shall, where required, be reported to the French tax authority and may be transferred to the tax authority or governmental authority of other territories in accordance with applicable exchange of information obligations.

Each Unitholder hereby agrees to further update or replace any such Information promptly to the extent such Unitholder is aware of any change to any of the Information it has provided, or that such Information has become obsolete in any material respect.

### 7.3 U.S. federal income tax classification

Solely for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Company shall timely elect pursuant to U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-3(c) to be treated as a corporation and no election to the contrary shall be made.

## 8. UNITS

### 8.1 Characteristics of the Units

#### 8.1.1 Unit Classes

As at the Incorporation Date, the following Unit Classes may be subscribed for by Eligible Investors which have been admitted as Unitholders in the Company by the Management Company, as follows:

Class	Currency	Type of Unitholder	Type of Unit	ISIN Code
INS <sub>A</sub> -EUR	EUR	Insurance companies and <i>Fonds de Retraite Professionnelle Supplémentaire</i> for insurance contracts or retirement savings plans, as described in Article 5.1	Accumulation	FR001400L0X2
B	EUR	Blackstone and its Affiliates	N/A	FR001400L0Y0

Except as otherwise described herein, the terms of each Unit Class are identical. The Manager has the authority to, at any time, create and issue new Classes or types of Units at its discretion, with Units

having different rights, benefits, powers or duties and terms, including with respect to fees, distributions and liquidity.

#### 8.1.2 Value of the Units

The nominal value of each Class INSA-EUR Unit is twenty-five (25) euros.

The nominal value of each Class B Unit is twenty-five (25) euros.

#### 8.1.3 Rights attached to the Units

Subject to the below with respect to rights attached to each Unit Class, each Unit grants the right to share profits and income and the right to the allocation of any liquidation surplus (*boni de liquidation*) in proportion to the fraction of the share capital that such Unit represents.

Subject to specific restrictions in the Information Document or in the By-Laws, each entire Unit of any Unit Class is entitled to one (1) vote and gives its holder the right to be represented in general meetings, as well as the right to be informed about the Company's operations and to obtain certain Company documents within the timing and under the conditions contemplated by applicable laws and regulations, the By-Laws and this Information Document.

Each Unitholder shall have unlimited liability for the debts and obligations incurred by the Company *vis-à-vis* the other Unitholders and third parties, in proportion to the fraction of the share capital that the Units of the Unitholder represent. Unitholders may be called upon pursuant to the present paragraph either (i) at the date on which the aforementioned debts and obligations become payable or (ii) at the date on which the Company enters into a situation of cessation of payments (*cessation de paiements*) as defined under French laws and regulations. The creditors of the Company can only take action against Unitholders for the settlement of the debts and liabilities of the Company after having tried in vain to obtain payment from the Company. Any Unitholder who ceases to be a Unitholder of the Company shall be liable for five (5) years *vis-à-vis* the other Unitholders and third parties of all debts and liabilities existing at the time of its complete redemption from the Company, in accordance with the provisions of Article L. 231-6 of the Commercial Code.

Class INSA-EUR Units are "**Accumulation Class**" Units.

Unitholders that subscribe for Accumulation Class Units will, in lieu of receiving cash distributions, have any such amounts reflected in the Net Asset Value of each Class.

Distributions reflected in the Net Asset Value of the Units held by the Accumulation Class Unitholders for each Financial Year are based on the financial statements of the Company, as audited by the Statutory Auditor and duly approved by the Unitholders after the end of each Financial Year, disclosing the amount of the distributable income for the relevant Financial Year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may make monthly interim distributions. These interim distributions will be made at the discretion of the Manager, with the prior consultation of the Management Company, and will not be subject to a specific vote of the Unitholders.

All distributions, including interim distributions, are subject to reasonable reserves for the payment of a *pro rata* portion of Fund Expenses (as defined hereunder) and other obligations of the Company attributable to such Units (including Rebates), and subject to allocating any required tax withholdings (or taxes paid or withheld with respect to such distributions from any Other BX Fund). In addition, distributions shall be made considering factors such as earnings, cash flow, capital needs, taxes and

general financial condition and the requirements of applicable law. As a result, the Company's distribution rates and payment frequency may vary from time to time. There is no assurance the Company will pay distributions in any particular amount, if at all.

With respect to distributions and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, Class B Units only entitle Class B Unitholders to the reimbursement of their paid-up amount.

#### 8.1.4 Registration and form of the Units

The Units do not constitute marketable securities and cannot be traded on a regulated exchange or on a multilateral trading facility.

The ownership of a Unit solely results from its registration, in fully registered form (*nominatif pur*), in the name of its owner in the register held by the Company for this purpose or by a delegate of the Company as amended from time to time further to Transfers and issuance of Units duly approved and published in the conditions set forth under the applicable laws and regulations.

The Manager may decide to issue fractions of Units up to two decimals (*centièmes de parts*). Such fractional Units shall not be entitled to vote (and shall not be taken in account for the computation of the quorums and majorities referred to in the By-Laws) but shall be entitled to participate in the net Assets of the relevant Unit Class on a *pro rata* basis.

The Units cannot be subject to securities lending (*faire l'objet d'un prêt de titres*).

## 8.2 Subscription, redemption and conversion of Units

Subscriptions to, redemption and conversion of Units should be made for investment purposes only.

The Company shall not permit short-term (market-timing) or other excessive trading practices, which may disrupt the Company's portfolio management strategies and harm its performance. To minimize harm to the Company and to the Unitholders, the Manager with the assistance of Management Company has the right to reject any purchase or conversion order from any subscriber who is engaging in excessive trading or has a history of excessive trading or if a subscriber's trading, in the opinion of the Manager and that of the Management Company, has been or may be disruptive to the Company; it being specified that the Company, the Manager and the Management Company will not be liable for any loss resulting from rejected orders.

### 8.2.1 Subscription to Units

Subscription to the Company's Units is reserved for Eligible Investors within the limit of the Maximum Share Capital referred to in Article 7.2 of the By-Laws, it being specified that the amount of the Maximum Share Capital may be amended upwards and downwards by way of collective decision of the Unitholders in the conditions set out in the By-Laws.

#### 8.2.1.1 Subscription process

Subscriptions to purchase Units of any Class may be made on an ongoing basis, but Unitholders may only purchase Units pursuant to accepted subscription orders as of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of each month (a "**Subscription Date**"). A prospective Unitholder generally must notify the Management Company and/or the Company of its desire to subscribe for Units by 5 p.m. Central European Time at least two (2) Business Days prior to the relevant Subscription Date (unless waived by the Manager). Late subscription orders will be automatically submitted for the next available

Subscription Date, unless such subscription order is withdrawn or revoked before 5 p.m. Central European Time at least two (2) Business Days before such Subscription Date (in each case subject to the discretion of the Manager, with the prior consultation of the Management Company, to accept after such time).

To be accepted at such relevant Subscription Date, a subscription request must be made with a completed and executed subscription agreement in good order at least for the first subscription, subsequent subscriptions requests from the same Unitholder may be accepted on the basis of a subscription notice at the discretion of the Company (each, a "**Subscription Agreement**"), including satisfying the know your client (KYC), terrorist financing and anti-money laundering checks carried out by the Company, the Management Company or its agent.

In addition, the Subscription Agreement shall include certain representations and warranties to the Company including (without limitation) a representation to the effect that it (1) (a) is not a U.S. Person (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) or (b) is a Permitted U.S. Person (unless waived by the Management Company, with the assistance of the Investment Manager) and (2) is purchasing such investment (x) in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act or (y) in a transaction otherwise exempt from registration under the Securities Act, including in reliance on Regulation D.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Manager, upon consultation of the Management Company, shall retain the right to accept or refuse subscription requests in its entire discretion and, in particular, may decide to accept subscription requests which do not fulfill the conditions set out herein.

The purchase price per Unit of each Class shall be equal to the Net Asset Value per Unit for such Class as calculated on the Valuation Date immediately preceding the relevant Subscription Date.

For example, if a prospective Unitholder wishes to have its subscription for Units of the Company accepted as of November 16<sup>th</sup>, such prospective Unitholder's subscription request must be received in good order up to 5 p.m. Central European Time on November 14<sup>th</sup> (or if November 14<sup>th</sup> is not a Business Day, the preceding Business Day). The offering price will equal the Net Asset Value per Unit of the applicable Class as of the Valuation Date following the receipt of the Subscription Agreement (yet immediately preceding the corresponding Subscription Date), i.e. November 15<sup>th</sup>. If accepted, the subscription will be effective on November 16<sup>th</sup> (based on the Net Asset Value calculated on November 15<sup>th</sup>). Unitholders should note that incomplete subscription applications and subscription applications which are not settled by the relevant funding due date may be cancelled by the Company and any costs of cancellation passed on to the Unitholder.

The Company's Net Asset Value will be calculated twice a month, more specifically on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) and the last calendar day of each month and will be available by six (6) Business Days following the relevant Valuation Date at the latest, as set forth under Article 9 below. Prospective Unitholders will therefore not know the Net Asset Value per Unit of their investment until after the investment has been accepted. Prospective Unitholders are required to subscribe for a EUR amount and the number of Units that such subscriber receives will subsequently be determined based on the Net Asset Value per Unit as of the time such investment was accepted by the Company.

#### 8.2.1.2 Minimum initial subscription

The minimum initial subscription amount is ten thousand (10,000) and a thousand (1,000) euros for subsequent subscriptions for all Class INS<sub>A</sub>-EUR Units. For the avoidance of doubt and with regard to Class B Units, there is no minimum initial and subsequent subscription amount.

Certain distributors, countries and/or other Unit Classes, as applicable, may have higher minimums.

Notwithstanding anything else herein, the Manager, upon consultation of the Management Company, may accept, delay acceptance or reject subscriptions in its sole discretion, including choosing to reject or delay acceptance of all subscriptions for a given fortnight, which could result in subscriptions being accepted on a day other than the first (1<sup>st</sup>) or the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>), as applicable, of the relevant month.

#### 8.2.1.3 Payment of the purchase price

By subscribing for Units, each Unitholder irrevocably undertakes to pay the purchase price of such Units within two (2) Business Days following the publication of the relevant Net Asset Value (for the purposes of this Article, the "**Subscription Settlement Date**").

The purchase price shall be paid in cash and be fully paid up in one installment, by means of a wire transfer, to the account of the Company opened in the books of the Depositary by 5 p.m. Central European Time on the relevant Subscription Settlement Date.

Subject to Article 8.2.1.2 above and in consideration for payment of the purchase price of the Units, the Company will issue to the Unitholders all the Units, fully paid-up, for which they have subscribed.

#### 8.2.2 Redemption of Units

##### 8.2.2.1 Redemption process

A Unitholder may request to have some or all of its Units redeemed by the Company (a "**Redemption Request**") as of the last calendar day of each month (the "**Redemption Date**") by submitting a notice to the Management Company and/or the Company that the Unitholder requests a certain number of its Units be redeemed by the Company in the form agreed by the Management Company and/or the Company (the "**Redemption Notice**") by 5 p.m. Central European Time on or before the close of business on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Business Day of such month (e.g., a Unitholder requesting a November 30<sup>th</sup> redemption must submit their Redemption Request by November 1<sup>st</sup> or, if November 1<sup>st</sup> is not a Business Day, the following Business Day); provided that late notices may be accepted by the Manager (with the assistance of the Management Company).

Once a Redemption Notice has been submitted, the Unitholder may withdraw or revoke the Redemption Request with the Manager's consent (assisted by the Management Company) until 5 p.m. Central European Time on the last Business Day before the Redemption Date (subject to the Manager's discretion, with the assistance of the Management Company to accept after such time).

Amounts distributed in connection with a redemption will be based upon the Net Asset Value per Unit of the applicable Unit Class being redeemed as of the last calendar day of the month (e.g., a Unitholder requesting a November 30<sup>th</sup> redemption, the redemption price will be based upon the Net Asset Value as of November 30<sup>th</sup> of that year).

The Company expects that settlements of Units' redemptions will generally be made within sixty (60) calendar days of the Redemption Date (e.g., a Unitholder requesting a November 30<sup>th</sup> redemption would generally be expected to receive a settlement on or around January 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year). Unitholders whose Redemption Requests are accepted will cease to be Unitholders in respect of the redeemed Units as of such Redemption Date and will therefore cease to be entitled to the rights of a Unitholder in respect of the redeemed Units as of such date, including the right to receive distributions, and will not be entitled to interest on redemption payments.



The aggregate net asset value of total redemptions (on an aggregate basis (without duplication) across ECRED, including redemptions in the ECRED Aggregator, Parallel Entities and Feeder Vehicles but excluding any Early Redemption Deduction applicable to the redeemed Units) is generally limited to two (2)% of aggregate net asset value per calendar month of such entities (measured using the aggregate net asset value as of the end of the immediately preceding month) and five (5)% of such aggregate net asset value per calendar quarter (measured using the average of such aggregate net asset value as of the end of the immediately preceding three (3) months), except in the exceptional circumstances described below. In addition, no redemption requests will be accepted when the acceptance of such redemption requests would make the share capital of the Company fall under the Minimum Share Capital of the Company detailed in Article 7.3 of the By-Laws.

In exceptional circumstances and not on a systematic basis, the Company (after having consulted the Management Company) may make exceptions to, modify or suspend, in whole or in part, the redemption program if such action is deemed to be in ECRED's best interest and that of ECRED's investors, such as when redemptions of Units would place an undue burden on ECRED's liquidity, adversely affect ECRED's operations, risk having an adverse impact ECRED that would outweigh the benefit of redemptions of Units or as a result of legal or regulatory changes. Material modifications, including any amendment to the two (2) % monthly or five (5) % quarterly limitations on redemptions and suspensions of the redemption program will be promptly disclosed to Unitholders on ECRED's website at [bxcreditpriveeurope.com](http://bxcreditpriveeurope.com). If the redemption program is suspended, it will be evaluated, on a monthly basis, whether the continued suspension of the redemption program is in ECRED's best interest and that of ECRED's investors.

Each Redemption Request will be made at the then-current Net Asset Value per Unit of the applicable Unit Class. Unitholders will not know the Net Asset Value per Unit, and therefore the amount of their redemption, until approximately six (6) Business Days after the Redemption Date. Because investors must submit Redemption Requests on the first day of the month of a Redemption Date, the Net Asset Value per Unit for the month preceding the Redemption Date will not be known at the time their Redemption Request is submitted.

In the event that, pursuant to the limitations above, not all of the Units submitted for redemption during a given month are to be accepted for redemption by the Company, Units submitted for redemption during such month will be redeemed on a *pro rata* basis (measured on an aggregate basis (without duplication) across ECRED if applicable), on the relevant Redemption Date after all the Units accepted for redemption by the Management Company and/or the Company due to death, qualifying disability or divorce and/or other limited exceptions and all the Units subject to Minimum Account Redemptions (as defined below) have been redeemed.

All unsatisfied Redemption Requests will be canceled and will have to be resubmitted by the relevant Unitholders for the next available Redemption Date.

If a redeeming Unitholder, who invested in the Company for its own account, owns Units subscribed at different Subscription Dates, such Units will be deemed to be redeemed on a "first-in-first-out" basis.

Units acquired by the Investment Manager (or its Affiliate, as applicable) as payment of the Investment Manager Fee will not be taken into account for the purpose of the Net Asset Value calculation for the two (2) % monthly or five (5) % quarterly limitations.

#### 8.2.2.2 Early Redemption Deduction

Any redemption of Units as of a date within one (1) year of the date immediately preceding the effective subscription date of such Units will be subject to an early redemption deduction equal to two (2)% of

the value of the Net Asset Value of the Units being redeemed (calculated as of the Redemption Date) (the “**Early Redemption Deduction**”) for the benefit of the ECRED Aggregator.

The Early Redemption Deduction will inure indirectly to the benefit of the ECRED Aggregator (and indirectly the Company and all other vehicles invested in the ECRED Aggregator, including their respective investors). The Company may, from time to time or on a continuous basis, waive the Early Redemption Deduction in its discretion, including without limitation in the case of redemptions resulting from death, qualifying disability or divorce, or where operational, administrative, and/or system limitations prohibit the Early Redemption Deduction from being properly applied.

All questions as to the applicability of the Early Redemption Deduction to specific facts and the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt of required documents) of a qualification for an exemption from the Early Redemption Deduction will be determined by the Investment Manager, with the assistance of the Management Company, and its determination shall be final and binding.

In order for a redeeming Unitholder to benefit from the Early Redemption Deduction waiver and/or the priority redemption mechanism, in each case, where such redemption results from death, qualifying disability (defined as any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or to be of long-continued and indefinite duration thus preventing the individual to engage in any substantial gainful activity) or resulting from divorce of a Unitholder, or an underlying investor where a Unitholder subscribed to the Units on its behalf and/or for its benefit and/or in representation of units of account of life-insurance and capitalization contracts entered into with this underlying investor in accordance with Article L. 131-1 of the French Insurance Code (*Code des assurances*) or in representation of units of account of contracts relating to retirement savings plans (*plans d'épargne-retraite*) entered into with this underlying investor in accordance with Article L. 224-1 of the FMFC, who is a natural person (for the purpose of this paragraph only, an “Investor”) and irrespective of whether the Units being redeemed have been subscribed in a nominee capacity (including, without limitation, a financial intermediary), a trust and/or a retirement, a saving or a profit-sharing plan and/or life-insurance and capitalization contracts, its Redemption Request must be received by the Management Company and/or the Company from:

- (a) *in the case of death* – as applicable, (i) the estate of such Investor, (ii) the recipient of the Units through bequest or inheritance, (iii) in the case of a trust, the trustee of such trust, who shall have the sole ability to request the redemption of the Units on behalf of the trust, or (iv) the Unitholder in case the Units have been subscribed in a nominee capacity (including through a financial intermediary) and/or in the context of a retirement, a saving or a profit-sharing plan and/or life-insurance and capitalization contracts;
- (b) *in the case of qualified disability* – the Unitholder, provided that the condition causing the qualifying disability was not pre-existing on the date of such Investor’s first investment in the Company; or
- (c) *in the case of divorce* – any divorced Investor or the Unitholder in case the Units have been subscribed in a nominee capacity (including through a financial intermediary) and/or in the context of a retirement, a saving or a profit-sharing plan and/or life-insurance and capitalization contracts.

In order to be eligible for the Early Redemption Deduction waiver and/or the priority redemption mechanism in case of redemptions resulting from death, qualifying disability or divorce described above, the Redemption Request for the relevant Units must be received by the Management Company and/or the Company within twelve (12) months of the death of the Investor, of the initial determination of the Investor’s qualifying disability or of the divorce. Furthermore, the Redemption Request must contain, unless waived by the Investment Manager in its sole discretion, with the assistance of the Management

Company, the following information: (i) in case of death, a certified copy of the official death certificate of the Investor; (ii) in case of a qualifying disability, a certified copy of a medical certificate in relation to the Investor (or any other official document evidencing the qualifying disability of such Investor) and (iii) in case of divorce, a certified copy of the official document evidencing the divorce.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the Investment Manager reserves the right to request additional information in order to assess the eligibility of an Investor's redemption to the Early Redemption Deduction waiver and/or the priority redemption mechanism in case of redemptions resulting from death, qualifying disability or divorce before processing such Redemption Request accordingly.

Units acquired by the Investment Manager (or its Affiliate, as applicable) as payment of the Investment Manager Fee will not be subject to any Early Redemption Deduction.

#### 8.2.2.3 Minimum Account Compulsory Redemption

In the event that any Unitholder (or an underlying investor where a Unitholder subscribed to the Units on its behalf and/or for its benefit and/or in representation of units of account of life-insurance and capitalization contracts entered into with this underlying investor or in representation of units of account of contracts relating to retirement savings plans (*plans d'épargne-retraite*) entered into with this underlying investor in accordance with the definition of "Investor" as provided in Article 8.2.2.2 above) fails to maintain, in any Class, a minimum balance of Units worth five hundred (500) euros, the Company may, in its sole discretion, compulsorily redeem all the Units of that Class held by such Unitholder (or underlying investor where such Unitholder subscribed to the Units on its behalf and/or for its benefit and/or in representation of units of account of life-insurance and capitalization contracts entered into with this underlying investor or in representation of units of account of contracts relating to retirement savings plans (*plans d'épargne-retraite*) entered into with this underlying investor in accordance with the definition of "Investor" as provided in Article 8.2.2.2 above).

Such compulsory redemption of Units will occur at the NAV per Unit in effect on the date the Company determines that such Unitholder (or underlying investor where such Unitholder subscribed to the Units on its behalf and/or for its benefit and/or in representation of units of account of life-insurance and capitalization contracts entered into with this underlying investor or in representation of units of account of contracts relating to retirement savings plans (*plans d'épargne-retraite*) entered into with this underlying investor in accordance with the definition of "Investor" as provided in Article 8.2.2.2 above) has failed to meet the minimum balance of Units in such Class, less any applicable Early Redemption Deduction (a "**Minimum Account Redemption**").

#### 8.2.2.4 Compulsory Redemption with regard to Prohibited Persons

If the Management Company and/or the Company discovers at any time that any owner or beneficial owner of the Units is a Prohibited Person (as defined below), either alone or in conjunction with any other person, whether directly or indirectly, the Management Company, with the prior consent of the Manager, and/or the Company may and without liability, compulsorily redeem (in whole or in part) the Units in accordance with the By-Laws and the Information Document, and upon redemption, the Prohibited Person will cease to be the owner of those Units. For the avoidance of doubt, in the case of a Unitholder holding Units, which can be allocated to several beneficial owners, such compulsory redemption may only be applied to the part of the portion of such Units allocable to the beneficial owner qualifying as a Prohibited Person.

The Management Company and/or the Company may require any Unitholder to provide it with any information that it may consider necessary for the purpose of determining whether or not such owner of Units is or will be a Prohibited Person.

Further, Unitholders shall have the obligation to immediately inform the Management Company and the Company to the extent the ultimate beneficial owner of the Units held by such Unitholder becomes or will become a Prohibited Person.

For the purpose of this clause, "**Prohibited Person**" shall mean any person, firm, partnership or corporate body, not eligible as investor for a Unit Class, or if in the sole opinion of the Company, the holding of Units may be detrimental to the interests of the existing Unitholders, the Company or the Sponsor, if it may result in a breach of any law or regulation, whether in France or abroad, or if as a result thereof any such parties may become exposed to regulatory, tax, economic or reputational damages, obligations, disadvantages, fines or penalties that it would not have otherwise incurred.

### 8.2.3 Conversion of Units

#### 8.2.3.1 Conversion at the request of the Unitholders

A Unitholder may request the conversion of all or part of its Units of a Class on any Valuation Date, provided that the Unitholder fulfils the eligibility criteria of the relevant Class into which the conversion is requested and subject to the written consent of the Manager or its delegate. Any conversion request which, when executed, would cause the Unitholder's investment to fall below the applicable minimum holding requirement, will be considered as a request for a full conversion for that Unitholder's Units in that particular Class.

Written conversion orders should be sent to the Central Administration at least fifteen (15) Business Days before the relevant Valuation Date (the "**Conversion Cut-Off**").

All conversion orders must contain the following information:

- (i) the Valuation Date in respect of which the conversion request is made;
- (ii) the full name(s) in which the Units to be converted are registered;
- (iii) the Class and its ISIN code from which Units are to be converted and the Class and its ISIN code to which Units shall be converted; and
- (iv) either the monetary amount or the number of Units to be converted.

If accepted, conversion orders received by the Central Administration before the relevant Valuation Date in respect of which the conversion order is made will be dealt with on such Valuation Date on the basis of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Classes prevailing on that Valuation Date.

Any conversion orders received after the Conversion Cut-Off for a Valuation Date will be processed on the next Valuation Date on the basis of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Classes prevailing on such Valuation Date.

The rate at which all or part of the Units of one Class (the "**Initial Class**") are converted into another Class (the "**New Class**") is determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$A = \frac{B \times C \times D}{\phantom{B \times C \times D}}$$

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where:

- A is the number of Units to be allocated in the New Class;
- B is the number of Units of the Initial Class to be converted;
- C is the Net Asset Value per Unit of the Initial Class determined on the relevant Valuation Date;
- D the currency conversion factor, which is the relevant currency rate as at the respective Valuation Date, or where the Units of the New Class are denominated in the same currency of the Initial Class; D=1; and
- E is the Net Asset Value per Units of the New Class determined on the relevant Valuation Date.

Following such conversion of Units, the Central Administration will inform the respective Unitholder of the number of Units of the New Class obtained by conversion and the price thereof. Fractions of Units in the New Class to two (2) decimal places may be issued.

#### 8.2.3.2 Conversion by decision of the Manager

The Manager may in its own discretion at any times convert Units from one Class into another Class of Units where (i) the holding by such Unitholder in a particular Class has fallen below the minimum investment and holding requirement for that Class as set out in this Information Document; (ii) a Unitholder does not meet or ceases to meet investor eligibility criteria and conditions set out in this Information Document; (iii) Unitholders are not otherwise entitled to acquire or possess these Units; or (iv) the Manager or its Affiliates determines that such conversion is necessary or advisable and not inequitable to Unitholders.

The procedure set out above in Article 8.2.3.1 will apply accordingly.

### 8.3 Transfers of Units

Any Transfer of Units shall be made in accordance with the provisions of, and the procedure set forth in, Article 12 of the By-Laws.

In accordance with applicable laws, INS<sub>A</sub>-EUR Units cannot be transferred to subscribers or beneficiaries of French unit-linked (i) life insurance or capitalization insurance contracts and (ii) contracts relating to retirement savings plans (*plans d'épargne-retraite*). Class B Units may only be transferred to Blackstone and its Affiliates.

The Company shall be reimbursed by the transferor for all of the costs incurred in relation to a Transfer of Units. The Management Company may also receive compensation from the transferor, negotiated by mutual consent, if the transferor requires its assistance in seeking a transferee for its Units.

The Manager shall inform the entity responsible for holding the register of Units of the Company of any transfer of Units for the purposes of updating such register and proceed to the Transfer of Units from the transferor's account to that of the transferee.

## **9. NET ASSET VALUE OF THE UNITS**

### **9.1 General provisions**

It is expected that the Net Asset Value for each Class of Units will first be determined as of the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of the first full month after the Company has accepted third-party investors and begun investment operations. Thereafter, the Net Asset Value for each Class of Units will be calculated twice a month by the Central Administration as of the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) and the last calendar day of each month, with the support of the Investment Manager and that of the Sub-Investment Manager (as applicable).

The Net Asset Value will be based on the month-end values of Investments (including loans and securities), the addition of the value of any other Assets (such as cash on hand), and the deduction of any liabilities, including the allocation/accrual of the Investment Manager Fee, the Performance Participation Allocation, the AIFM Fee and the deduction of expenses attributable to certain Classes of Units, such as applicable Rebates, in all cases as described in Article 10.

The Central Administration has been appointed for the independent calculation of the Net Asset Value of each Class of Units in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The Central Administration will perform its functions impartially and with the requested due skill, care and diligence.

The Net Asset Value per Unit for each Class will be available around six (6) Business Days following the relevant Valuation Date at the latest. Each Class of Units may have a different Net Asset Value per Unit, for example, because Rebates and distributions may be charged differently or do not apply with respect to a Class. In general, the fees and expenses shall be attributable to a specific Unit Class on a *pro rata* basis unless provided otherwise by the Investment Manager in its reasonable discretion, under the oversight of the Management Company.

The timing of the calculation of the Net Asset Value and the Valuation Date may be modified from time to time by the Investment Manager, with prior consultation of the Management Company.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in supporting the Central Administration in determining the Net Asset Value, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager may in their discretion, but are not obligated to, consider material market data and other information (as of the applicable fortnight for which Net Asset Value is being calculated) that becomes available after the end of the applicable fortnight in valuing the Company's Assets and liabilities and calculating the Company's Net Asset Value.

The Net Asset Value will be expressed in EUR. To the extent the Net Asset Value per Unit of any Class is denominated in a currency other than EUR it will be allocated gains and losses attributable to hedging transactions and the expenses of the hedging program for purposes of subscriptions, redemptions and conversions of Units, including financing facilities related to the hedging program.

### **9.2 Temporary suspension of the Net Asset Value calculation, subscriptions and redemptions**

The Company (after having consulted the Management Company) may, but is not obligated to, suspend the determination of the Company's Net Asset Value upon the Company's reasonable determination that one or more of the conditions below have occurred: (i) when a force majeure event has occurred and is continuing and it is impracticable for the Investment Manager, with the assistance of the Management Company and/or the Sub-Investment Manager (as applicable) to dispose of or value all or a substantial part of the Company's Assets; (ii) when the means of communication usually used to

determine the price or value of an asset is out of service or otherwise unavailable; (iii) when, for any reason, the value of any asset cannot be determined promptly or accurately pursuant to the Company's valuation methods as detailed in Article 10; or (iv) during any period in which ECRED is being liquidated.

Furthermore, the Company (after having consulted the Management Company) may, but are not obligated to, suspend the subscription to and/or redemption of the Company's Units where circumstances so require and provided the suspension is justified having regard to the interests of Unitholders.

Any such suspension of the determination of the Company's Net Asset Value and/or the subscription to and/or redemption of the Company's Units shall be notified to the Unitholders. No Units will be issued nor redeemed during such suspension period.

For the avoidance of doubt, the redemption program shall only be suspended in exceptional circumstances and not on a systematic basis, as further described in Article 8.2.2.

## **10. VALUATION OF ASSETS**

### **10.1 Investments in ECRED Aggregator**

The Company will mainly invest through the ECRED Aggregator and will value its investment in the ECRED Aggregator based on the most recently available ECRED Aggregator's net asset value, calculated as of month end and generally available around the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) Business Day of the subsequent month. For each Valuation Date, the Company will use the most recently available ECRED Aggregator's net asset value adjusted for estimated accruals of the ECRED Aggregator's income and expenses through the Valuation Date. For example, the Company's Net Asset Value as of September 15<sup>th</sup> will use the ECRED Aggregator's net asset value as of July 31<sup>st</sup> adjusted for estimated accruals of the ECRED Aggregator's income and expenses through September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Company will purchase units of the ECRED Aggregator either once or twice a month, as of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and/or the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) of each month. When the Company purchases units of the ECRED Aggregator as of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of the month, it will purchase such ECRED Aggregator units at the net asset value per unit as of the end of the immediately preceding month (for example, the Company will purchase ECRED Aggregator units as of October 1<sup>st</sup> at the net asset value per ECRED Aggregator unit as of September 30<sup>th</sup>). When the Company purchases units of the ECRED Aggregator as of the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) of the month, it will purchase such ECRED Aggregator units at the average of (x) the net asset value per unit as of the end of the immediately preceding month and (y) the net asset value per unit as of the end of the current month (for example, the Company will purchase ECRED Aggregator units as of October 16<sup>th</sup> at the average of the net asset values per ECRED Aggregator unit as of September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>). The net asset value used for the Company's purchase of ECRED Aggregator's units is calculated differently than the ECRED Aggregator's net asset value used in the Company's Net Asset Value, which will cause the performance of the Company to deviate from the performance of the ECRED Aggregator for reasons other than just expenses of the Company. As a result, the Net Asset Value of a Unitholder's investment in the Company may correspond to a lower net asset value in the ECRED Aggregator, resulting in dilution.

### **10.2 Investments in Other BX Funds**

Any Investments of the Company in any Other BX Fund will be valued based on the aggregate net asset value of the relevant Other BX Fund's interests held by the Company, as determined from the most recent available net asset value per unit of such Other BX Fund. The Investment Manager or its

Affiliates, under the oversight of the Management Company and, as applicable, with the support of the Sub-Investment Manager, may, but is not obligated to, incorporate into the Company's Net Asset Value an unreported estimated determination of a relevant Other BX Funds' net asset value per unit that is more recent than the latest reported net asset value per unit for such Other BX Fund, to the extent available. None of the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager, the general partner, manager and/or investment advisor of such Other BX Fund (as applicable) is obligated to monitor such Other BX Fund's investments for events that could be expected to have a material impact on such Other BX Fund's net asset value during a quarter.

### **10.3 Valuation of loans and securities**

In general, loans and securities will be valued by the Investment Manager or its Affiliates, in each case under the oversight of the Management Company and, as applicable, with the support of the Sub-Investment Manager, based on market quotations or at fair value determined in accordance with Articles 10.3.1 and 10.3.2. For the avoidance of doubt, acquisitions and dispositions of loans and securities will be reflected in the Company's Net Asset Value on an as-settled basis.

#### **10.3.1 Readily available market quotations**

Investments for which market quotations are readily available will typically be valued at those market quotations. To validate market quotations, the Investment Manager or its Affiliates, under the oversight of the Management Company and, as applicable, with the support of the Sub-Investment Manager, will utilize a number of factors to determine if the quotations are representative of fair value, including the source and number of the quotations. Where it is possible to obtain reliable, independent market quotations from a third party vendor, the Investment Manager or its Affiliates will use these quotations to determine the value of the investments. The Investment Manager or its Affiliates utilize mid-market pricing (i.e. mid-point of average bid and ask prices) to value these investments. The Investment Manager or its Affiliates obtain(s) these market quotations from independent pricing services, if available; otherwise from at least two (2) principal market makers or primary market dealers. To assess the continuing appropriateness of pricing sources and methodologies, the Investment Manager or its Affiliates, under the oversight of the Management Company and, as applicable, with the support of the Sub-Investment Manager, regularly performs price verification procedures and issues challenges as necessary to independent pricing services or brokers, and any differences are reviewed in accordance with the valuation procedures. The Investment Manager or its Affiliates do(es) not adjust the prices unless it has a reason to believe market quotations are not reflective of the fair value of an investment.

#### **10.3.2 No readily available market quotations**

If market quotations are not readily available (or are otherwise not reliable for a particular Investment), the fair value will be determined in good faith by the Investment Manager or its Affiliates, under the oversight of the Management Company and, as applicable, with the support of the Sub-Investment Manager. Due to the inherent uncertainty of these estimates, estimates of fair value may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these Investments existed and the differences could be material. Market quotes are considered not readily available in circumstances where there is an absence of current or reliable market-based data (e.g., trade information, bid/ask information, or broker-dealer quotations). Certain Investments, such as mezzanine loans or preferred equity, are unlikely to have market quotations. The initial value of preferred equity and private company Investments will generally be the acquisition price of such Investment until such time as the Investment Manager or its Affiliates subsequently revalue(s) the Investment. The Investment Manager or its Affiliates will utilize generally accepted valuation methodologies to value such Investments.



In the case of loans, such initial value will generally be the acquisition price of such loan. Each such Investment will then be valued by the Investment Manager or its Affiliates within the first three (3) full months after the Company makes such Investment and no less frequently than quarterly thereafter in accordance with the procedures set forth in the immediately following paragraph. An independent valuation advisor will assess the quarterly assets valuations and provide the Company with an independent range of values. In the month in which the independent valuation appraisal is received, the Investment Manager's (or its Affiliates') end of month valuation must fall within the range of the independent appraisal; however, valuations thereafter may be outside of the range of values provided in the most recent independent appraisal. If market quotations are not readily available (or are otherwise not reliable for a particular Investment), the fair value of loans be determined in good faith by the Investment Manager or its Affiliates, under the oversight of the Management Company and, as applicable, with the support of the Sub-Investment Manager, using a yield analysis. To determine fair value using a yield analysis, the expected cash flows are projected based on the contractual terms of the debt security and discounted back to the measurement date based on a market yield. A market yield is determined based upon an assessment of current and expected market yields for similar investments and risk profiles. The Investment Manager or its Affiliates consider(s) the current contractual interest rate, the maturity and other terms of the investment relative to risk of the company and the specific investment. A key determinant of risk, among other things, is the leverage through the investment relative to the enterprise value of the portfolio company. As debt investments held by ECRED are substantially illiquid with no active transaction market, ECRED depends on primary market data, including newly funded transactions, as well as secondary market data with respect to high yield debt instruments and syndicated loans, as inputs in determining the appropriate market yield, as applicable. The fair value of loans with call protection is generally capped at par plus applicable prepayment premium in effect at the measurement date. For each month that the Investment Manager or its Affiliates do(es) not perform a valuation of such Investments, it will review, under the oversight of the Management Company and with the support of the Sub-Investment Manager, such Investments to confirm that there have been no significant events that would cause a material change in value of any such Investment.

The Investment Manager or its Affiliates, under the oversight of the Management Company and, as applicable, with the support of the Sub-Investment Manager, may determine that certain loans and securities Investments will be valued using different procedures.

#### **10.4 Liabilities**

With respect to each Unit Class, the Investment Manager or its Affiliates, under the oversight of the Management Company and, as applicable, with the support of the Sub-Investment Manager (as applicable), will include the value of such Class's *pro rata* portion of the Company's liabilities as part of the Class's net asset value calculation (which occurs twice a month, as mentioned above). These liabilities are expected to include the fees payable to the Investment Manager, the Management Company, any accrued Performance Participation Allocation, accounts payable, accrued operating expenses, any portfolio-level credit facilities, other borrowings and other liabilities.

The Investment Manager will advance all of the Company's Organizational and Offering Expenses (as defined below) on the Company's behalf (other than Subscription Fees and Rebates) through the Effective Date. Subject to the provisions of Article 23.8 (*Discretionary expense cap*), ECRED will reimburse the Investment Manager for such advanced Organizational and Offering Expenses in equal installments over the sixty (60) months following the Effective Date.

The Investment Manager may advance in its discretion all or a portion of the Company's Fund Expenses (as defined below) on the Company's behalf through the Effective Date. Subject to the provisions of

Article 23.8 (*Discretionary expense cap*), ECRED will reimburse the Investment Manager for such advanced Initial Fund Expenses Support in equal installments over the sixty (60) months following the Effective Date.

For purposes of calculating ECRED's net asset value, the Organizational and Offering Expenses and Initial Fund Expenses Support (as defined below) paid by the Investment Manager through the Effective Date are not recognized as expenses or as a component of equity and reflected in ECRED's net asset value until ECRED reimburses the Investment Manager for these costs pursuant to Article 23.5 and Article 23.7 as applicable.

The Investment Manager's (or its Affiliates') valuation of each Investment's liabilities, including any third-party incentive fee payments or investment level debt, deal terms and structure will not be reviewed by ECRED's independent valuation advisor or appraised.

## **11. DETERMINATION AND ALLOCATION OF PROFITS**

The determination of profits of the Company and their allocation is further detailed in Article 8.1.3 of the present Information Document as well as in Article 25 of the By-Laws.

## **12. THE MANAGER**

Blackstone Crédit Privé Europe Associates S.à r.l., a Luxembourg private limited liability company (*société à responsabilité limitée*), registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B279856, having its registered office at 11-13, boulevard de la Foire - L-1528 Luxembourg, has been appointed in the By-Laws to act as the manager (*gérant*) of the Company (the "**Manager**").

The Manager shall represent and administer the Company and act on its behalf. In this respect, it is vested in the widest powers to act on behalf of the Company within the limits of its corporate purpose and subject to the powers expressly granted to Unitholders.

In accordance with Article 1848 of the French Civil Code, the Manager is empowered to make any management decision in the Company's interest. In relationship with third parties, the Manager binds the Company by acts falling within its corporate purpose.

In consideration of its functions, the Manager is entitled to receive a remuneration, the Manager Fee, detailed hereunder in Article 23.1.

The status of the Manager is further detailed in Article 15 of the By-Laws.

## **13. THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

IQ EQ Management S.A.S., a French simplified joint-stock company (*société par actions simplifiée*), registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 431 251 121, having its registered office at 92, Avenue de Wagram - 75017, Paris, approved as a portfolio management company and manager of alternative investment funds (AIFM) by the AMF under number GP-02023, has been appointed in an AIFM Agreement entered into with the Manager to act as alternative investment fund manager (AIFM) within the meaning of the AIFM Directive (the "**Management Company**").

The Management Company is licensed in accordance with the AIFM Directive. Pursuant to Article 317-2 of the GRAMF, the Management Company has established, to cover any potential professional liability

risks resulting from alternative investment funds management activities, additional own funds of an amount sufficient to cover potential liability risks arising from professional negligence.

Pursuant to Article L. 214-24 VIII of the FMFC, the Company delegates globally to the Management Company the portfolio management and risk management functions. The Management Company has in turn delegated the portfolio management function to the Investment Manager.

In carrying out the duties entrusted to it by the applicable laws, regulations, the By-Laws and the present Information Document, the Management Company shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the best interests of the Company and that of the Unitholders. The Management Company shall ensure a fair treatment amongst the Unitholders as set out in Article 5.3 above.

The Management Company shall report on its activities to the Unitholders by sending to the Unitholders *reportings* in the conditions set out hereunder in Article 27.

In consideration for its services, the Management Company will be entitled to receive the AIFM Fee payable by the Company, detailed hereunder in Article 23.2.

The Unitholders are informed and accept that the Management Company may be replaced by an Affiliate of Blackstone duly licensed to undertake the activities referred to hereinabove.

#### **14. THE INVESTMENT MANAGER**

Blackstone Alternative Credit Advisors, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, with registered office at 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, registered with the SEC as an investment adviser under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended from time to time (the "**Advisers Act**"), has been appointed to act as Investment Manager of the Company by the Management Company.

The Investment Manager has discretion to make Investments on behalf of the Company and is responsible for initiating, structuring, and negotiating the Company's Investments. The Investment Manager has the power to manage the Company and to determine the investment objectives and investment strategy and the course of conduct of the management and business affairs of the Company, pursuant to the delegation agreement and in compliance with the provisions of this Information Document and applicable laws and regulations.

In consideration for such services, the Investment Manager will be entitled to receive the Investment Manager Fee payable by the Company. The Investment Manager Fee is further described in Article 23.3.

#### **15. THE SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER**

The Investment Manager will delegate the portfolio management function of the Company relating to broadly syndicated, quasi-liquid and other liquid Investments to Blackstone Ireland Limited (the "**Sub-Investment Manager**").

The Sub-Investment Manager is an Affiliate of Blackstone and is authorized as an investment firm under the Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland under number C346109.

In consideration for its services, the Sub-Investment Manager will be entitled to receive a fee payable by the Investment Manager in an amount to be agreed between the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager from time to time.

## 16. THE INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE

The Manager will set up an Independent Committee (the "**Independent Committee**"), which will be consulted upon the occurrence of a conflict of interest that has been brought to the attention of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager, as applicable, and that constitutes, in their good faith judgment, an actual and material conflict of interest.

The Independent Committee will notably be empowered to provide for advice, waiver or consent in respect of such a conflict, in the conditions set forth under **Appendix 4** (*Risk factors, potential conflicts and other considerations*).

The members of the Independent Committee will be the same members as the board of directors of Blackstone European Private Credit Fund SICAV ("**ECRED Feeder SICAV**"), a multi-compartment investment company with variable capital (*société d'investissement à capital variable* or "SICAV") governed by Part II of the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment (as amended from time to time) and established as a public limited liability company (*société anonyme*) in accordance with the Law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, authorized and supervised by the Luxembourg supervisory authority, the CSSF.

A change in the composition of the board of directors of the ECRED Feeder SICAV thus automatically entails a change in the composition of the Independent Committee of the Company (it being specified that, even if composed in the same manner, the board of directors of the ECRED Feeder SICAV and the Independent Committee of the Company remain two (2) separate bodies).

## 17. THE GLOBAL DISTRIBUTOR

The Investment Manager, in its capacity as the "**Global Distributor**", will manage the global distribution of this offering. The Investment Manager may utilize its Affiliates to perform some of its functions. The Investment Manager (and/or its Affiliates) agrees to, among other things, manage the Company's relationships with (i) financial intermediaries (including distributors and distribution platforms) engaged by the Investment Manager (and/or its Affiliates), with the assistance of the Management Company (as the case may be), to participate in the distribution of Units and (ii) insurance entities and other institutions. The Investment Manager (and/or its Affiliates), with the assistance of the Management Company (as the case may be), will also coordinate the Company's marketing and distribution efforts with financial intermediaries (including distributors and distribution platforms) with respect to communications related to the terms of the offering, investment strategies, material aspects of operations and subscription procedures.

## 18. INDEPENDENT CLIENT REPRESENTATIVE

The Investment Manager shall have the authority to appoint one or more representatives (collectively, the "**Independent Client Representative**") unaffiliated with the Management Company, the Investment Manager, or any of their Affiliates to act as the agent of ECRED to review and provide approval with respect to certain Proposed Transactions as set out in further details in the sections "*U.S.-Originated Investments*" and "*Other Conflicts*" of **Appendix 4** of this Information Document. The Independent Client Representative may be paid a fee by ECRED. The Investment Manager will have the right, in its discretion, to change the Independent Client Representative.

## 19. EXCLUSIVITY

The functions and duties which the Manager, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager and/or any of their Affiliates undertake in respect of the Company or any Investments will not be exclusive and they may perform similar functions and duties for themselves and for others and, without limitation, may act as manager, investment advisor or general partner (or equivalent) in respect of other funds, accounts or other products.

## 20. THE DEPOSITARY AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

### 20.1 The Depositary

The Depositary is CACEIS Bank S.A., a French credit institution licensed as such by the French *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution*, registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 692 024 722, having its registered office at 89-91 rue Gabriel Péri, 92120 Montrouge and its postal address at 12 place des États-Unis – CS 40083 – 92549 Montrouge CEDEX, France, pursuant to the terms of a depositary agreement entered into between the Company, the Management Company and the Depositary (the "**Depositary Agreement**"), effective as of the Incorporation Date.

The Depositary will perform the duties which are the responsibility of the depositary pursuant to applicable laws and regulations, as well as the duties which have been contractually assigned to it by the Management Company. Such duties include:

- (a) the safekeeping of the Company's financial instruments that can be held in custody and record keeping and verification of ownership of the other assets of the Company;
- (b) oversight duties; and
- (c) cash-flow monitoring.

The Depositary shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interests of the Company and the Unitholders in the execution of its duties under the applicable laws and regulations and the Depositary Agreement.

The Depositary shall be liable to the Company and the Unitholders for any loss incurred of the financial instruments under safekeeping, including where such safekeeping had been delegated to a third party.

In the event of a loss of the financial instruments under safekeeping, the Depositary shall return to the Company financial instruments, including money market instruments, of equivalent nature or of equivalent monetary value, at the earliest. The Depositary may exonerate himself from its liability only where it provides evidence demonstrating (i) that the loss results from an external event and (ii) that the requirements set forth under Article 101 of Delegated Regulation (EU) n°231/2013 of the European Commission of 19 December 2012 are met.

The Depositary shall also be liable to the Company and the Unitholders for any loss resulting from negligence or improper execution of its duties.

### 20.2 The Central Administration

The Management Company has also been appointed as the central administration agent of the Company (and, in such capacity, will be referred to as the "**Central Administration**").

The duties of the Central Administration include, *inter alia*, receiving, centralizing and treating Subscription Agreements and Redemption Notices, keeping the accounts and holding the books and records of the Company, maintaining accounts for Unitholders (*comptes de capital*), recording sales and acquisitions of Investments, preparing the annual financial statements of the Company, maintaining the register of Unitholders and recording any subscription, withdrawal or Transfer of Units in such register. The Central Administration may be assisted by Blackstone and its Affiliates in the performance of any of these services and may cooperate with the Depositary to the extent relevant.

## **21. THE STATUTORY AUDITOR**

The first Statutory Auditor is Deloitte et Associés S.A.S., a French simplified joint-stock company (*société par actions simplifiée*), having its registered office located at 6, Place de la Pyramide - 92908 Paris La Défense CEDEX, registered with the Nanterre Trade and Companies Register under number 572 028 041, as designated in the By-Laws for an initial, renewable period of six (6) Financial Years.

The Statutory Auditor shall certify the accuracy and consistency of the Company's financial statements and accounting information.

The Statutory Auditor shall be liable to the Company and the Unitholders in case of improper execution of its duties.

The missions of the Statutory Auditor are further defined in Article 19 of the By-Laws.

## **22. CORPORATE SECRETARY AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE PROVIDER**

IQ EQ S.A.S., a French simplified joint-stock company (*société par actions simplifiée*), registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 509 964 482, having its registered office at 92, Avenue de Wagram - 75017, Paris, will provide certain corporate secretary and accounting services to the Company.

## **23. FEES AND EXPENSES**

### **23.1 Manager Fee**

The Company will pay to the Manager an annual amount equal to the higher of (i) ten thousand (10,000) euros or (ii) an amount equal to the sum of (x) the out-of-pocket costs (including ongoing expenses) incurred by the Manager during the applicable Financial Year and (y) ten (10) % thereof.

### **23.2 AIFM Fee**

In consideration for its services as alternative investment fund manager of the Company, the Management Company will be entitled to payment of a fee (the "**AIFM Fee**") payable by the Company of an amount generally expected to be no more than zero point zero five per cent (0.05)% of the Net Asset Value annually and subject to revision from time to time.

The Management Company has not opted to make the AIFM Fee subject to VAT. In the event that the AIFM Fee becomes subject to VAT following a decision of the Management Company to make the AIFM Fee subject to VAT, the cost will be borne by the Management Company.

The AIFM Fee will be separate from and additional to the Investment Manager Fee and any Fund Expenses.

### 23.3 Investment Manager Fee

In consideration for its services and in respect of Class INSA-EUR Units, the Investment Manager will be entitled to payment of a management fee equal to, in the aggregate, two point one (2.1) %, comprising:

- (i) one point twenty-five (1.25)% of such Class's Net Asset Value per annum payable on each Valuation Date by the Company, before giving effect to any accruals for the Investment Manager Fee, including such portion of the Investment Manager Fee attributable to the Rebate, the Performance Participation Allocation, redemptions for that month, any distributions and any impact to the Net Asset Value solely caused by currency fluctuations and/or currency hedging activities for non-euro classes of shares or units of the ECRED Aggregator Parallel Entities (where applicable); and
- (ii) zero point eighty-five (0.85)% of such Class's Net Asset Value per annum payable on each Valuation Date by the Company, before giving effect to accruals attributable to the Rebate, any distributions and any impact to the Net Asset Value solely caused by currency fluctuations and/or currency hedging activities for non-euro classes of shares or units of the ECRED Aggregator Parallel Entities (where applicable); it being specified that such portion described herein in (ii) corresponds to the Rebate referred to in Article 23.12 hereunder;

(the "**Investment Manager Fee**").

For the avoidance of doubt, Class B Units will not bear any Investment Manager Fee.

The Investment Manager Fee may be paid by the Company, or alternatively and without duplication, by the ECRED Aggregator, the Parallel Entities and/or any Intermediate Vehicle on behalf of the Company. Unitholders will indirectly bear a portion of the Investment Manager Fee payable by the Company.

The Investment Manager may elect to receive the Investment Manager Fee in cash or in Units or in units of the ECRED Aggregator and/or shares or units of Parallel Entities (where applicable). If the Investment Manager Fee is paid in Units, in units of the ECRED Aggregator and/or in shares or units of Parallel Entities (where applicable), such shares and/or units may be redeemed at the Investment Manager's request and will not be subject to any of the limitations set out in Article 8.2.2 above.

The Investment Manager may separately elect for the Investment Manager Fee to be paid (in whole or in part) to an Affiliate of the Investment Manager in satisfaction of Investment Manager Fee amounts owed to the Investment Manager in connection with services provided by such Affiliate to ECRED and/or any Intermediate Vehicle.

The Investment Manager may waive all or any part of the Investment Manager Fee (excluding the Rebates) in its discretion from time to time.

A VAT exemption currently applies to management services for the Company. This exemption may not apply to Parallel Vehicles.

For the avoidance of doubt, in the event the Investment Manager Fee is paid by the ECRED Aggregator, the Parallel Entities and/or any Intermediate Vehicle, such payment shall be made on behalf of the Company in consideration of the services provided by the Investment Manager to the Company. For the avoidance of doubt, where a management fee is calculated and paid by a Parallel Entity on the basis of such entity's own net asset value (whether or not such management fee is calculated and paid on the same basis as the Investment Manager Fee), such fees will be charged without duplication, and

the net asset value of such Parallel Entity will be disregarded for the purposes of the calculation and payment of the management fee to be paid by other ECRED vehicles.

#### **23.4 Indirect Performance Participation Allocation**

Blackstone European Private Credit Fund Associates L.P., the ECRED Aggregator's special limited partner, or any other entity so designated by the general partner of the ECRED Aggregator (the "**Recipient**") will be allocated a performance participation (the "**Performance Participation Allocation**") by the ECRED Aggregator. The Performance Participation Allocation consists of two (2) components that are independent of each other, with the result that one (1) component may be payable even if the other is not. A portion of the Performance Participation Allocation is based on income and a portion on capital gains, each as described in further detail below. The ESMA Guidelines on performance fees in UCITS and certain types of AIFs do not apply to the ECRED Aggregator as it follows a private equity strategy through its primary investment in privately originated and negotiated loans to European companies. The borrowers of such loans are mainly private companies in which other private equity funds have made (or will make) equity investments. Blackstone will, in addition to providing debt financing to these companies, seek to contribute to the development of these borrowers via the Blackstone Value Creation program that offers operational support.

For the avoidance of doubt and as the Company is invested in the ECRED Aggregator, the Company shall bear its *pro rata* share of the Indirect Performance Participation Allocation borne by the ECRED Aggregator.

##### **23.4.1.1 Performance Participation based on Income**

The portion of the Performance Participation Allocation based on income (the "**Income Performance Participation Allocation**") is based on Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns. "**Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns**" means, as the context requires, either the euro value of, or percentage rate of return on the net asset value of the ECRED Aggregator units at the end of the immediate preceding quarter from, interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees (other than fees for providing managerial assistance), such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence, directors', topping, break-up, transaction, closing, amendment, monitoring, exit, disposition and consulting fees or other fees received in connection with the provision and of capital to and maintenance of investment in current or prospective Portfolio Entities) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus operating expenses of the Company, Feeder Vehicles and Parallel Vehicles accrued for the quarter (including the AIFM Fee, Investment Manager Fee, and any interest expense or fees on any credit facilities or outstanding debt and dividends paid on any issued and outstanding preferred shares, but excluding the Performance Participation Allocation and any other Unitholder servicing and/or distribution fees).

Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns include, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature (such as original issue discount, debt instruments with PIK interest and zero coupon securities), accrued income not yet received in cash. Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns include realized gains arising from early repayment of loan investments but exclude any other realized capital gains, realized capital losses or unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation.

Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns, expressed as a rate of return on the value of net Assets at the end of the immediate preceding quarter, is compared to a "hurdle rate" of return of one point twenty-five (1.25) % per quarter (five (5.0) % annualized).



The Income Performance Participation Allocation is paid quarterly in arrears with respect to Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns in each calendar quarter as follows:

- No Income Performance Participation Allocation is paid in any calendar quarter in which Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns do not exceed the hurdle rate of one point twenty-five (1.25) % per quarter (five (5.0) % annualized);
- one hundred (100) % of the euro amount of Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns with respect to that portion of such Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than a rate of return of one point forty-three (1.43) % (five point seventy-two (5.72) % annualized). This portion of Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns (which exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than one point forty-three (1.43) %) is referred to as the “catch-up.” The “catch-up” is meant to provide the Recipient with approximately twelve point five (12.5) % of Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns as if a hurdle rate did not apply if this net investment income exceeds one point forty-three (1.43) % in any calendar quarter; and
- twelve point five (12.5) % of the euro amount of Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns, if any, that exceed a rate of return of one point forty-three (1.43) % (five point seventy-two (5.72) % annualized). This reflects that once the hurdle rate is reached and the catch-up is achieved, twelve point five (12.5) % of all Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns thereafter are allocated to the Recipient.

These calculations are pro-rated for any period of less than three (3) months and adjusted for the issuances and redemptions of ECREG Aggregator units (including in connection with the issuance and redemptions of Units).

#### 23.4.1.2 Performance Participation based on capital gains

The second component of the Performance Participation Allocation based on capital gains (the “**Capital Gains Performance Participation Allocation**”), is payable at the end of each calendar year in arrears. The amount payable equals:

- twelve point five (12.5)% of cumulative realized capital gains (excluding realized gains from early repayment of loan investments) from inception through the end of such calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid Capital Gains Performance Participation Allocations as calculated in accordance with IFRS on the Net Asset Value of the ECREG Aggregator units.

Each year, the Capital Gains Performance Participation Allocation is net of the aggregate amount of any previously paid Capital Gains Performance Participation Allocation for all prior periods. The Recipient will accrue, but will not be paid, a Capital Gains Performance Participation Allocation with respect to unrealized appreciation because a Capital Gains Performance Participation Allocation would be owed to the Recipient if ECREG were to sell the relevant investment and realize a capital gain.

#### 23.4.1.3 Performance Participations Calculations generally

The Performance Participation Allocation amounts described above will be calculated in accordance with the following principles:

- References to the units of the ECRED Aggregator and/or the units of the ECRED Aggregator Parallel Vehicles, if any, will (where relevant) be deemed to refer to the relevant class of units issued by such vehicles, in each case to track the different Performance Participation Allocation mechanics between different Classes of Units and different Parallel Entities (and therefore representing different classes).
- Distributions accrued or paid on units of the ECRED Aggregator will treat any withholdings tax on distributions as paid by or received by the ECRED Aggregator.
- The Recipient will also be allocated a Performance Participation Allocation with respect to all ECRED Aggregator units that are redeemed (or that would have been redeemed if the Company redeemed ECRED Aggregator units in order to fund the redemption of Units) in connection with redemptions of Units in an amount calculated as described above with the relevant period being the portion of the relevant calculation period for which such unit was outstanding, and proceeds for any such unit redemption is reduced by the amount of any such Performance Participation Allocation.
- The Recipient may elect to receive the Performance Participation Allocation in cash, Feeder Vehicle shares or units (where applicable), Units, or ECRED Aggregator units. If the Performance Participation Allocation is paid in Feeder Vehicle shares or units (where applicable), such Units may be redeemed at the Recipient's request and will be subject to the volume limitations in Article 8.2.2 above but not the Early Redemption Deduction.
- The Recipient will not be obligated to return any portion of the Performance Participation Allocation paid due to the subsequent performance of the Company.

In addition, the Investment Manager may waive all or any part of the Performance Participation Allocation in its discretion from time to time.

### **23.5 Organizational and Offering Expenses**

The Investment Manager has agreed to advance all of ECRED's (including the pro-rata expenses of the Company and the expenses associated with any Parallel Entity), any Intermediate Vehicle's and the ECRED Aggregator's organizational and offering expenses on each entity's behalf (including legal, accounting, printing, mailing, subscription processing and filing fees and expenses, due diligence expenses of participating financial intermediaries supported by detailed and itemized invoices, costs in connection with preparing sales materials, design and website expenses, fees and expenses of ECRED (including any Parallel Entity's, any Intermediate Vehicle's and the ECRED Aggregator's, as applicable) transfer agent, administrator, depositories, fees to attend retail seminars sponsored by participating financial intermediaries and reimbursements for customary travel, lodging, entertainment and meals, but excluding Subscription Fees and Rebates or similar fees in Parallel Vehicles) (collectively, "**Organizational and Offering Expenses**") through the first anniversary of the date on which the Company, any Feeder Vehicle, ECRED Feeder SICAV, ECRED Master FCP or the ECRED Aggregator, as applicable, accepts its first subscription (including, in the case of ECRED Master FCP and the ECRED Aggregator, from their respective parallel vehicles) (the "**Effective Date**"). The Company and the ECRED Aggregator, as applicable, will reimburse the Investment Manager for all such advanced expenses in equal installments over the sixty (60) months following the Effective Date. The Investment Manager will determine what Organizational and Offering Expenses are attributable to the Company, the ECRED Aggregator or any of their respective parallel vehicles, in its sole discretion.

After the Effective Date, the Company, any Feeder Vehicle, ECRED Feeder SICAV, ECRED Master FCP and the ECRED Aggregator, as applicable, will reimburse the Investment Manager for any Organizational and Offering Expenses that it has incurred on each entity's behalf as and when incurred.

### **23.6 Fund Expenses**

The Company will pay and bear all expenses related to its operations and investments (including the pro-rata expenses of operating ECRED Aggregator attributable to the Company) including, without limitation, the AIFM Fee, any taxes (not otherwise reimbursed or deemed distributed to any Unitholder) or costs of obtaining non-U.S. tax receipts, all fees, costs and expenses for and/or relating to attorneys (including compensation costs specifically charged or specifically allocated or attributed by the Sponsor or its Affiliates to the Company or any Portfolio Entity with respect to in-house attorneys, secondees and tax advisors (including secondees and temporary personnel or consultants that may be engaged on short- or long-term arrangements) to provide transactional legal and/or tax advice and/or services to the Company or any Portfolio Entity on matters related to potential or actual Investments and transactions; provided, that any such compensation costs pursuant to this clause shall not be greater than what would be paid to, or duplicative of services provided by (as determined by the Investment Manager in good faith), an unaffiliated third party for substantially similar advice and/or services; provided, further, that the foregoing shall not obligate the Sponsor to benchmark any such amounts), all taxes, fees, costs, expenses, retainers and/or other payments of accountants, legal counsel, advisors (including tax advisors), administrators, auditors (including with respect to any additional auditing required under the AIFM Directive), investment bankers, prime brokers, administrative agents, paying agents, depositaries, custodians, trustees, sub-custodians, consultants (including individuals consulted through expert network consulting firms), engineers, senior advisors, industry experts, operating partners, deal sourcers (including personnel dedicated to but not employed by BXCI or Blackstone), and other professionals, valuation costs (including expenses incurred in connection with services performed by any independent valuation advisor), expenses associated with withdrawals and admissions on an ongoing basis, expenses of offering Units and units of any Parallel Entity (including expenses associated with updating the offering materials, expenses associated with printing such materials, travel expenses relating to the ongoing offering of Units) and expenses related to a Transfer, merger or split of Units (but only to the extent not paid or otherwise borne by the relevant Unitholder), expenses relating to FOIA requests, all fees, costs and expenses related to compliance-related matters (such as developing and implementing specific policies and procedures in order to comply with certain regulatory requirements and/or contractual obligations) and regulatory filings related to the Company's or any Parallel Entities' activities (including, without limitation, expenses relating to the preparation and filing of Form PF, filings required under the Securities Act, TIC Form SLT filings, Internal Revenue Service filings under FATCA and FBAR reporting requirements applicable to the Company, Form ADV (with respect to the Investment Manager), reports to be filed with the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the CSSF or other Luxembourg or French authorities, the AMF or other French authorities, reports, filings, disclosures and notices prepared in connection with the laws and/or regulations of jurisdictions in which the Company or any Parallel Entity engages in activities, including any notices, disclosures, reports and/or filings required in accordance with the AIFM Directive, the SFDR (as defined below) and any other applicable legislation or regulations related to the European Commission's Action Plan on Financing Sustainable Growth and any related regulations, and other regulatory filings, notices or disclosures of the Sponsor and/or its Affiliates relating to the Company and the Parallel Entities and their activities)) any expenses, related costs and fees to provide administrative and/or accounting services to the Company and Parallel Entities or any Portfolio Entity of any of them (including overhead related thereto), and expenses, charges and/or related costs incurred by the Company, the Sponsor or its Affiliates in connection with such services (including overhead related thereto that are charged or specifically attributed or allocated by the Sponsor or its Affiliates to the Company and the Parallel Entities or any Portfolio Entity of any of them; provided that any such amounts shall not be greater than

what would be paid to an unaffiliated third party for substantially similar advise and/or services), all interest and fees and expenses arising out of all borrowings, guarantees and other financings or derivative transactions (including interest, fees and related legal expenses) made or entered into by the Company and Parallel Entities, including, but not limited to, the arranging thereof and related legal expenses, all brokerage commissions, hedging costs, prime brokerage fees, custodial expenses, agent bank and other bank service fees; costs and expenses of any lenders, investment banks and other financing sources; commissions, appraisal fees, commitment fees and underwriting costs; and other investment costs, fees and expenses actually incurred in connection with making, evaluating, holding, settling, clearing, monitoring or disposing of actual Investments (including, without limitation, travel, meals, accommodations and entertainment expenses, and any expenses related to attending trade association and/or industry meetings, conferences or similar meetings, any costs or expenses relating to currency conversion in the case of Investments denominated in a currency other than euro) and expenses arising out of trade settlements (including any delayed compensation expenses), to the extent not reimbursed by a third party, all fees, costs and expenses, if any, incurred by or on behalf of the Company and any Parallel Entity in developing, negotiating and structuring prospective or potential Investments that are not ultimately made or a proposed disposition that is not actually consummated, including, without limitation, any legal, tax, administrative, accounting, travel, meals, accommodations and entertainment, advisory, financing and consulting costs and expenses, printing expenses, reverse termination fees and any liquidated damages, commitment fees that become payable in connection therewith, forfeited deposits or similar payments, to the extent the Sponsor does not elect to bear such costs and expenses, all fees, costs and expenses incurred in sourcing, evaluating, developing, negotiating, structuring, trading (including trading errors), settling, monitoring and holding prospective or actual Investments or investment strategies including, without limitation, any financing, legal, filing, auditing, tax, accounting, compliance, loan administration, travel, meals, accommodations and entertainment, advisory, consulting, engineering, data-related, and other professional fees, costs and expenses in connection therewith (to the extent the Sponsor is not reimbursed by a prospective or actual Portfolio Entity or other third parties or capitalized as part of the acquisition price of the transaction) and any fees, costs and expenses related to the organization or maintenance of any entity used to acquire, hold or dispose of any one or more investment(s) or otherwise facilitating the Company's investment activities, including without limitation any travel and accommodation expenses related to such entity and the salary and benefits of any personnel (including personnel of the Sponsor or its Affiliates) reasonably necessary and/or advisable for the maintenance and operation of such entity, or other overhead expenses (including any fees, costs and expenses associated with the leasing of office space (which may be made with one or more Affiliates of Blackstone as lessor)) in connection therewith, expenses associated with the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including news and quotation equipment and services, reporting, printing and publishing expenses, reporting-related expenses (including other notices and communications), including preparation of financial statements, tax returns and other communications or notices relating to the Company, all fees costs and expenses of loan servicers and other service providers, expenses and fees of the Independent Client Representative (if appointed), expenses and fees of any non-affiliated representative of the Company, expenses of any meeting (including any annual meeting) of the Company (including reimbursements for customary travel, lodging, entertainment and meals), expenses of any third-party advisory committees, all fees, costs and expenses associated with the Company's information, obtaining and maintaining technology, hardware/software, data-related, communication, market data and research (including the costs of any professional service providers, news and quotation equipment and services and including costs allocated by the Sponsor's internal and third party research group (which are generally based on time spent, assets under management, usage rates, proportionate holdings, or a combination thereof) and expenses and fees (including compensation costs) charged or specifically attributed or allocated by the Sponsor and/or its Affiliates for data-related services provided to the Company, any Parallel Entity and/or Portfolio Entities (including

in connection with prospective Investments), each including expenses, charges, fees and/or related costs of an internal nature; provided, that any such expenses, charges or related costs shall not be greater than what would be paid to an unaffiliated third party for substantially similar services), expenses associated with auditing, research, reporting and technology, expenses relating to the maintenance of any website, data room or communication medium used in relation to the Company (including for the hosting of constitutional documents or any other documents to be communicated to investors, prospective investors or third parties), expenses and any placement or distribution platform fees payable to a financial intermediary (including any distribution platform provider) in respect of the subscription by Unitholders admitted through a financial intermediary (including any distribution platform provider) (to the extent such fees or expenses are not borne by such Unitholders directly), expenses for accounting and audit services (including valuation support services and interim distribution audit fees), account management services, corporate secretarial services, data management services, compliance with data privacy/protection policies and regulation, directorship services, information technology services, finance/budget services, human resources, judicial processes, legal services, operational services, risk management services, tax services, treasury services, loan management services, transaction consulting services and other similar operational matters, other expenses associated with the development, negotiation, acquisition, settling, holding, monitoring and disposition of Investments (including, without limitation, sourcing, brokerage, custody or hedging costs and any costs and expenses associated with vehicles through which the Company directly or indirectly participate in Investments and travel and related expenses in connection with the Company's investment activities), the costs and expenses of bank fees, the fees, costs and expenses of liquidating and forming (excluding the Company) Parallel Entities (including any potential Parallel Entities that are not ultimately formed), any extraordinary expenses, taxes and/or tax-related interest, fees or other governmental charges (including any penalties incurred where the Sponsor lacks sufficient information from third parties to file a timely and complete tax return) levied against the Company or its subsidiaries and all expenses incurred in connection with any tax audit, investigation, litigation, settlement or review of the Company and the amount of any judgments, fines, remediation or settlements paid in connection therewith, all fees, costs and expenses of liquidating the Company, all fees, costs and expenses of any litigation, arbitration, audit or settlement involving the Company or entities in which the Company holds an Investment or otherwise relating to such Investment and the amount of any judgments, assessments, fines, remediations or settlements paid in connection therewith, directors' and officers' liability or other insurance (including costs of title insurance) and indemnification (including advancement of any fees, costs or expenses to persons entitled to indemnification) or any extraordinary expense or liability relating to the affairs of the Company (collectively, "**Fund Expenses**").

The costs and expenses associated with the organization, offering and operation of any Parallel Entity may be apportioned to, and borne solely by, the investors participating in such Parallel Entity or be allocated among ECRED Master FCP and any Parallel Entities as determined by the Investment Manager in its reasonable discretion.

With respect to the Company's capital commitment(s) to Other BX Funds only, the Company will not pay or otherwise bear carried interest, management fees or other incentive compensation paid to the general partner of such Other BX Fund except in limited circumstances, in which case such carried interest, management fees or other incentive compensation paid will be rebated dollar-for-dollar to the Company. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company will pay all other fund and investment-related fees and expenses with respect to its capital commitment(s) to any Other BX Fund (if applicable). The Company will also indirectly bear other expenses of such Other BX Fund, including all investment related expenses and expenses paid to Affiliates of the Investment Manager, administrative expenses and other expenses included in the definition of "**Fund Expenses**" above as applicable to such Other BX Fund (to the extent applicable).

An updated description of all fees, charges and expenses and of the maximum amounts thereof (if applicable) which are directly or indirectly borne by the investors is available at the registered office of the Management Company.

### **23.7 Initial Fund Expenses Support**

The Investment Manager may at its discretion advance all or a portion of the Fund Expenses to be borne by the Company, ECRED Feeder SICAV (including the pro-rata expenses of ECRED Feeder SICAV attributable to each sub-fund of ECRED Feeder SICAV), ECRED Master FCP (including the pro-rata expenses of ECRED Master FCP attributable to each sub-fund of ECRED Master FCP), the proportion of expenses of the ECRED Aggregator borne by the Company, and the appropriately apportioned expenses relating to Portfolio Entities and Parallel Entities, in each case as determined pursuant to the terms of this Information Document (collectively, “**Initial Fund Expenses Support**”) through the Effective Date. The Company, ECRED Feeder SICAV, ECRED Master FCP and the ECRED Aggregator (as applicable and as determined by the Investment Manager in its sole discretion), will reimburse the Investment Manager for all such advanced expenses in equal installments over the sixty (60) months following the Effective Date or on such earlier date as determined by the Investment Manager.

### **23.8 Discretionary expense cap**

In addition to the foregoing, the Investment Manager may in its sole discretion apply a cap on certain defined Fund Expenses and Organizational and Offering Expenses to be borne by the Company, ECRED Feeder SICAV, ECRED Master FCP and/or the ECRED Aggregator in any given month and defer the payment and/or reimbursement of the expenses in excess of such expense cap to subsequent periods. If such cap is applied, the Investment Manager will remove this cap on such Fund Expenses and Organizational and Offering Expenses at its sole discretion and at such time, the Company, ECRED Feeder SICAV, ECRED Master FCP, the ECRED Aggregator and any applicable Parallel Entities (as applicable and as determined by the Investment Manager in its sole discretion) will bear any excess unreimbursed expenses deferred pursuant to the prior sentence and/or any other outstanding unreimbursed amounts of Initial Fund Expenses Support and/or Organizational and Offering Expenses, in equal instalments over the sixty (60) months following the date such cap is removed.

### **23.9 Fees arising at multiple levels**

To the extent the Investment Manager Fee and/or Performance Participation Allocation may apply at the level of the Company, the Feeder Vehicles, the ECRED Aggregator and/or any other intermediary vehicle or Parallel Entity, Unitholders will only be charged such Investment Manager Fee and/or Performance Participation Allocation by the Investment Manager or Sponsor once.

### **23.10 Remuneration of the Depositary, the Statutory Auditor, the Central Administration and the Corporate Secretary and Accounting Service Provider**

The aggregate annual remunerations of the Depositary, the Statutory Auditors and the Central Administration borne by the Company is generally expected to be an amount no more than zero point five (0.5) % of the Net Asset Value and they may be subject to revisions from time to time.

### **23.11 Eligible Investor Subscription Fees**

Certain insurance companies which will reference the Units as unit-linked securities in life insurance or capitalization contracts and, as the case may be, certain *Fonds de Retraite Professionnelle Supplémentaire* which will reference the Units as unit-linked securities in contracts relating to retirement

savings plans (*plan d'épargne-retraite*), may charge the adherents/subscribers of such contracts upfront selling commissions, placement fees, subscription fees or similar fees ("**Subscription Fees**") on unit-linked contracts whose underlying assets are Units of the Company, that are paid by the adherents/subscribers and not reflected in the Company's Net Asset Value.

### **23.12 Eligible Investor Rebate**

Class INS<sub>A</sub>-EUR Units will bear a fee (the "**Rebate**") in an amount equal (on a quarterly basis) to zero point eighty-five (0.85)% of the Net Asset Value of such Class of Units (before deducting the Rebate for the applicable period of time and before giving effect to any redemptions or distributions for the applicable period of time) as of each Valuation Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the Rebates will be payable by the Company, and the Unitholders will not be billed separately for payment of the fees, subject to alternative arrangements with certain insurance companies and/or *Fonds de Retraite Professionnelle Supplémentaire*, in which case the payment of the Rebate will be made by the Management Company or the Investment Manager in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Rebate will be allocated to insurance companies holding the Units and, as the case may be, to *Fonds de Retraite Professionnelle Supplémentaire* holding the Units.

For the avoidance of doubt, Class B Units will not bear any Rebate.

## **24. COLLECTIVE DECISIONS OF THE UNITHOLDERS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

The Unitholders' decisions are expressed by collective decisions, which bind the Unitholders, even if they are absent, dissenting or incapacitated. The decisions result, at the discretion of the Manager, either from a general meeting or from a written consultation, or from the consent of all the Unitholders expressed in a duly executed agreement. The Unitholders accept for general meetings to be conducted by videoconference or telephonic conference, at the sole discretion of the Manager.

Methods and rules relating to the consultation of the Unitholders as well as the nature of their collective decisions are further developed in Articles 20 and 21 of the By-Laws of the Company.

Except when required by the By-Laws, any amendment to the Information Document will be adopted unilaterally by the Manager, after having consulted the Management Company, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager.

In circumstances where the Information Document is amended pursuant to this Article, the Management Company will give the Unitholders, the Depositary and the Statutory Auditors notice of such amendment and state the date of entry into force of the new provisions of the Information Document.

In the event of a substantial change of the Information Document, as determined by the Manager, the Management Company shall notify the AMF at least one (1) month before implementing the modification, in the event of any modification foreseen by the Management Company, or immediately following an unforeseen modification.

## **25. TERM**

As from the Incorporation Date, the Company will continue for a period of time of ninety-nine (99) years and will be dissolved on the expiration date of such period (the "**Term Date**"), unless decided otherwise by the Unitholders, either by way of extension or early dissolution.

## **26. FINANCIAL YEAR - ACCOUNTING**

The financial year of the Company begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year (the "**Financial Year**").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the first Financial Year of the Company shall start on the Incorporation Date of the Company and end on December 31, 2024 and the last Financial Year shall end on the date at which the liquidation period is closed.

The Company maintains its accounting records in euros.

## **27. MANAGEMENT REPORTS - IDENTITY OF THE UNITHOLDERS**

The Company will prepare, distribute and submit for approval its audited annual report, established in accordance with the accounting framework applicable to the Company as determined by the *Autorité des Normes Comptables* ("**French GAAP**"), to the Unitholders within six (6) months after the end of each Financial Year. The audited annual report will contain financial statements audited by the Statutory Auditor.

Accounts are prepared in accordance with French GAAP.

The reports and documents cited hereunder, as well as the last Net Asset Value of the Units shall be made available to the Unitholders at the registered office of the Company, during its usual opening hours and shall be addressed directly to the Unitholders according to the procedures specified therein. These reports shall be prepared pursuant to the reporting rules recommended by Invest Europe or such other rules as may be determined in respect of the Company from time to time, in each case subject to such changes to such rules as may be appropriate.

### **27.1 Annual report**

An annual report of the Company shall be drawn up for each Financial Year, which shall include the annual accounts certified by the Statutory Auditor and a management report prepared in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The annual accounts of the Company for each Financial Year include a balance sheet, an income statement and the appendices, in accordance with French GAAP. A copy of the annual report will be sent to each Unitholder as soon as possible after each Financial Year and, in any event, within (6) months as from the end of each Financial Year.

### **27.2 Additional reports**

The Company may, in its sole discretion, decide to issue and make available to Unitholders additional reports (audited or unaudited) at a higher frequency and in accordance with applicable reporting standards other than French GAAP, including as may be required from time to time under any applicable laws, and any other form of information or communication it deems appropriate.

### **27.3 Identity of the Unitholders**

The Management Company shall be authorised to notify all government authorities (including tax authorities) of the information concerning the Company, for which they may demand notification, on the identity of the Unitholders and their respective holdings in the Company and to the extent legally required.



## 27.4 Information on the environmental, social and governance principles

The Management Company shall comply with Article L. 533-22-1 of the FMFC and the SFDR. Additional information can be found on the website of the Management Company (<https://iqeq.fr/notre-politique-esg/>).

The information related to the consideration of the ESG criteria by the Company will be published in the Company's annual report in accordance with Article L. 533-22-1 of the FMFC and its implementing decree.

It is intended that the Company should fall within the scope of Article 8 of SFDR but the Company does not commit to making one or more "sustainable investments" within the meaning of Article 2(17) SFDR. The Company is organized as an open-ended fund and is constituted for a period of ninety-nine (99) years. Therefore, the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Company are expected to evolve over the life of the Company.

While the Sponsor believes ESG factors can enhance long-term value, the Company does not target investments or limit its investments to those that meet specific ESG criteria or standards. The Company may pursue certain environmental and social initiatives including in relation to the ongoing management and enhancement of its investments, but such initiatives will only be pursued to the extent that they are not considered contrary to the Sponsor's objective to seek to maximize risk-adjusted returns. Accordingly, any reference herein to ESG considerations is not intended to qualify the Sponsor's objective to seek to maximize risk-adjusted returns.

The **Appendix 2** discloses certain information referred to in the SFDR.

The **Appendix 3** contains additional information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Company and the information referred to in the EU Taxonomy Regulation.

## 28. DISSOLUTION

Subject to the extension mechanism described in Article 29.1 of the By-Laws, the Company may be dissolved on the Term Date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may as well be dissolved at any time prior to such Term Date by Extraordinary Decision of the Unitholders (as defined in the By-Laws).

The issue of new Units and redemptions by the Company shall cease on the date of publication of the decision to dissolve the Company. One or more liquidators (the "**Liquidator**") shall be appointed within the same decision, to realize the Assets of the Company, in the best interest of the Unitholders. The proceeds of the liquidation of the Company, net of all liabilities and liquidation expenses, shall be distributed by the Liquidator among the Unitholders in each Class in accordance with their respective rights.

The dissolution of the Company shall have full effect toward third parties as from the date at which it is published in the Trade and Companies Register.

As from the date of dissolution of the Company, the mention "*société en liquidation*" as well as the name of the Liquidator shall appear on all acts and documents of the Company communicated to third parties.

## 29. LIQUIDATION

The liquidation period starts at the date of the Extraordinary Decision of the Unitholders acknowledging the automatic dissolution of the Company or deciding its dissolution in accordance with Article 28. During the liquidation period, the Company's Assets will be realized, settled and wound up (i.e. the liquidation operations) for a final distribution to the Unitholders.

The Statutory Auditor, the Depositary and the Central Administration shall continue to exercise their respective duties until the complete liquidation of the Company.

The Liquidator appointed in accordance with Article 28 will be vested, to such effect, with the broadest powers to sell any of the Company's Assets, to pay any creditors and to distribute the remaining balance amongst the Unitholders in the same proportion as their participation to profits.

The liquidation period will end once the Company has been able to sell or distribute all the Company's Assets that it holds. The decision to close the liquidation period falls within the power of the Unitholders upon approval of the financial statements of the liquidation.

## 30. APPLICABLE LAW

This Information Document shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of France.

## 31. JURISDICTION

Unless otherwise stipulated in this Information Document, any dispute concerning the Company which may arise during its operation or liquidation, whether between the Unitholders, or between the Unitholders and the Manager, the Management Company, the Investment Manager and/or the Sub-Investment Manager, shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent French courts.

The Manager, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager and the Unitholders acknowledge that the Company is a French civil portfolio company with variable capital (*société civile de portefeuille à capital variable*), established pursuant to French laws and regulations and that its creation and management are subject to, *inter alia*, Articles L. 214-24 III and seq. of the FMFC, Articles 1832 to 1870-1 of the French Civil Code, the provisions of the French Commercial Code relating to variable capital and the provisions of this Information Document.

## 32. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, none of the members of the Manager, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Independent Client Representative (if appointed), the Sub-Investment Manager, their respective Affiliates or the respective directors, officers, representatives, agents, shareholders, members, partners and employees thereof or any other person who serves at the request of the Manager, the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager on behalf of the Company as a director, officer, agent, member, partner and employee (each, an "**Indemnified Party**") will be liable to the Company or any Unitholders for (i) any losses due to any act or omission by any Indemnified Party in connection with the conduct of the business of the Company that is determined by the Indemnified Party in good faith to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and, in the case of a criminal action or proceeding, where the Indemnified Party involved had no reasonable cause to believe such conduct was unlawful, unless that act or omission constitutes actual fraud, wilful misconduct, gross negligence (as such term is

interpreted in accordance with French law), a material violation of applicable laws, or a material breach of the Information Document or the By-Laws, the AIFM Agreement, the Investment Management Agreement and the Sub-Investment Management Agreement, (ii) any losses due to any action or omission by any other party/Unitholders, (iii) any losses due to any mistake, action, inaction, negligence, dishonesty, actual fraud or bad faith of any broker, financial intermediary or other agent as provided in the Information Document, or (iv) any change in U.S. federal, state or local or non-U.S. (including France) income tax laws, or in interpretations thereof, as they apply to the Company or the Unitholders, whether the change occurs through legislative, judicial or administrative action.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Company will indemnify and hold harmless each Indemnified Party from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses of any kind, including legal fees and amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromises and settlements, as fines and penalties and legal or other costs and expenses of investigating or defending against any claim or alleged claim, of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, that are incurred by any Indemnified Party and arise out of or in connection with the business of the Company or the performance by the Indemnified Party of any of its responsibilities under the Information Document and the constitutive document of any parallel vehicle; provided, that an Indemnified Party will be entitled to indemnification under the Information Document only if the Indemnified Party acted in good faith and in a manner the Indemnified Party believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and the Indemnified Party's conduct did not constitute actual fraud, wilful misconduct, gross negligence (as such term is interpreted in accordance with French law), a material violation of securities laws, or a material breach of the Information Document, the By-Laws, the AIFM Agreement, the Investment Management Agreement and the Sub-Investment Management Agreement, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such conduct was unlawful, or such liabilities did not arise solely out of a dispute between or among the officers, directors, employees or partners of the Manager, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager or their Affiliates.

The Company may purchase, at its own expense, insurance to insure the Company and any Indemnified Party against liability in connection with the activities of the Company.

### **33. CURRENCY**

The Company is denominated in euro (EUR). The Net Asset Value is reported to the Unitholders and returns are calculated and reported in euro. All subscription payments and distributions are made in euro. Gains or losses regarding non-euro Investments may include currency fluctuations relative to the euro.

### **34. SEVERABILITY**

If one of the provision of this Information Document is or becomes invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions. All possible solutions shall be sought by the Unitholders, the Manager and the Management Company in order to replace promptly the invalid or unenforceable provision by a valid and enforceable provision so that the effect of the new provision corresponds as closely as possible to the effect of the invalid or unenforceable provision.

### 35. NOTIFICATIONS

Except where the Information Document specifies otherwise, notices which may be or are required to be given under the Information Document by any party to another shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given if delivered in person or if sent by registered letter with return receipt request, or by email with return receipt requested, to the relevant party at the address mentioned in the following paragraph or any other address notified by the Management Company to each Unitholder (or by each Unitholder to the Management Company).

The first address:

- (a) for the Company and the Management Company:

92, Avenue de Wagram - 75017 Paris

- (b) for the Manager:

11-13, boulevard de la Foire - L-1528 Luxembourg

- (c) for each Unitholder is the address indicated in the Subscription Agreement.

The Unitholders when adhering to the Information Document, acknowledge and accept that all notifications and convening notices can be sent to their attention by electronic means, at the email address mentioned in their Subscription Agreements.

The website at [bxcreditpriveeurope.com](http://bxcreditpriveeurope.com) will contain important communications, notices to Unitholders, material information and other additional information about the Company or Blackstone, including financial information. However, the contents of this website are not incorporated by reference in or otherwise a part of this Information Document.

### 36. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

All information, whether written or oral, disclosed to the Unitholders concerning ECRED, the Company, the Management Company, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager, the Investments and/or the Unitholders, including the information appearing in the reports pursuant to Article 27 (the "**Confidential Information**") shall be kept strictly confidential. The Unitholders shall not disclose Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the Manager or as permitted under this Article. Such obligation shall not apply in respect of any information that is already in the public domain other than as a result of a breach of an applicable confidentiality undertaking.

Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above, Confidential Information may be disclosed by a Unitholder: (i) to its directors, executives, professional advisers, accountants, auditors, employees or investment committee members and Affiliates who need to know such Confidential Information (collectively, "**Representatives**"), provided that such Representatives are subject to confidentiality obligations which are at least equivalent to those provided for in this Information Document and that the Unitholders shall be responsible for any such Representative's failure to comply with the obligations hereunder; or (ii) where disclosure is required by laws and regulations applicable to a Unitholder, an enforceable court decision or an administrative decision.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Information Document, each of the Management Company and the Investment Manager has the right not to supply a Unitholder with or limit its access to, for a

period determined by the Management Company and/or the Investment Manager (as the case may be) and under the conditions provided in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) below, the Confidential Information which the Unitholder would have been entitled to receive or obtain by virtue of this Information Document, if:

- (i) the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager (or their respective administrators, directors or employees) determines that all or part of the Confidential Information must remain confidential, by virtue of the laws, regulations or of an agreement concluded with a third party; or
- (ii) the communication of all or part of the Confidential Information by a Unitholder is rendered mandatory by virtue of the laws, regulations to which such Unitholder is subject, an enforceable court decision or an administrative decision. In such circumstances, (A) such Unitholder shall (1) notify the Management Company, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager of the same immediately; (2) cooperate fully with the Management Company, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager where legally permissible, if any of the Management, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager tries to obtain any protective or other reliable measure, ensuring that confidential processing shall be granted to the whole or to certain parts of the Confidential Information, (3) refrain from notifying all or part of the Confidential Information until either the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager has implemented all possible recourses in order to limit notification of the Confidential Information, and (4) take all reasonable measures to prevent, at its own expense, or ensure that its investors prevent, at their expense, in court or by any other means, any demand aiming to secure notification of all or part of the Confidential Information, in order to preserve its confidential character and (B) the Management Company, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager shall be entitled to (1) suspend or limit, on a temporary basis, the notification of all or part of the Confidential Information to such Unitholder, starting from the date on which either the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager becomes aware of a request deriving either from such Unitholder, or from the public authority, requesting the disclosure of all or part of the Confidential Information and until the dispute relating to this request has been regulated or (2) to limit, permanently, the disclosure of all or part of the Confidential Information to the Management Company, the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager (as applicable) if such party is effectively obliged to notify all or part of the Confidential Information following the said request; or
- (iii) either the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager considers that a Unitholder has not complied with the provisions of this Article (including in the event where the investors of such Unitholder's default on their own confidentiality obligations).

### **37. PUBLICITY**

In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the Company will have legal personality only as from its incorporation date at the Registry of the Commercial Court of Paris. The Manager is required to carry out as soon as possible the formalities regarding publicity as required by applicable laws and regulations and to seek registration of the Company with the Paris Trade and Companies Register.

### **38. LANGUAGE**

The Information Document is drafted in English and is translated into French. The English version is the governing version of the Information Document. The French version will be provided for information

purposes only. In case of discrepancies between the French and the English version of the Information Document, the English version shall prevail.

The By-Laws are drafted in French and filed with the Registry of the Commercial Court of Paris in French. The By-Laws may be translated in English. The French version of the By-Laws is the governing version of the By-Laws. In case of discrepancies between the French and English versions, the French version shall prevail.

In case of discrepancies between the By-Laws and the Information Document, the Information Document shall prevail between the Unitholders, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager, the Depositary, the Statutory Auditors and any other services providers of the Company.

Communications between the Unitholders, the Manager, the Management Company, the Investment Manager and/or the Sub-Investment Manager may, as the case may be, be in English, which Unitholders consent to.

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## APPENDIX 1

### GLOSSARY

<b>Accumulation Class</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 8.1.3.
<b>Administration Agreement</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 20.
<b>Advisers Act</b>	means the U.S. Advisers Act of 1940, as amended from time to time.
<b>Affiliate</b>	means, with respect to a Person, any other Person that either directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the first Person (it being understood that “control” (and derivations thereof) means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting shares, by contract or otherwise). For greater certainty, none of (i) portfolio companies / entities of the Company and/or of any Blackstone-sponsored fund or investment vehicle and advisors to Blackstone with respect to particular industries or market segments; (ii) BIS Client; and (iii) third party asset management firms in which Blackstone may hold a minority interest, shall be deemed an Affiliate of the Company.
<b>Aggregate Net Leverage</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.3.4.
<b>AIF</b>	means an alternative investment fund as defined by the AIFM Directive.
<b>AIFM Agreement</b>	means the management agreement entered into between the Management Company and the Company with respect to the portfolio and risk management of the Company.
<b>AIFM Directive</b>	means Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on alternative investment fund managers, as amended from time to time.
<b>AIFM Fee</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.2.
<b>AMF</b>	means the French Financial Markets Authority ( <i>Autorité des marchés financiers</i> ).
<b>Appendix</b>	means an appendix to the present Information Document.
<b>Article</b>	means an Article of the present Information Document.
<b>Asset</b>	means any of the Company's assets.



<b>Bank Holding Company</b>	means a "bank holding company" within the meaning of section 2(a) of the BHC Act.
<b>BHC Act</b>	refers to the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute.
<b>BHC Unitholder</b>	means any Unitholder that (i) is a bank within the meaning of section 3 of the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Act, a Bank Holding Company, a Savings and Loan Holding Company, a non-U.S. bank subject to the BHC Act pursuant to the U.S. International Banking Act of 1978, as amended, or an Affiliate of any such Bank Holding Company, Savings and Loan Holding Company, or non-U.S. bank and (ii) has so indicated in writing to the Manager and the Management Company.
<b>BIS</b>	means Blackstone Insurance Solutions.
<b>BIS Clients</b>	means vehicles or accounts BIS advises or sub-advises, including accounts where an insurer participates in investments directly and there is no separate vehicle controlled by Blackstone.
<b>Blackstone</b>	refers to Blackstone, Inc. and its Affiliates.
<b>Blackstone Clients</b>	means, collectively, the investment funds, client accounts (including managed accounts) and proprietary accounts and/or other similar arrangements (including such arrangements in which ECRED or one or more Blackstone Clients own interests) that Blackstone may establish, advise or sub-advise from time to time and to which Blackstone provides investment management or sub-advisory services (other than ECRED, any such funds and accounts in which ECRED has an interest and Other BXCI Clients), in each case including any alternative investment vehicles and additional capital vehicles relating thereto and any vehicles established by Blackstone to exercise its side-by-side or other general partner investment rights as set forth in their respective governing documents; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, "Blackstone Clients" shall not include Blackstone in its role as principal of any account, including any accounts for which Blackstone or an Affiliate thereof acts as an advisor.
<b>Blackstone Credit Insurance or BXCI</b>	<b>&amp;</b> refers to Blackstone's private credit platform, comprising Blackstone Alternative Credit Advisors LP (together with its Affiliates in the Blackstone credit division which, for the avoidance of doubt, excludes Harvest Fund Advisors LLC and Blackstone Insurance Solutions).

<b>Business Day</b>	means any day on which securities markets in each of France, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom and the United States are open.
<b>By-Laws</b>	refer to the By-Laws of the Company.
<b>Capital Gains Performance Participation Allocation</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.4.1.2.
<b>Central Administration</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 3.
<b>Class</b>	means a class of Units issued by the Company.
<b>Class B Unit</b>	means a Unit belonging to the B Class of Units.
<b>Class INS<sub>A</sub>-EUR Unit</b>	means a Unit belonging to the INS <sub>A</sub> -EUR Class of Units.
<b>CLO</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.3.1.
<b>Company</b>	refers to Blackstone Crédit Privé Europe SC.
<b>Confidential Information</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 36.
<b>Conversion Cut-Off</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.3.1.
<b>Corporate Secretary and Accounting Service Provider</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 3.
<b>CRS</b>	means the Common Reporting Standard.
<b>DAC 2 Directive</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 7.
<b>DAC 6</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 7.
<b>Depository</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 3.
<b>Depository Agreement</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 20.
<b>Early Redemption Deduction</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.2.2.
<b>ECRED</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.1.
<b>ECRED Aggregator</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.1.
<b>ECRED Feeder SICAV</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 16.
<b>ECRED Master FCP</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.1.
<b>Effective Date</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.5.

<b>Eligible Investor</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 5.1.
<b>ERISA</b>	means the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.
<b>EU Taxonomy Regulation</b>	means Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment.
<b>FATCA</b>	refers to Sections 1471 to 1474 of the US IRS Code, any current or future regulations or their official interpretations, any agreement drawn up pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the US IRS Code or any regulations or tax laws or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement concluded with regard to the implementation of these Sections of the US IRS Code.
<b>FATCA Information</b>	means the information requested by the Management Company on behalf of the Company or an intermediary (or its agent) in conjunction with FATCA and which the Management Company, on behalf of the Company or its intermediary, considers it reasonable to request, pursuant to FATCA.
<b>FATCA Recalcitrant Investor</b>	refers to any Unitholder or effective beneficiary of Units of the Company, who does not provide the FATCA Information, as required (or does not provide a waiver of legal origin prohibiting it from disclosing such information to a Tax Authority), or any Unitholder or beneficial owner of Units of the Company which is a foreign financial institution, as defined by FATCA and which, unless exempt or presumed to be compliant, fails to comply with Section 1471 (b) of the US IRS Code.
<b>Federal Reserve</b>	shall mean the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
<b>Feeder Vehicle</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.3.5.
<b>Financial Year</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 26.
<b>FMFC</b>	means the French Monetary and Financial Code.
<b>French GAAP</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 27.
<b>Fund Expenses</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.6.
<b>Global Distributor</b>	refers to the Investment Manager in its capacity as global distributor of the Company and as further defined in Article 17.
<b>GRAMF</b>	means the General Regulation of the AMF, as amended from time to time.

<b>HOLA</b>	shall mean the U.S. Home Owner's Loan Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute.
<b>IFRS</b>	means the International Financial Reportings Standards, as adopted by the European Union.
<b>Income Performance Participation Allocation</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.4.1.1.
<b>Incorporation Date</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 2.1.
<b>Indemnified Party</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 32.
<b>Independent Client Representative</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 18.
<b>Independent Committee</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 16.
<b>Information</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 7.2.
<b>Information Document</b>	refers to the present document.
<b>Information Reporting Regime</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) FATCA;</li> <li>(b) CRS;</li> <li>(c) any intergovernmental agreement, treaty, regulation, guidance, standard or other agreement, entered into by any competent authority or governmental body in order to comply with, facilitate, supplement or implement the legislation, regulations, guidance or standards described in paragraphs (a) and (b) above; and</li> <li>(d) any other similar automatic exchange of information or similar tax reporting or withholding legislation, regulations, regime or treaty,</li> </ul> <p>and in each case any official interpretations thereof and any published administrative guidance in connection therewith.</p>
<b>Initial Class</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.3.1.
<b>Initial Fund Expenses Support</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.7.
<b>Intermediate Vehicle</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.3.1.
<b>Investment</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.2.

<b>Investment Management Agreement</b>	means the portfolio management delegation agreement entered into or to be entered into between the Management Company and the Investment Manager with respect to the portfolio management of the Company.
<b>Investment Manager</b>	defined in Article 3.
<b>Investment Manager Fee</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.3.
<b>Leverage Limit</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.3.4.
<b>Leverage Ratio</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.3.4.
<b>Liquidator</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 28.
<b>Management Company</b>	defined in Article 3.
<b>Manager</b>	defined in Article 3.
<b>Manager Fee</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.1.
<b>Maximum Share Capital</b>	means the amount above which that the share capital of the Company may not be increased.
<b>Minimum Redemption Account</b>	defined in Article 8.2.2.3.
<b>Net Asset Value</b>	means the value of the Company's Assets, minus the Company's liabilities, determined in accordance with the valuation methods as detailed in Article 10.
<b>New Class</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.3.1.
<b>Opportunistic Credit Investment</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.2.
<b>Organizational and Offering Expenses</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.5
<b>Other AIF</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article L. 214-24 III of the FMFC.
<b>Other BXCI Clients</b>	means, collectively, the investment funds, client accounts (including managed accounts) and proprietary accounts and/or other similar arrangements (including such arrangements in which ECRED or one or more Other BXCI Clients own interests) that BXCI may establish, advise or sub-advise from time to time and to which BXCI provides investment management or sub-advisory services (other than ECRED and any such funds and accounts in which ECRED has an interest), in each case including any alternative investment vehicles and additional capital vehicles relating thereto and any vehicles established by BXCI to exercise its side-by-side or other

general partner investment rights as set forth in their respective governing documents; provided, that for the avoidance of doubt, "Other BXCI Clients" shall not include BXCI in its role as principal of any account, including any accounts for which BXCI or an Affiliate thereof acts as an advisor.

<b>Other Blackstone Account</b>	means, as the context requires, individually and collectively, any of the following: investment funds, vehicles, accounts, products and/or other similar arrangements sponsored, advised, and/or managed by Blackstone or its Affiliates, whether currently in existence or subsequently established (in each case, including any related successor fund, alternative vehicles, supplemental capital vehicles, surge funds, over-flow funds, co-investment vehicles and another entities formed in connection with Blackstone or its Affiliates side-by-side or additional general partner investments with respect thereto).
<b>Other BX Fund</b>	means certain other Blackstone funds in which the ECRED Aggregator has invested in or alongside.
<b>Other Clients</b>	means, collectively, Other BXCI Clients and Blackstone Clients.
<b>PAI</b>	has the meaning set forth in <b><u>Appendix 2</u></b> .
<b>Parallel Entities</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.3.5.
<b>Parallel Vehicles</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 4.3.5.
<b>Performance Participation Allocation</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.4.
<b>Permitted U.S. Person</b>	means an investor who represents and warrants in its Subscription Agreement that it is: (i) an "accredited investor" as such term is defined in Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act, and the rules, regulations and interpretations thereunder; and (ii) a "qualified purchaser" as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the Investment Company Act; provided, that the Management Company, with the assistance of the Investment Manager may admit other investors as "Permitted U.S. Persons".
<b>Person</b>	any individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation, limited liability company, unincorporated organization or association, trust (including the trustees thereof in their capacity as such), government (or agency or subdivision thereof), governmental entity or other entity.
<b>Portfolio Entity</b>	means, individually and collectively, any entity owned directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, by ECRED or Other

Blackstone Accounts, including, as the context requires, portfolio companies, holding companies, special purpose vehicles and other entities through which Investments are held.

**Pre-Performance  
Participation Allocation Net  
Investment Income Returns**

has the meaning set forth in Article 23.4.1.1.

**PRIIPS KID**

means the Company's Key Information Document established in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) n°1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products, and its supplementing regulations; as amended from time to time.

**Private Credit Investment**

has the meaning set forth in Article 4.2.

**Prohibited Person**

has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.2.4.

**Proposed Transaction**

any offers ECRED may make to buy, or any offers ECRED may receive to purchase, assignments of, or participations in, loans, notes or other securities (or interests therein) that Blackstone or any Other Clients, as the case may be, own and may have originated in the United States or pertaining to United States assets (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may also include unfunded commitments associated with such loans, notes or other securities).

**Rebate**

has the meaning set forth in Article 23.12.

**Recipient**

has the meaning set forth in Article 23.4.

**Redemption Date**

has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.2.1.

**Redemption Notice**

has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.2.1.

**Redemption Request**

has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.2.1.

**Relevant Entity**

means any of the following:

- (a) the Management Company;
- (b) the Company;
- (c) the portfolio companies;

any "related entity" (as defined in any applicable tax information provisions) of any of paragraphs (a) to (c) inclusive above.

<b>Representatives</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 36.
<b>Savings and Loan Holding Company</b>	means a "savings and loan holding company" within the meaning of section 10 of the HOLA.
<b>SEC</b>	means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
<b>Securities Act</b>	means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time.
<b>SFDR</b>	means Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector.
<b>Sponsor</b>	means, as the context or applicable laws require, individually and collectively the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager and Blackstone.
<b>Statutory Auditors</b>	defined in Article 3.
<b>Sub-Investment Management Agreement</b>	means the portfolio management delegation agreement entered into or to be entered into between the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager with respect to the portfolio management of the Company.
<b>Sub-Investment Manager</b>	defined in Article 3.
<b>Subscription Agreement</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.1.1.
<b>Subscription Date</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.1.1.
<b>Subscription Fee</b>	has the meaning set forth in Article 23.11.
<b>Subscription Date</b>	<b>Settlement</b> has the meaning set forth in Article 8.2.1.3.
<b>Tax Authority</b>	means any government, state or municipality or any local, state, federal or other authority, body or official anywhere in the world exercising a fiscal, revenue, customs or excise function.
<b>Taxation or Tax</b>	means (i) any form of taxation, levy, duty, charge, surcharge, contribution, withholding or impost of whatever nature and wherever arising (including any related fine, penalty, surcharge or interest); (ii) any amounts paid in connection with any settlement with a Tax Authority relating thereto; and/or (iii) any fees or other charges levied by any Tax Authority.
<b>Transfer</b>	means the transfer of a Unit's ownership, in any manner or form whatsoever, and, in particular, without limitation, by assignment, contribution, exchange, complete transfer of assets and liabilities, asset contribution in-kind, contractual or



legal execution of a guarantee such as collateral or a pledge, donation or trust transaction.

**Unit** means a unit of the Company.

**Unitholder** means an Eligible Investor that has subscribed to or acquired Units of the Company.

**U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Act** refers to the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Act of 1950, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute.

**U.S. International Banking Act** refers to the U.S. International Banking Act of 1978, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute.

**Valuation Date** has the meaning set forth in Article 2.

## APPENDIX 2

### DISCLOSURES MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SFDR AND THE EU TAXONOMY REGULATION

The Company is to be categorized as an “Article 8” product for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (the “SFDR”) because it promotes certain environmental and social characteristics, amongst other characteristics. The Company may make “sustainable investments” within the meaning of Article 2(17) SFDR but does not commit to make any minimum proportion of sustainable investments. **Information regarding the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Company is contained in Appendix 3 to this Information Document.**

Since the Company is established for a period of ninety-nine (99) years, to the fullest extent not contrary to applicable law, the Management Company, with a consultation of the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager, reserves the right to amend disclosures made pursuant to Article 8 SFDR, including, without limitation, the Company's promoted characteristic and sustainability indicators (including to cease promoting environmental and social characteristics).

SFDR defines “sustainability risks” as environmental, social or governance events or conditions that, if they occur, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investment. The Management Company has delegated the portfolio management function to the Investment Manager. Sustainability risks are integrated into the investment decision-making and monitoring process for ECRED as a sub-set of risks generally that could cause an actual or potential material negative impact on the value of an investment. If appropriate for an investment, the Management Company (or its delegate) may conduct sustainability risk-related due diligence and/or take steps to mitigate sustainability risks and preserve the value of the investment. ECRED may be exposed to certain potential sustainability risks as, amongst others, reflected in the risk factors outlined in **Appendix 3**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, sustainability risks will not be relevant to certain non-core activities undertaken by ECRED (for example, hedging).

As of the date hereof, the portfolio of the Company is comprised of different investments that may change over time as a result of specific investment decisions and accordingly, the identification and assessments of risks, including sustainability risks, will take place on an investment-by-investment basis as noted above. The Management Company's assessment is that integration of sustainability risks in investment decisions, combined with a diversified portfolio appropriate for ECRED in light of its investment objective and strategy, should help mitigate the potential material negative impact of sustainability risks on the returns of ECRED, although there can be no assurance that all such risks will be mitigated in whole or in part, nor identified prior to the date of the investment.

The Management Company (or the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager) generally measures any relevant environmental or social matters using third-party standards, guidelines and metrics, data from Blackstone's portfolios, company reports and publicly available information, as the Management Company (or the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager) deems relevant from time to time..

**No consideration of principal adverse impacts.** The Management Company does not consider the principal adverse impacts (a “PAI”) of its investment decisions on sustainability factors within the meaning of Article 4(1)(a) of SFDR as explained by the Management Company on its website in accordance with Article 4(1)(b): <https://iqeq.fr/notre-politique-esg/>. At present, the Management

Company's delegates (the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager) do not, within the meaning of Article 4(1)(a) of the SFDR, consider the adverse impacts of its investment decisions on sustainability factors. The reasons why the Management Company's delegates does not currently do so can be found at <https://www.blackstone.com/european-overview/>.

## APPENDIX 3

### PRE-CONTRACTUAL DISCLOSURE FOR THE FINANCIAL PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 8, PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 2A, OF REGULATION (EU) 2019/2088 AND ARTICLE 6, FIRST PARAGRAPH, OF REGULATION (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** Blackstone Crédit Privé Europe SC (the "Fund")

**Legal entity identifier:** 969500V8FBRWADZY3I12

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Blackstone Crédit Privé Europe SC's Information Document, as may be amended from time-to-time (the "**Information Document**").

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

Yes   No

It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective:** \_\_\_%

in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective:** \_\_\_%

It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of \_\_\_% of sustainable investments

with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

with a social objective

It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**



**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

The Fund will invest its assets mainly indirectly through the ECRED Aggregator. The Fund will invest in the ECRED Aggregator, a subsidiary established as a Luxembourg special limited partnership for the purpose of indirectly holding the Investments of ECRED, in parallel with Blackstone European Private Credit Fund (Master) FCP, a

master fund organized as a Luxembourg multi-compartment mutual fund. These disclosures should be read accordingly.

The environmental and social characteristic promoted by the Fund is engagement with the aim of achieving a minimum environmental, social, sustainability profile of companies in which the Fund invests (such companies, "**Investee Companies**", also referred to as "**Portfolio Entities**" in the Information Document of the Fund) where the investment is a Private Credit Investment ("**Private Credit Investee Companies**") by reference to a proprietary ESG maturity scoring tool (the "**ESG Maturity Indicator**").

The ESG Maturity Indicator was created by Blackstone Credit & Insurance ("**BXCI**") in partnership with a third-party ESG consultant. The ESG Maturity Indicator is a proprietary sector-specific ESG maturity scoring tool based on the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board ("**SASB**") standards. The ESG Maturity Indicator includes assessment of select ESG risks and maturity factors. The score awarded to each company will vary from 0 to 100. Higher scores represent greater ESG maturity.

Private Credit Investee Companies scoring 60 or below will be classed as ESG engagement targets ("**ESG Engagement Targets**") and BXCI will seek to engage with them with the aim of improving their environmental, social, sustainability profile by reference to the ESG Maturity Indicator (as well as potentially conducting more general forms of ESG engagement with other Private Credit Investee Companies).

BXCI and IQ EQ Management S.A.S. believe that its engagement activities may not only improve environmental, social, sustainability profiles, but may also enable better management of long-term investment risks.

The Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining its promoted environmental and social characteristics.

● ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The Fund will report on the attainment of its promoted environmental and social characteristic for its investments using the following sustainability indicators, each measured by BXCI as at the end of the reporting period:

1. The aggregate number of ESG engagements carried out during the reporting period with ESG Engagement Targets or their sponsor, as applicable. Examples of such engagements may include, but are not limited to:

- i. the provision of (an) ESG resource(s) (e.g. Policy Guide/Carbon Playbook/Cybersecurity Assessment/Decarbonization Accelerator);
- ii. a substantive discussion or chain of discussions, whether verbal, in writing or otherwise, (as determined by the AIFM (or its delegate) acting in good faith) with the BXCI ESG Team or any other relevant BXCI team, broader Blackstone ESG Team, and/or Blackstone Cybersecurity team, BXCI Value Creation team on a particular ESG topic or matter;
- iii. the introduction of a BXCI verified consultant or service provider; and
- iv. a response to a BXCI ESG Questionnaire.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

2a. The absolute number of Private Credit Investee Companies in the portfolio scored using the ESG Maturity Indicator.

2b. The proportion of Private Credit Investee Companies in the portfolio<sup>1</sup> scored using the ESG Maturity Indicator.

2c. The proportion of scored Private Credit Investee Companies in the portfolio<sup>2</sup> which have received ESG Maturity Indicator scores above 60.

3. The proportion, by absolute number, of Private Credit Investee Companies to whom the BXCI ESG Questionnaire was sent during the reporting period to enable more detailed monitoring and reporting across ESG metrics.

4. Fund carbon footprint (Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e / EUR million invested), reported to the extent disclosed by or estimated in respect of Investee Companies.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do no significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.



**Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

Yes

No. This is because the AIFM does not consider the principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions on sustainability factors. The reasons why the AIFM does not consider PAIs are set out in the Information Document.

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.



**What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The Fund's investment objective is to deliver attractive risk adjusted returns, primarily through current income, with some balance derived from longer-term capital appreciation. The Fund aims to achieve its investment objectives by investing in a highly diversified portfolio primarily constructed from privately originated investments in European Companies, focusing on floating rate, first lien and senior secured loans, with dynamic exposure to a broad range of other private credit investments as detailed further in the

<sup>1</sup> Calculated as a proportion of capital committed to or invested in Private Credit Investee Companies.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated as a proportion of capital committed to or invested in scored Private Credit Investee Companies.

Information Document. To a lesser extent, the portfolio will also invest in liquid debt securities, including broadly syndicated loans.

The Fund's investment objective and strategy is described in the Information Document and By-Laws (as amended from time to time). The foregoing is intended only as a summary and in case of discrepancy between this summary and the Information Document and/or the By-Laws, those documents shall prevail.

- ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

At least 70%<sup>3</sup> of Private Credit Investee Companies will be scored using the ESG Maturity Indicator.

The Fund does not seek to attain its promoted characteristic through the investment selection process - there is no minimum ESG Maturity Indicator score which must be achieved in order for an investment to be made. Instead, the Fund seeks to attain its promoted characteristic through engagement with the aim of achieving a minimum environmental, social, sustainability profile of Private Credit Investee Companies by reference to the ESG Maturity Indicator. Private Credit Investee Companies which have been scored higher than 60 are deemed to have the minimum profile. The ESG Maturity Indicator will be used to assist in identifying potential ESG engagement opportunities with ESG Engagement Targets.

- ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Good governance practices are assessed both as part of the investment underwriting process and as part of ongoing monitoring. The nature and depth of the assessment depends on the type and structure of the investment and other factors such as the availability of relevant information. Assessments may take into account planned actions including, for example, actions that will be undertaken immediately on closing or reasonably thereafter.

When assessing good governance practices the AIFM (or its delegate) will, as a minimum, have regard to matters it sees as relevant to the four identified pillars of good governance (sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance).

### **What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?**

An investment will be treated as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics” where the Private Credit Investee Company has been scored using the ESG Maturity Indicator and: (i) is not an ESG Engagement Target; or (ii) is an ESG Engagement Target, but engagement with the aim of achieving a minimum environmental, social, sustainability profile of the Private Credit Investee Company by reference to the ESG Maturity Indicator has been carried out. From the reporting period starting 1 January 2025, at least 60% of the Fund's assets, on average over each reporting period, are expected to be “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”.

**Good governance practices** include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

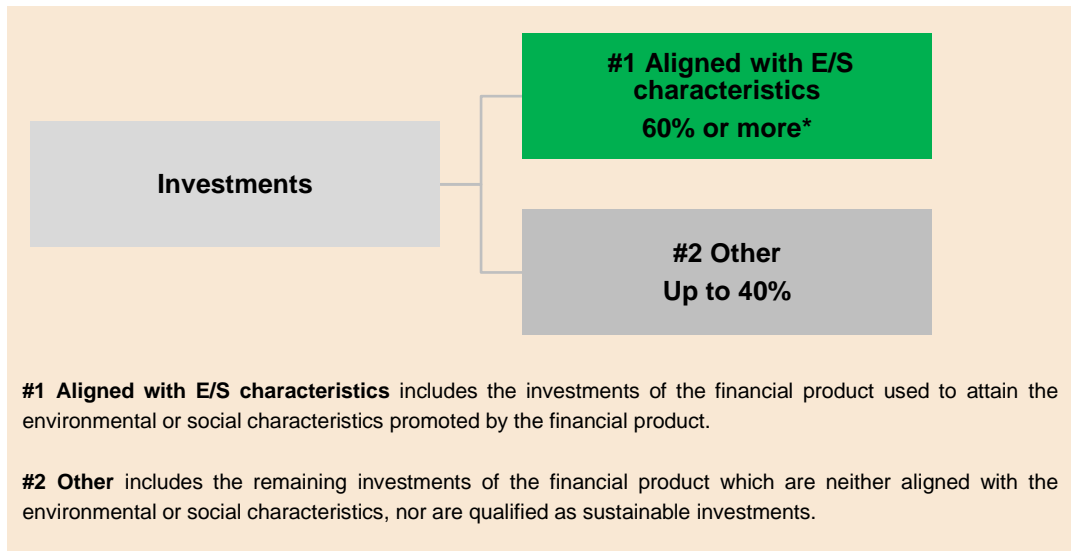


**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

<sup>3</sup> Calculated as a proportion of capital committed to or invested in such investments, measured as at the end of each reporting period.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



\* From the reporting period starting 1 January 2025, at least 60% of the Fund's assets, on average over each reporting period, are expected to be "#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics".

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The Fund does not anticipate using derivatives to attain its promoted characteristic.



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund may make investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities as defined in Regulation (EU) 2020/852 ("**Taxonomy-aligned**" investments) but it does not commit to make such an investment - it is not part of the Fund's investment strategy to actively seek to invest in Taxonomy-aligned investments, hence the minimum extent to which sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.

To the extent that the Fund may report that a proportion of investments are Taxonomy-aligned those figures may be derived from public disclosures and/or equivalent information directly obtained from issuers. In some circumstances complementary assessments and estimates based on information from other sources may also be used. Investee Companies may arrange for the audit or assurance of the figures that they disclose or provide but otherwise any figures are not expected to be assured by one or more auditors or reviewed by one or more third parties.

The Fund may hold sovereign exposures in the form of sovereign debt as a means of generating liquidity for its portfolio. It is unlikely that it will be possible to assess whether these sovereign exposures contribute to environmentally sustainable activities.



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

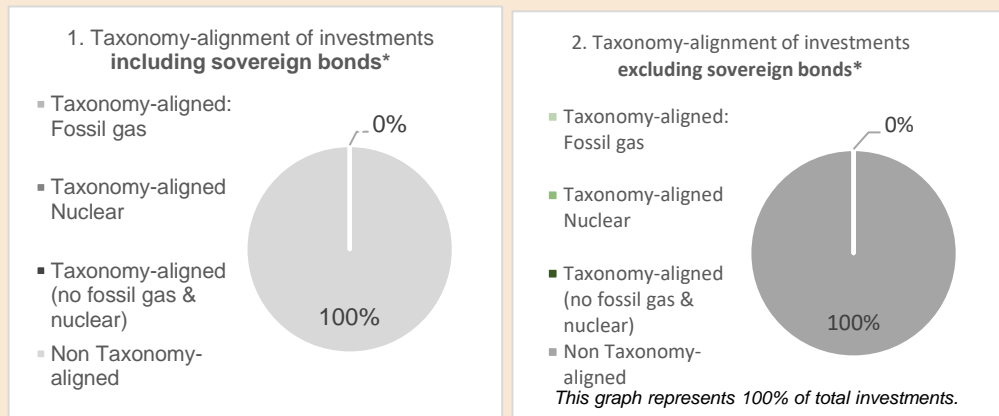
**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>4</sup>?**

- Yes:
- In fossil gas       In nuclear energy
- No

*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

\*\* Note that the Fund may invest in sovereign bonds from time to time as a means of generating liquidity for its portfolio and therefore this figure is subject to minor adjustment

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

The Fund may make investments in Taxonomy-aligned activities but does not commit to making such an investment and so there is no minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities.



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

Investments included under "#2 Other" may consist of but are not limited to: cash and/or cash equivalents held for liquidity purposes, derivatives held for hedging purposes for

Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objectives – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

which there are no minimum environmental or social safeguards, Opportunistic Credit Investments and Private Credit Investments where the Investee Company has not: (i) been scored using the ESG Maturity Indicator; or (ii) is an ESG Engagement Target in respect of which engagement has not been carried out.

Before making any Private Credit Investments or Opportunistic Credit Investments, BXCI will typically conduct due diligence that it deems reasonable and appropriate based on the facts and circumstances applicable to each Investment. Amongst other matters, due diligence may entail evaluation of important and complex environmental, social and governance issues. Furthermore, BXCI maintains an ESG policy and intends to apply that policy to ECREC investment activities. Depending on the investment, certain ESG factors could have a material effect on the return and risk profile of the investment. The Sponsor endeavors to consider material<sup>5</sup> ESG factors where applicable in connection with its investment activities. However, in respect of derivative financial instruments held for hedging purposes and cash equivalents it may not be possible to apply meaningful social or environmental safeguards.



### **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

**More product-specific information can be found on the website:**

<https://www.bxcreditpriveeurope.com/>

For IQ EQ Management S.A.S., <https://iqeq.fr/notre-politique-esg/>

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<sup>5</sup> As used herein, “material” ESG factors are defined as those ESG factors that the Sponsor determines have—or have the potential to have—a material impact on an investment’s going-forward ability to create, preserve or erode economic value for that organization and its stakeholders. The word “material” as used herein should not necessarily be equated to or taken as a representation about the “materiality” of such ESG factors under the US federal securities laws or any similar legal or regulatory regime globally.

## APPENDIX 4

### RISK FACTORS, POTENTIAL CONFLICTS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

This Appendix is an extract of the prospectus of ECRED Master FCP and, subject to applicable law, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with respect to the Company for so long as the Company invests in parallel with ECRED Master FCP. Each capitalised term used in this Appendix 4 and not defined in this Information Document or in this Appendix 4 shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning ascribed to it in the prospectus of ECRED Master FCP. For the avoidance of doubt, each reference to "Unitholders" in this Appendix 4 shall be construed as references to Unitholders of the Company.

In addition to the risk factors included in the prospectus of ECRED Master FCP and laid out herein below, Unitholders shall carefully consider the following risk factor pertaining to the Company more specifically:

***Risk related to the legal form of the Company.*** The Company is structured as a French civil portfolio company with variable capital (*société civile de portefeuille à capital variable*) governed by Articles 1832 and seq. of the French Civil Code. Pursuant to Article 1857 of the French Civil Code, unitholders of a French civil company shall have unlimited liability *vis-à-vis* other unitholders and third-parties for the debts and liabilities incurred by such civil company, in proportion to their respective share in the capital of such civil company. Accordingly, Unitholders of the Company shall be duly aware, before investing in the Company, that they may face such unlimited liability *vis-à-vis* the other Unitholders and third-parties for the debts and liabilities incurred by the Company during the course of the implementation of its investment strategy. In addition, Unitholders of the Company shall acknowledge that, as of the date of the complete redemption of their Units, they remain unlimitedly liable for five (5) years *vis-à-vis* the other Unitholders and third-parties of all debts and liabilities of the Company existing at such date, in accordance with the provisions of Article L. 231-6 of the Commercial Code. There is a risk that the Unitholders lose more than the amount of capital they invested in the Company and shall accordingly assess their financial ability to bear such a risk before investing in the Company.

***Risk related to EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation Classification.*** The Company is to be categorized as "Article 8" products for the purposes of SFDR because it promotes certain environmental and social characteristics, amongst other characteristics. The Company may make "sustainable investments" within the meaning of Article 2(17) SFDR but does not commit to make any minimum proportion of "sustainable investments." There is legal uncertainty around the parameters applicable when categorizing a financial product under the SFDR and there is no guarantee that regulators will agree with the relevant characterization. In circumstances where there is a determination that the Company has been characterized incorrectly, there could be a risk of investigation, enforcement proceedings and/or sanctions.

Under the SFDR, when Article 8 products (such as the Company) invest in companies, they should only invest in companies (such companies, "**Investee Companies**") that follow good governance practices. The Management Company (with a consultation of the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager) is required to assess the governance practices of the Company's Investee Companies (referred also as Portfolio Entities) and the Company's due diligence and investment monitoring procedures have been enhanced accordingly but, at present, no threshold has been established by law nor has guidance been issued to determine whether governance practices should be considered "good". It is possible that legislation or guidance could subsequently establish a standard for assessing good governance and such standard could be different from, or higher than, the standard applied by the Management Company (with a consultation of the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager). This could: (i) result in the Management Company breaching its obligations under Article 8 of the SFDR and/or (ii) materially restrict the potential investments available to the Company so long as

the Company promotes environmental or social characteristics. In the event of a breach by the Management Company as described above, the Sponsor expects to seek to cure such breach by engaging directly with the Portfolio Entity to address such Portfolio Entity's governance practices. There can be no assurance that a Portfolio Entity will be able to adequately address any deficiencies in its governance practices nor that the Sponsor will be successful in remedying any breach or in ensuring a Portfolio Entity's compliance with the requisite good governance practices, and as a result, the Sponsor may seek to dispose of the investment in the Portfolio Entity or cease the promotion of environmental and social characteristics (which, to the extent not contrary to applicable law, the Sponsor reserves the right to do). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the pursuit of any initiatives related to the ongoing management and compliance with good governance practices will only be pursued to the extent that such activities are consistent with the Company's objective of seeking to maximize risk-adjusted returns.

## **EXCERPT OF THE PROSPECTUS OF ECRED MASTER FCP**

### **Risk Factors**

The purchase of Units in ECRED Master FCP entails a high degree of risk and is suitable for sophisticated investors for whom an investment in ECRED Master FCP does not represent a complete investment program, and who fully understand ECRED's strategy, characteristics and risks, including the use of borrowings to leverage Investments, and are capable of bearing the risk of an investment in ECRED Master FCP. Potential Unitholders in ECRED Master FCP should carefully consider the following risk factors before making a decision to invest in ECRED Master FCP. If any of the risks described or contemplated below occurs, there could be a material adverse effect on the results and operations of ECRED Master FCP or its Portfolio Entities, and the Unitholders may experience a total loss of their investment in ECRED Master FCP. The following considerations are not a complete summary or explanation of the various risks involved in an investment in ECRED Master FCP, and the interplay of risks can have additional effects not described below. **Most of the following risk factors apply both to ECRED and to any relevant Other BX Funds in which ECRED has invested (directly or indirectly). Therefore, potential Unitholders should assume references to ECRED herein include references to Other BX Funds as well, to the extent ECRED is invested in such Other BX Funds, unless the context indicates otherwise.**

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Section XVI have the meanings given to such terms elsewhere in this Prospectus. Any references to BXCI, Blackstone, the Sponsor, the AIFM, and the Investment Managers in this section will be deemed to include their respective affiliates, partners, members, shareholders, officers, directors and employees, except that portfolio companies of managed clients shall only be included to the extent the context shall require and references to BXCI affiliates shall only be to affiliates operating as a part of Blackstone's credit and insurance focused business group. Any references to ECRED in this Section XVI will be deemed to include ECRED Master FCP, any sub-Fund of ECRED Master FCP, the ECRED Aggregator, the Parallel Entities, the ECRED Aggregator Parallel Vehicles, and any alternative investment vehicles thereof, any references to the "**Management Regulations**" or "**Prospectus**" in this Section XVI will be deemed to include the Articles of incorporation or prospectus (or other governing or offering document) of such Vehicles, and any references to "**Unitholders**" in this Section XVI will be deemed to include unitholders (or other investors) of such vehicles in each case unless the context otherwise requires. Reference to any rights, powers, responsibilities, or activities of BXCI or the Sponsor are qualified in all respects by the terms contained in this Prospectus and the Documents, all of which should be carefully reviewed by each potential investor for, among other things, a more detailed description of the relative rights, powers, responsibilities, and activities of each of the AIFM and the Investment Managers.

### **GENERAL**

**No Assurance of Investment Return.** The Sponsor cannot provide assurance that it will be able to implement ECRED's investment strategy, choose, make, and realize investments in any particular issuer. Moreover, the Sponsor cannot provide assurance that any Unitholder will receive a return of its capital or be able to withdraw from ECRED within a specific period of time. There is no assurance that ECRED will be able to generate returns for the Unitholders or that the returns will be commensurate with the risks of investing in the type of companies and transactions described herein. There may be little or no near-term cash flow available to the Unitholders from ECRED, and there can be no assurance that ECRED will make any distribution to the Unitholders. Partial or complete sales, transfers or other dispositions of Investments that may result in a return of capital or the realization of gains, if any, are generally not expected to occur for a number of years after an Investment is made. ECRED's performance over a particular period may not necessarily be indicative of the results that may be expected in future periods. All Investments of ECRED involve the risk of partial or total loss of capital.

Accordingly, an investment in ECRED should only be considered as a part of an overall investment strategy, by persons who can afford a loss of their entire investment. Past performance of investment entities associated with BXCI or Blackstone is not necessarily indicative of future results or performance and provides no assurance of future results or performance. **Accordingly, investors should draw no conclusions from the performance of any other investments of BXCI or Blackstone and should not expect to achieve similar results.** There can be no assurance that ECRED will be able to implement its investment strategy and investment approach or achieve its investment objective.

**Limited Operating History; Relation to Prior Investment Results.** ECRED has not commenced operations and therefore has no operating history upon which prospective investors may evaluate its performance. Although BXCI has made investments through certain of its funds and separately managed accounts that would have been within the investment objective of ECRED, ECRED will make Investments under different geographic, market, regulatory and economic conditions than those prevalent when the previous investments were made. The size and type of Investments to be made by ECRED could differ from prior Blackstone investments (including prior BXCI investments). Where provided, as part of the Prospectus or otherwise, any prior investment results presented or referred to herein are provided for illustrative purposes only and not to imply that such results will be obtained in the future. Although Blackstone's investment professionals have considerable prior experience in private originated and privately negotiated first lien, senior loan and other debt investments, the past investment performance of BXCI (and investment vehicles sponsored or managed by BXCI) is not necessarily indicative of ECRED's future results, and there can be no assurance that ECRED will achieve comparable results, be able to effectively implement its investment strategy, achieve its investment or asset allocation objectives, be profitable or avoid substantial losses.

**Performance Information.** There can be no assurance that the Sponsor will be successful in identifying investment opportunities. Although ECRED may invest in Other BX Funds, the investment portfolio of such Other BX Funds may differ materially in terms of levels of sectoral and geographic diversification from the current investment strategy of ECRED.

Furthermore, performance shown may not reflect returns experienced by any particular investor in the applicable fund. Performance for individual investors may vary from ECRED's overall performance as a result of the timing of an investor's admission (including automatic reinvestment for Accumulation Class Units) to ECRED; the redemption or increase of any part of a Unitholder's interest in ECRED; and the Class of Units in which they invest (including as a result of different Subscription Fees, Servicing Fees or currency fluctuations). Prospective Unitholders should note that certain Parallel Entities may invest through intermediate entities which may pay additional taxes which would further reduce returns experienced by Unitholders participating therein.

The Performance Participation Allocation that the Recipient is entitled to from the ECRED Aggregator is based on a metric adjusted to exclude the impact of certain expenses and therefore such Performance Participation Allocation will differ from the performance that investors will experience. Further, investors will experience performance that is net of any Performance Participation Allocation received by the Recipient from the ECRED Aggregator.

**Reliance on the Sponsor.** The Sponsor will have exclusive responsibility for management and oversight of ECRED's activities. Unitholders will not have the right to make or evaluate any Investment made by ECRED, or other decisions concerning direct management of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities and will not receive some of the financial information with respect to future opportunities that are available to the Sponsor. The Sponsor will generally have sole and absolute discretion in structuring, negotiating and purchasing, financing and eventually divesting Investments on behalf of ECRED (subject to certain specified exceptions). Accordingly, Unitholders are dependent upon the judgment and ability of the Sponsor to source transactions and invest and manage the capital of ECRED. No

potential investor who is unwilling to entrust all aspects of the management of ECRED to the Sponsor should invest in ECRED.

**Cyber Security Breaches Identity Theft, Denial of Service Attacks, Ransomware Attacks and Social Engineering Attempts.** Cyber security incidents, cyber-attacks, denial of service attacks, ransomware attacks, and social engineering attempts (including business email compromise attacks) have been occurring globally at a more frequent and severe level and will likely continue to increase in frequency in the future (including as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased frequency of virtual working arrangements). There have been a number of recent highly publicized cases involving the dissemination, theft and destruction of corporate information or other assets, as a result of a failure to follow procedures by employees or contractors or as a result of actions by a variety of third parties, including nation state actors and terrorist or criminal organizations. Blackstone, BXCI, ECRED, the Portfolio Entities, their service providers and other market participants increasingly depend on complex information technology and communications systems to conduct business functions, and their operations rely on the secure processing, storage and transmission of confidential and other information in their systems and those of their respective third-party service providers. These information, technology and communications systems are subject to a number of different threats or risks that could adversely affect Blackstone, BXCI, ECRED, the Unitholders and their affiliates, and the Portfolio Entities. For example, the information and technology systems of Blackstone, BXCI, ECRED, its Portfolio Entities and other related parties, such as service providers, may be vulnerable to damage or interruption from cyber security breaches, computer viruses or other malicious code, ransomware attacks, network failures, computer and digital infrastructure failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons and other security breaches, usage errors by their respective professionals or service providers, power outages or catastrophic events such as fires, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, wars and terrorist attacks. Third parties may also attempt to fraudulently induce employees, customers, third-party service providers or other users of Blackstone's, BXCI's, ECRED's, the Portfolio Entities', or their respective service providers' systems to disclose sensitive information in order to gain access to Blackstone's, BXCI's, ECRED's or the Portfolio Entities' data or that of the Unitholders. There also have been several publicized cases where hackers have requested ransom payments in exchange for not disclosing client or customer information or restoring access to digital infrastructure (and any information contained therein), pipelines and other infrastructure assets. The U.S. federal government has issued public warnings that indicate that infrastructure assets might be specific targets of "cyber sabotage" events, which illustrates the particularly heightened risk for ECRED and its Portfolio Entities from such events.

If unauthorized parties gain access to any information and technology systems, of Blackstone, BXCI, ECRED, Portfolio Entities or certain service providers, they may be able to steal, publish, delete or modify private and sensitive information, including non-public personal information related to Unitholders (and their beneficial owners) and material non-public information. Although Blackstone has implemented, and Portfolio Entities and service providers may implement, various measures to manage risks relating to these types of events, such systems could prove to be inadequate and, if compromised, could become inoperable for extended periods of time, cease to function properly or fail to adequately secure private information. There also have been several publicized cases of ransomware where hackers have requested ransom payments in exchange for not disclosing client or customer information or restoring access to information technology or communications systems. BXCI does not control the cyber security plans and systems put in place by third party service providers, and such third party service providers may have limited indemnification obligations to Blackstone, BXCI, their affiliates, ECRED, the Unitholders and/or a Portfolio Entity, each of whom could be negatively impacted as a result. Breaches such as those involving covertly introduced malware, impersonation of authorized users and industrial or other espionage may not be identified even with sophisticated prevention and detection systems, potentially resulting in further harm and preventing them from being addressed

appropriately. The failure of these systems and/or of disaster recovery plans for any reason could cause significant interruptions in Blackstone's, BXCI's, their affiliates', ECRED's and/or a Portfolio Entity's operations and result in a failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data, including personal information relating to Unitholders (and their beneficial owners), material non-public information and the intellectual property and trade secrets and other sensitive information in the possession of Blackstone, BXCI, and/or portfolio companies. Blackstone, BXCI, ECRED and/or a Portfolio Entity could be required to make a significant investment to remedy the effects of any such failures, harm to their reputations, legal claims that they and their respective affiliates may be subjected to, regulatory action or enforcement arising out of applicable privacy and other laws, adverse publicity, and other events that may affect their business and financial performance.

**Disruptions.** Current trends in the market generally have been toward disrupting a traditional approach to an industry with technological and other innovations, and multiple young companies have been successful where this trend toward disruption in markets and market practices has been critical to their success. In this period of rapid technological, commercial and other innovation, new businesses and approaches may be created that will compete with ECRED and/or its Investments or alter the market practices that ECRED's strategy has been designed to function within and depend on for investment return. Any of these new approaches could damage ECRED's Investments, significantly disrupt the market in which it operates and subject it to increased competition, which could materially and adversely affect its business, financial condition and results of investments.

### **Investment Strategy and Market Risk**

The Sponsor's methods of minimizing investment strategy and market risks may not accurately or adequately address future risk exposures. Risk management techniques are based in part on the observation of historical market behavior, which may not predict market divergences that are larger than historical indicators. Also, information used to manage risks may not be accurate, complete or current, and such information may be misinterpreted. In certain situations the Sponsor may be unable to, or may choose not to, implement risk management strategies because of the costs involved or other relevant circumstances, and even if risk management strategies are utilized, such strategies cannot fully insulate ECRED from the risks inherent in its planned activities.

**Nature of Investment in Senior Loans.** ECRED's investments are expected to include first lien senior secured debt and second lien senior secured debt (including unitranche loans, which have embedded first lien and junior secured risk in a single investment), each of which involves a higher degree of risk of a loss of capital.

The factors affecting an issuer's first lien and second lien loans, and its overall capital structure, are complex. Some first lien and second lien loans may not necessarily have priority over all other unsecured debt of an issuer. For example, some first lien and second lien loans may permit other secured obligations (such as overdrafts, swaps or other derivatives made available by members of the syndicate to the company), or involve first liens only on specified assets of an issuer (e.g., excluding real estate). Issuers of first lien loans may have multiple tranches of first lien debt outstanding, each with first liens on separate collateral or may share first liens on the same collateral with one or more other tranches of first lien debt. Furthermore, liens with respect to primarily U.S. financings generally only cover U.S. assets, and non-U.S. assets are not included (other than, for example, where a borrower pledges a portion of the stock of first-tier non-U.S. subsidiaries). In the event of Chapter 11 filing by an issuer, the U.S. Bankruptcy Code authorizes the issuer to use a creditor's collateral and to obtain additional credit by grant of a prior lien on its property, senior even to liens that were first in priority prior to the filing, as long as the issuer provides what the presiding bankruptcy judge considers to be "adequate protection", which may but need not always consist of the grant of replacement or additional



liens or the making of cash payments to the affected secured creditor. The imposition of prior liens on ECRED's collateral would adversely affect the priority of the liens and claims held by ECRED and could adversely affect ECRED's recovery on its leveraged loans.

Any secured debt is secured only to the extent of its lien and only to the extent of the value of underlying assets or incremental proceeds on already secured assets. Moreover, underlying assets are subject to credit, liquidity, and interest rate risk. Although the amount and characteristics of the underlying assets selected as collateral may allow ECRED to withstand certain assumed deficiencies in payments occasioned by the borrower's default, if any deficiencies exceed such assumed levels or if underlying assets are sold it is possible that the proceeds of such sale or disposition will not be sufficient to satisfy the amount of principal and interest owed to ECRED in respect of its investment.

The borrowers on loans constituting ECRED's assets may seek the protection afforded by bankruptcy, insolvency and other debtor relief laws. One of the protections offered in certain jurisdictions in such proceedings is a stay on required payments on such securities or loans. A stay on payments to be made on the assets of ECRED could adversely affect the value of those assets and ECRED itself. Other protections in such proceedings may include forgiveness of debt, the ability to create super-priority liens in favor of certain creditors of the debtor and certain well-defined claims procedures (such actions together with other similar actions, collectively, the "**Specified Actions**"). Additionally, the numerous risks inherent in the insolvency process create a potential risk of loss by ECRED of its entire investment in any particular investment. Insolvency laws may, in certain jurisdictions, result in a restructuring of the debt without ECRED's consent under the "cramdown" provisions of applicable insolvency laws and may also result in a discharge of all or part of the debt without payment to ECRED. In other circumstances, ECRED and/or its affiliates may lead and/or participate in the subset of lenders taking one or more Specified Actions, which may adversely affect the priority of liens and claims held by the non-participating lenders or claimholders, adversely affect the recovery of their investments, or otherwise have an adverse effect on their interests or claims. ECRED may be subject to litigation in connection with its participation in Specified Actions. The outcome of such proceedings may materially adversely affect the value of ECRED and may continue without resolution for long periods of time. Any litigation may consume substantial amounts of the AIFM's time and attention, and that time and allocation of resources to litigation may, at times, be disproportionate to the amounts at stake in the litigation.

Debt instruments and loans originated by ECRED may be or become non-performing and possibly in default following their acquisition for a wide variety of reasons. Such non-performing instruments or loans may require a substantial amount of workout negotiations or restructuring, which may entail, among other things, a substantial reduction in the interest rate and a substantial writedown of principal. It is possible that the AIFM may find it necessary or desirable to foreclose on collateral securing one or more loans purchased by ECRED. The foreclosure process varies jurisdiction by jurisdiction and can be lengthy and expensive. Borrowers often resist foreclosure actions, which often prolongs and complicates an already difficult and time consuming process. In some jurisdictions, foreclosure actions can take up to several years or more to conclude. During the foreclosure proceedings, a borrower may have the ability to file for bankruptcy, potentially staying the foreclosure action and further delaying the foreclosure process. Foreclosure litigation tends to create a negative public image of the collateral assets and may result in disrupting ongoing management of the company. There can be no assurance as to the amount and timing of payments, if any, with respect to any such debt instruments.

Senior secured credit facilities are generally syndicated to a number of different financial market participants. The documentation governing such facilities typically requires either a majority consent or, in certain cases, unanimous approval for certain actions in respect of the credit, such as waivers, amendments, or the exercise of remedies. In addition, voting to accept or reject the terms of a restructuring of a credit facility pursuant to a court-ordered plan of reorganization in an insolvency

proceeding may be done on a class basis. As a result of these voting regimes, ECRED may not have the ability to control any decision in respect of any amendment, waiver, exercise of remedies, restructuring or reorganization of debts owed to ECRED.

Senior secured loans are also subject to other risks, including (i) the possible invalidation of a debt or lien as a “fraudulent conveyance” (ii) the recovery as a “preference” of liens perfected or payments made on account of a debt in the period before a bankruptcy filing, (iii) equitable subordination claims by other creditors, (iv) “lender liability” claims by the issuer of the obligations and (v) environmental and/or other liabilities that may arise with respect to collateral securing the obligations. Decisions in bankruptcy cases have held that a secondary loan market assignee can be denied a recovery from the debtor in a bankruptcy if a prior holder of the loans either (a) received and did not return a preference or fraudulent conveyance or (b) engaged in conduct that would qualify for equitable subordination.

ECRED’s Investments may be subject to early redemption features, refinancing options, pre-payment options or similar provisions that, in each case, could result in the issuer repaying the principal on an obligation held by ECRED earlier than expected. As a consequence, ECRED’s ability to achieve its investment objective may be adversely affected.

**Junior, Unsecured Securities.** ECRED’s strategy may entail acquiring securities that are junior or unsecured instruments. This means that certain of ECRED’s Investments may be unsecured. If the Portfolio Entity in question becomes financially distressed or insolvent and does not successfully reorganize, ECRED will have no assurance (compared to those distressed securities investors that acquire only fully collateralized positions) that it will recover any of the principal that it has invested. Similarly, investments in “last out” pieces of unitranche loans will be similar to second lien loans in that such investments will be junior in priority to the “first out” piece of the same unitranche loan with respect to payment of principal, interest and other amounts. Consequently, the fact that debt is secured does not guarantee that ECRED will receive principal and interest payments according to the debt’s terms, or at all, or that ECRED will be able to collect on the debt should it be forced to enforce its remedies.

While such junior or unsecured Investments may benefit from the same or similar financial and other covenants as those enjoyed by the indebtedness ranking more senior to such Investments and may benefit from cross-default provisions and security over the issuer’s assets, some or all of such terms may not be part of particular Investments. Moreover, the ability of ECRED to influence an issuer’s affairs, especially during periods of financial distress or following insolvency, is likely to be substantially less than that of senior creditors. For example, under typical subordination terms, senior creditors are able to block the acceleration of the junior debt or the exercise by junior debt holders of other rights they may have as creditors. Accordingly, ECRED may not be able to take steps to protect its Investments in a timely manner or at all, and there can be no assurance that the rate of return objectives of ECRED or any particular Investment will be achieved. In addition, the debt securities in which ECRED will invest may not be protected by financial covenants or limitations upon additional indebtedness, may have limited liquidity and are not expected to be rated by a credit rating agency.

Early repayments of ECRED’s Investments may have a material adverse effect on ECRED’s investment objectives and returns. In addition, depending on fluctuations of the equity markets and other factors, warrants and other equity investments may become worthless.

There can be no assurance that attempts to provide downside protection through contractual or structural terms with respect to ECRED’s Investments will achieve their desired effect and potential investors should regard an investment in ECRED as being speculative and having a high degree of risk. Furthermore, ECRED has limited flexibility to negotiate terms when purchasing newly issued investments in connection with a syndication of mezzanine or certain other junior or subordinated investments or in the secondary market.

**Loans.** ECRED will invest in loans (in cash and synthetic form). The value of ECRED's loans may be detrimentally affected to the extent a borrower defaults on its obligations. While BXCI may, in certain instances, attempt to minimize this risk by obtaining collateral, there can be no assurance that the value assigned by BXCI to collateralize an underlying loan can be realized upon liquidation, nor can there be any assurance that any such collateral will retain its value. Furthermore, circumstances could arise (such as in the bankruptcy of a borrower) that could cause ECRED's security interest in the loan's collateral to be invalidated. Also, much of the collateral will be subject to restrictions on transfer intended to satisfy securities regulations, which will limit the number of potential purchasers if ECRED intends to liquidate such collateral. The amount realizable with respect to a loan may be detrimentally affected if a guarantor, if any, fails to meet its obligations under a guarantee. Finally, there may be a monetary, as well as a time cost involved in collecting on defaulted loans and, if applicable, taking possession of various types of collateral.

Additionally, adverse credit events with respect to any Portfolio Entity, such as missed or delayed payment of interest and/or principal, bankruptcy, receivership or distressed exchange, can significantly diminish the value of ECRED's investment in any such Portfolio Entity.

**Bank Loans and Participations.** BXCI may invest a portion of ECRED's assets in bank loans and participations. These obligations are subject to unique risks, including, without limitation: (i) the possible invalidation of an investment transaction as a fraudulent conveyance under the applicable creditors' rights laws; (ii) so-called lender liability claims by the issuer of the obligations; (iii) environmental and/or other liabilities that may arise with respect to collateral securing the obligations; (iv) adverse consequences resulting from participating in such instruments with other institutions with lower credit quality; and (v) limitations on the ability of ECRED to directly enforce its rights with respect to participations. The loans invested in by ECRED may include term loans and revolving loans, may pay interest at a fixed or floating rate and may be senior or subordinated.

Successful claims by third parties arising from these and other risks, absent bad faith, may be borne by ECRED. Bank loans are frequently traded on the basis of standardized documentation which is used in order to facilitate trading and market liquidity. There can be no assurance, however, that future levels of supply and demand in bank loan trading will provide an adequate degree of liquidity, that the current level of liquidity will continue or that the same documentation will be used in the future. The settlement of trading in bank loans often requires the consent of the borrower or the involvement of third parties, such as administrative or syndication agents, and there presently is no central clearinghouse or authority that monitors or facilitates the trading or settlement of all bank loan trades. Often, settlement may be delayed due to the actions of a third party or counterparty, and adverse price movements may occur in the time between trade and settlement, which could result in adverse consequences for ECRED. The failure to satisfy certain contractually imposed settlement requirements results in the forfeiture of delayed compensation, as provided for under The Loan Syndications and Trading Association ("**LSTA**") Standard Terms and Conditions for Par/Near Par Trade Confirmations, or delayed settlement compensation, as provided for in the relevant Loan Market Association ("**LMA**") secondary trading documentation (as applicable). ECRED will bear any such consequences.

ECRED may acquire interests in bank loans either directly (by way of sale or assignment) or indirectly (by way of participation). The purchaser of an assignment typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations of the assigning institution and becomes a contracting party under the credit agreement with respect to the debt obligation; however, its rights can be more restricted than those of the assigning institution. In addition, if ECRED acquires loans pursuant to an assignment, it is possible that ECRED's claims may be subject to attack (*i.e.*, equitable subordination or disallowance) on account of the conduct of the transferee. Participation interests in a portion of a debt obligation typically result in a contractual relationship only with the institution participating out the interest and not with the borrower. In purchasing

participations, ECRED will not have established any direct contractual relationship with the borrower and therefore ECRED may have neither a right to enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement, nor any rights of set-off against the borrower, and ECRED may not directly benefit from the collateral supporting the debt obligation in which it has purchased the participation. ECRED will be required to rely on the lender or the participant that sold the participation not only for the enforcement of ECRED's rights against the borrower but also for the receipt and processing of payments due to ECRED under the participation. As a result, ECRED may assume the credit risk of both the borrower and the institution selling the participation to ECRED. Because it may be necessary to assert through the selling lender or participant such rights as may exist against the borrower, in the event the borrower fails to pay principal and interest when due, such assertion of rights against the borrower may be subject to delays, expenses and risks that are greater than those that would be involved if ECRED could enforce its rights against the borrower directly. In certain circumstances, investing in the form of a participation may be the most advantageous or only route for ECRED to make or hold an Investment, including in light of limitations relating to local laws or the willingness of administrative agents or borrowers to allow ECRED to become a direct lender. Certain investments have restrictions on assignments and participations which may negatively impact ECRED's ability to exit from all or part of its investment. ECRED may invest in bank loans that are, or may become, below investment grade. In terms of liquidity with respect to such Investments, there can be no assurance that levels of supply and demand in bank loan trading will provide an adequate degree of liquidity for ECRED's Investments therein. In addition, to the extent ECRED makes investments in stressed or distressed bank loans, such loans are often less liquid than performing bank loans.

***Ability to Acquire Loans on Advantageous Terms; Competition and Supply.*** ECRED may invest in loans, including, but not limited to unitranche and senior secured loans. ECRED's performance will depend, in part, on ECRED's ability to originate loans on advantageous terms. Additionally, ECRED's success will depend, in part, on the ability of BXCI to identify and select appropriate investment opportunities, as well as ECRED's ability to acquire these investments. In acquiring loans, ECRED will compete with a broad spectrum of lenders, some of which may be willing to provide capital on better terms (from a borrower's standpoint) than ECRED. Increased competition for, or a diminution in the available supply of, qualifying loans may result in lower yields on such loans, which could reduce returns to Unitholders.

There can be no assurance that BXCI will be able to locate and complete investments that satisfy ECRED's objectives or realize their values. ECRED may incur significant fees and expenses identifying, investigating and attempting to pursue potential investments and investment strategies that are ultimately not consummated or pursued, including fees and expenses relating to due diligence, transportation and travel. Moreover, BXCI's beliefs regarding the availability of investment opportunities for ECRED over the next several years are based, in part, on assumptions regarding the amount of financing that will be available over such time period, ECRED's ability to participate in such investments and other market, economic and related assumptions, some or all of which may not materialize as expected. Also, there can be no assurance that ECRED will be able to exit from its Investments at attractive valuations.

***US-Originated Investments.*** From time to time, ECRED may make offers to buy, or receive offers to purchase, assignments of, or participations in, loans, notes or other securities (or interests therein) that Blackstone or any Other Clients, as the case may be, own and may have originated in the United States or pertaining to United States assets (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may also include unfunded commitments associated with such loans, notes or other securities) (each, a "**Proposed Transaction**"). In the event of such an offer, the price paid by ECRED in connection with an Investment in such Proposed Transaction shall not be set by the Sponsor or ECRED but rather shall be established based on third-party valuations obtained in accordance with the procedures followed by ECRED, on a

consistent basis. In connection with each Proposed Transaction, the Sponsor shall prepare the materials it deems necessary to describe the Proposed Transaction. The decision to make an offer to buy, or to accept or decline an offer, at the price offered shall, however, be made by the Independent Client Representative, after a review of: (i) materials prepared by the Sponsor regarding the Proposed Transaction; and (ii) any additional information requested by the Independent Client Representative; provided, that in the event a Proposed Transaction is entered into with any Other Client (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, (A) ECRED, (B) any Blackstone proprietary account that participated in the initial investment in the applicable portfolio company alongside any of the persons set forth in clause (A) above (collectively, the “Applicable Entities”) and (C) a direct or indirect subsidiary of the Applicable Entities), such Proposed Transaction shall, instead of the consent of the Independent Client Representative, require the consent of the non-affiliated members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV. If the Independent Client Representative is appointed to review a Proposed Transaction in accordance with the procedures set out in this paragraph, the Independent Client Representative will consist of one or more persons with substantial experience in, and knowledge of, the relevant market and related investment arenas who are independent of the Sponsor.

**High Yield Debt.** ECRED may invest in debt securities that may be classified as “higher-yielding” (and, therefore, higher-risk) debt securities. In most cases, such debt will be rated below “investment grade” or will be unrated and will face both ongoing uncertainties and exposure to adverse business, financial or economic conditions and the issuer’s failure to make timely interest and principal payments. The market for high yield securities has experienced periods of volatility and reduced liquidity. Securities in the lower rated categories and comparable non-rated securities are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher rated and comparable non-rated securities and are generally considered to be predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer’s capacity to pay interest and repay principal. They are also generally considered to be subject to greater risk than securities with higher ratings or comparable non-rated securities in the case of deterioration of general economic conditions. High yield securities may or may not be subordinated to certain other outstanding securities and obligations of the issuer, which may be secured by all or substantially all of the issuer’s assets. High yield securities may also not be protected by financial covenants or limitations on additional indebtedness. The market values of certain of these debt securities may reflect individual corporate developments. General economic recession or a major decline in the demand for products and/or services in the industry in which the issuer operates would likely have a material adverse impact on the value of such securities or could adversely affect the ability of the issuers of such securities to repay principal and pay interest thereon and increase the incidence of default of such securities. In addition, adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may also decrease the value and liquidity of these high yield debt securities.

**Risks Relating to Fraudulent Conveyances and Voidable Preferences by Issuers.** Under U.S. legal principles, in a lawsuit brought by an unpaid creditor or representative of creditors of an issuer of securities (including a bankruptcy trustee), if a court were to find that the issuer did not receive fair consideration or “reasonably equivalent value” for incurring the obligation or for granting security, and that after giving effect to such obligation or such security, the issuer (a) was insolvent, (b) was engaged in a business for which the remaining assets of such issuer constituted unreasonably small capital, or (c) was intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature, such court could determine to invalidate and avoid, in whole or in part, the obligation underlying an investment of ECRED as a constructive fraudulent conveyance. The measure of insolvency for purposes of the foregoing will vary. Generally, an issuer would be considered insolvent at a particular time if the sum of its debts was then greater than all of its property at a fair valuation, or if the present fair saleable value of its assets was then less than the amount that would be required to pay its probably liabilities on its existing debts as they became absolute and matured. There can be no assurance as to what standard a court would apply to determine whether the issuer was “insolvent”

after giving effect to the incurrence of the obligation in which ECRED invested or that, regardless of the method of valuation, a court would not determine that the issuer was “insolvent” upon giving effect to such incurrence.

In addition, it is possible a court may invalidate, in whole or in part, the indebtedness underlying an investment of ECRED as a fraudulent conveyance, subordinate such indebtedness to existing or future creditors of the obligor or recover amounts previously paid by the obligor in the satisfaction of such indebtedness. Moreover, in the event of the insolvency of a portfolio company, payments made on its indebtedness could be subject to avoidance as a “preference” if made within a certain period of time (which may be as long as one year) before the portfolio company becomes a debtor in a bankruptcy case.

Even if ECRED does not engage in conduct that would form the basis for a successful cause of action based upon fraudulent conveyance or preference law, there can be no assurance as to whether any lending institution or other party from which ECRED may acquire such security, or any prior holder of such security, has not engaged in any such conduct (or any other conduct that would subject the obligations under the security to disallowance or subordination under insolvency laws) and, if it did engage in such conduct, as to whether such creditor claims could be asserted in a U.S. court (or in the courts of any other country) against ECRED so that ECRED’s claim against the issuer would be disallowed or subordinated.

**Convertible Securities.** Convertible securities are bonds, debentures, notes, preferred stocks or other securities that may be converted into or exchanged for a specified amount of common stock of the same or different issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula. A convertible security entitles its holder to receive interest that is generally paid or accrued on debt or a dividend that is paid or accrued on preferred stock, in each case, until the convertible security matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. Convertible securities have unique investment characteristics in that they generally (i) have higher yields than common stocks, but lower yields than comparable non-convertible securities, (ii) are less subject to fluctuation in value than the underlying common stock due to their fixed-income characteristics and (iii) provide the potential for capital appreciation if the market price of the underlying common stock increases.

The value of a convertible security is a function of its “investment value” (determined by its yield in comparison with the yields of other securities of comparable maturity and quality that do not have a conversion privilege) and its “conversion value” (the security’s worth, at market value, if converted into the underlying common stock). The investment value of a convertible security is influenced by changes in interest rates, with investment value declining as interest rates increase and increasing as interest rates decline. The credit standing of the issuer and other factors may also have an effect on the convertible security’s investment value. The conversion value of a convertible security is determined by the market price of the underlying common stock. If the conversion value is low relative to the investment value, the price of the convertible security is governed principally by its investment value. To the extent the market price of the underlying common stock approaches or exceeds the conversion price, the price of the convertible security will be increasingly influenced by its conversion value. A convertible security generally will sell at a premium over its conversion value by the extent to which investors place value on the right to acquire the underlying common stock while holding a fixed-income security. Generally, the amount of the premium decreases as the convertible security approaches maturity.

A convertible security may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer at a price established in the convertible security’s governing instrument. If a convertible security held by ECRED is called for redemption, ECRED will be required to permit the issuer to redeem the security, convert it into the

underlying common stock or sell it to a third party. Any of these actions could have an adverse effect on ECRED's ability to achieve its investment objective.

***Nature of Mezzanine Debt Securities.*** Mezzanine debt securities generally will be unrated, have ratings or implied or imputed ratings below investment grade. They will be obligations of corporations, partnerships or other entities that are generally unsecured, typically are subordinated to other obligations of the obligor and generally have greater credit and liquidity risk than is typically associated with investment grade corporate obligations. While mezzanine debt investments and other loans or unsecured investments may benefit from the same or similar covenants as those enjoyed by the indebtedness ranking more senior to such investments and may benefit from cross-default provisions and security over the issuer's assets, some or all of such terms may not be part of particular investments (for example, such investments may not be protected by financial covenants or limitations upon incurrence of additional indebtedness by the issuer). Accordingly, the risks associated with mezzanine debt securities include a greater possibility that adverse changes in the financial condition of the obligor or in general economic conditions (including a sustained period of rising interest rates or an economic downturn) may adversely affect the obligor's ability to pay principal and interest on its debt. Many obligors on mezzanine debt securities are highly leveraged, and specific developments affecting such obligors, including reduced cash flow from operations or the inability to refinance debt at maturity, may also adversely affect such obligors' ability to meet debt service obligations. Mezzanine debt securities are often issued in connection with leveraged acquisitions or recapitalizations, in which the issuers incur a substantially higher amount of indebtedness than the level at which they had previously operated. Default rates for mezzanine debt securities have historically been higher than has been the case for investment grade securities.

***Distressed Investments; Restructurings.*** ECRED may make investments in companies that subsequently become distressed. Certain of ECRED's Investments may, therefore, include specific Investments in companies that become highly leveraged, with significant burdens on cash flow, and, therefore, involve a high degree of financial risk. ECRED's Investments will mostly be privately originated and illiquid, but will include liquid or publicly traded securities. Such Investments may be considered speculative and subject to a high degree of risk and the ability of the relevant issuers to pay their debts on schedule could be adversely affected by interest rate movements, changes in the general economic climate or the economic factors affecting a particular industry, or specific developments within such companies. Investments in companies operating in workout or bankruptcy modes also present additional legal risks, including fraudulent conveyance, voidable preference and equitable subordination risks. The level of analytical sophistication, both financial and legal, necessary for successful investment in companies experiencing significant business and financial difficulties is unusually high. There is no assurance that the Sponsor will correctly evaluate the value of the assets collateralizing ECRED's loans or the prospects for a successful reorganization or similar action.

***Risk of Investments in Securities Generally.*** All securities investments risk the loss of capital. Certain investment techniques of ECRED can, in certain circumstances, substantially increase the impact of adverse market movements to which ECRED may be subject. ECRED's methods of minimizing such risks may not accurately predict future risk exposures or price movements.

***Zero Coupon and PIK Bonds.*** Because investors in zero coupon or PIK bonds receive no cash prior to the maturity or cash payment date applicable thereto, an investment in such securities generally has a greater potential for complete loss of principal and/or return than an investment in debt securities that make periodic interest payments. Such investments are more vulnerable to the creditworthiness of the issuer and any other parties upon which performance relies.

***Distressed/Defaulted Securities.*** ECRED may invest in the securities of companies that subsequently become involved in bankruptcy proceedings, reorganizations or financial restructurings, and that may

face pending covenant violations or significant debt maturities. In such a case, ECRED may have a more active participation in the affairs of such issuers than is generally assumed by an investor. Such Investments could, in certain circumstances, subject ECRED to certain additional potential liabilities, which may exceed the value of ECRED's original investment therein. For example, under certain circumstances, a lender who has inappropriately exercised control over the management and policies of a debtor may have its claims subordinated or disallowed or may be found liable for damages suffered by parties as a result of such actions. Furthermore, such Investments could also subject ECRED to litigation risks or prevent ECRED from disposing of securities. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to a Portfolio Entity or Investment, ECRED may lose its entire investment, may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than ECRED's original investment and/or may be required to accept payment over an extended period of time. In addition, under certain circumstances, payments to ECRED and the related distributions by ECRED to the Unitholders may be reclaimed if any such payment or distribution is later determined to have been a fraudulent conveyance, preferential payment or similar transaction under applicable bankruptcy and insolvency laws. As more fully discussed below, in a bankruptcy or other proceeding, ECRED as a creditor may be unable to enforce its rights in any collateral or may have its security interest in any collateral challenged or disallowed, and its claims may be subordinated to the claims of other creditors.

The market for distressed securities is expected to be less liquid than the market for securities of companies that are not distressed. A substantial length of time may be required to liquidate investments in securities that become distressed. Under adverse market or economic conditions or in the event of adverse changes in the financial condition of the issuer, ECRED may find it more difficult to sell such securities when BXCI believes it advisable to do so or may only be able to sell such securities at a loss. ECRED may also find it more difficult to determine the fair market value of distressed securities for purposes of computing ECRED's net asset value. In some cases, ECRED may be prohibited by contract from selling its investments for a period of time.

***Bankruptcy and Other Proceedings.*** ECRED may invest in the securities of companies, and/or relevant guarantors thereof, that subsequently become involved in bankruptcy and other similar proceedings. When a company seeks relief under the applicable insolvency laws of a particular jurisdiction (or has a petition filed against it). An automatic stay may prevent all entities, including creditors, from foreclosing or taking other actions to enforce claims, perfect security interests or reach collateral securing such claims. Creditors who have claims against the company prior to the date of the insolvency filing will generally require the permission of the court or a relevant insolvency officeholder to permit them to take any action to protect or enforce their claims or their rights in any collateral. Such creditors may be prohibited from doing so at the discretion of the court or the relevant insolvency officeholder. Thus, even if ECRED holds a secured claim, it may be prevented from enforcing its security and collecting the value of the collateral securing its debt, unless relief from the automatic stay is granted. If relief from the stay is not granted, ECRED may not realize a distribution on account of its secured claim until a distribution (if any) is made to ECRED by the relevant court or insolvency officeholder.

Security interests held by creditors are closely scrutinized and frequently challenged in insolvency proceedings and may be invalidated for a variety of reasons. For example, security interests may be set aside because, as a technical matter, they have not been perfected properly under applicable law. If a security interest is invalidated, the secured creditor loses the value of the collateral and, because loss of the secured status causes the claim to be treated as an unsecured claim, the holder of such claim will be more likely to experience a significant loss of its investment. There can be no assurance that the security interests securing ECRED's claims will not be challenged vigorously and found defective in some respect, or that ECRED will be able to prevail against the challenge.



Certain European jurisdictions may follow common law principles analogous to those practiced in the United States under the so-called “equitable subordination” doctrine whereby lenders can become subject to claims from creditors of an obligor that debt obligations of such obligor which are held by such lender should be equitably subordinated. See “Equitable Subordination” below. Certain European jurisdictions may present different issues. In the United Kingdom, a lender could be exposed to liability as a “shadow director” of a borrower if the lender exercises a sufficient level of control over a borrower such that the directors of the borrower are accustomed to act in accordance with the lender’s directions or instructions. If a lender is found to be a shadow director of a borrower, among other things the lender may (where the borrower has gone into insolvent liquidation and the lender did not take every step to minimize loss to the borrower’s creditors once the lender concluded or should have concluded that there was no reasonable prospect of avoiding insolvent liquidation) be ordered by the court to make a contribution to the company’s assets.

From time to time, ECRED may invest in or extend loans to companies that have filed for protection under wider applicable insolvency laws. These debtor-in-possession or “DIP” loans are most often revolving working-capital or term loan facilities put into place at the outset of insolvency proceedings to provide the debtor with both immediate cash and the ongoing working capital that will be required during the reorganization process. The laws of a particular jurisdiction will determine the extent to which such loans rank as senior in the debtor’s capital structure and accordingly the level of risk associated with loans. Furthermore, it is possible that the debtor’s reorganization efforts may fail and the proceeds of the ensuing liquidation of the DIP lender’s collateral might be insufficient to repay in full the DIP loan. The seniority of such loans in the debtor’s capital structure may not be recognized in all jurisdictions.

Insolvency proceedings are inherently litigious, time consuming, highly complex and driven extensively by facts and circumstances, which can result in challenges in predicting outcomes. Insolvency proceedings may have adverse and permanent effects on a company. For instance, the company may lose its market position and key employees or otherwise become incapable of emerging from insolvency proceedings and restoring itself as a viable entity. Further, if insolvency proceedings result in liquidation, the liquidation value of the company may not equal the liquidation value that was believed to exist at the time of the investment. The administrative costs incurred in connection with insolvency proceedings are frequently high and will be paid out of the debtor’s estate prior to any return to creditors. Certain claims, such as claims for taxes, may in certain jurisdictions have priority by law over the claims of other creditors.

In the event of the insolvency of an obligor in respect of an investment, ECRED’s recovery of amounts outstanding in insolvency proceedings may be impacted by the insolvency regimes in force in the jurisdiction of incorporation of such obligor or in the jurisdiction in which such obligor mainly conducts its business (if different from the jurisdiction of incorporation), and/or in the jurisdiction in which the assets of such obligor are located. Such insolvency regimes impose rules for the protection of creditors and may adversely affect ECRED’s ability to recover such amounts as are outstanding from the insolvent obligor under the investment, which could have a material adverse effect on the performance of ECRED, and, by extension, ECRED’s business, financial condition, results of operations and the value of the Interests. Similarly, the ability of obligors to recover amounts owed to them from insolvent companies may be adversely impacted by any such insolvency regimes applicable to those insolvent companies, which in turn may adversely affect the abilities of those obligors to make payments to ECRED due under the investment on a full or timely basis. In addition, insolvent companies located in certain jurisdictions may be involved in restructurings, insolvency proceedings and/or reorganizations that are not subject to laws and regulations that are similar to the laws and the rights of creditors afforded in European or U.S. jurisdictions. To the extent such laws and regulations do not provide ECRED with equivalent rights and privileges necessary to promote and protect its interest in any such proceeding, ECRED’s investments in any such insolvent companies may be adversely affected. For example,

insolvency law and process in such other jurisdiction may differ substantially from that in the large European markets or in the United States, resulting in greater uncertainty as to the rights of creditors, the enforceability of such rights, reorganization timing and the classification, seniority and treatment of claims. In certain developing countries, although insolvency laws have been enacted, the process for reorganization remains highly uncertain.

**Options and Warrants.** ECRED may buy or sell (“write”) both call options and put options, and when it writes options, it may do so on a “covered” or an “uncovered” basis. A call option is “covered” when the writer owns investments of the same class and amount as those to which the call option applies. A put option is covered when the writer has an open short position in investments of the same class and amount. ECRED’s option transactions may be part of a hedging strategy (i.e., offsetting the risk involved in another investment position) or a form of leverage, in which ECRED has the right to benefit from price movements in a large number of investments with a small commitment of capital. ECRED may also use warrants in substantially the same manner as call options. Warrants are long-term options to purchase particular securities to be used by, or owned by, the issuer of the warrants. The foregoing activities involve risks that can be substantial, depending on the circumstances.

In general, without taking into account other positions or transactions ECRED may enter into, the principal risks involved in options trading can be described as follows: when ECRED buys an option, a decrease (or inadequate increase) in the price of the underlying investment in the case of a call, or an increase (or inadequate decrease) in the price of the underlying investment in the case of a put, could result in a total loss of ECRED’s investment in the option (including transaction costs). ECRED could mitigate those losses by selling short, or buying puts on, the investments for which it holds call options, or by taking a long position (e.g., by buying the investments or buying calls on them) in investments for which it holds put options.

When ECRED sells (“writes”) an option, the risk can be substantially greater than when it buys an option. The seller of an uncovered call option bears the risk of an increase in the market price of the underlying investment above the exercise price. The risk is theoretically unlimited unless the option is “covered”. The instruments necessary to satisfy the exercise of an uncovered call option may be unavailable for purchase, or only available at much higher prices, thereby reducing or eliminating the value of the premium received. Purchasing instruments to cover the exercise of an uncovered call option can cause the price of the instruments to increase, thereby exacerbating the loss. If the option is covered, ECRED would forego the opportunity for profit on the underlying investment should the market price of the investment rise above the exercise price. If the price of the underlying investment were to drop below the exercise price, the premium received on the option (after transaction costs) would provide profit that would reduce or offset any loss ECRED might suffer as a result of owning the investment.

**Capital Structure Arbitrage.** In certain circumstances, the execution of certain debt investing strategies involves the ability of BXCI to identify and exploit the relationships between movements in different securities and instruments within an issuer’s or borrower’s capital structure (e.g., senior bank debt, second liens, debt securities and other obligations, convertible and non-convertible senior and subordinated debt, preferred equity and common stock). Identification and exploitation of these opportunities involves uncertainty. In the event that the perceived pricing inefficiencies underlying an issuer’s securities or instruments were to fail to materialize as expected by BXCI, ECRED could incur a loss.

**Credit Risk.** One of the fundamental risks associated with ECRED’s Investments is credit risk, which is the risk that an underlying issuer or borrower will be unable to make principal and interest payments on its outstanding debt or other payment obligations when due or otherwise defaults on its obligations to ECRED and/or that the guarantors or other sources of credit support for such persons do not satisfy

their obligations. ECRED's return to Unitholders would be adversely impacted if an underlying issuer of debt investments or other instruments or a borrower under a loan in which ECRED invests were to become unable to make such payments when due.

Although ECRED may make Investments that BXCI believes are secured by specific collateral the value of which may initially exceed the principal amount of such Investments or ECRED's fair value of such Investments, there can be no assurance that the liquidation of any such collateral would satisfy the borrower's obligation in the event of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal payments with respect to such Investment, or that such collateral could be readily liquidated. In addition, in the event of bankruptcy of a borrower, ECRED could experience delays or limitations with respect to its ability to enforce rights against and realize the benefits of the collateral securing an investment. Under certain circumstances, collateral securing an investment may be released without the consent of ECRED or ECRED's expected rights to such collateral could, under certain circumstances, be voided or disregarded. ECRED's Investments in secured debt may be unperfected for a variety of reasons, including the failure to make required filings by lenders and, as a result, ECRED may not have priority over other creditors as anticipated. ECRED may also invest in leveraged loans, high yield securities, marketable and non-marketable common and preferred equity securities and other unsecured Investments, each of which involves a higher degree of risk than senior secured loans. Furthermore, ECRED's right to payment and its security interest, if any, may be subordinated to the payment rights and security interests of a senior lender, to the extent applicable. Certain of these Investments may have an interest-only payment schedule, with the principal amount remaining outstanding and at risk until the maturity of the Investment. In addition, certain instruments may provide for payments-in-kind, which have a similar effect of deferring current cash payments. In such cases, a Portfolio Entity's ability to repay the principal of an Investment may depend on a liquidity event or the long-term success of the company, the occurrence of which is uncertain.

With respect to ECRED's Investments in any number of credit products, if the borrower or issuer breaches any of the covenants or restrictions under the credit agreement or indenture that governs loans or securities of such issuer or borrower, it could result in a default under the applicable indebtedness as well as the indebtedness held by ECRED. Such default may allow the creditors to accelerate the related debt and may result in the acceleration of any other debt to which a cross-acceleration or cross-default provision applies. This could result in an impairment or loss of ECRED's Investment or result in a pre-payment (in whole or in part) of ECRED's Investment.

Similarly, while ECRED will generally target investing in companies it believes are of high quality, these companies could still present a high degree of business and credit risk. Credit risk may change over the life of ECRED's investment. Companies in which ECRED invests could deteriorate as a result of, among other factors, an adverse development in their business, a change in the competitive environment or economic and financial market downturns and dislocations. As a result, companies that ECRED expected to be stable or improve may operate, or expect to operate, at a loss or have significant variations in operating results, may require substantial additional capital to support their operations or maintain their competitive position, or may otherwise have a weak financial condition or be experiencing financial distress.

**Projections and Third-Party Reports.** ECRED generally will establish the capital structure of an Investment and the terms and targeted returns of such Investment on the basis of financial, macroeconomic and other applicable projections. Projected operating results normally will be based primarily on the judgments of BXCI's investment professionals and/or third-party advice and reports. In all cases, projections are only estimates of future results that are based upon assumptions made at the time that the projections are developed. There can be no assurance that the projected results will be achieved, and actual results may vary significantly from the projections. General economic, natural and

other conditions, which are not predictable, can have an adverse impact on the reliability of such projections.

**Prepayment Risk.** The value of ECRED's assets may be affected by prepayment rates on loans or securities. Prepayment rates are influenced by changes in interest rates and a variety of economic, geographic and other factors beyond ECRED's control. Therefore, the frequency at which prepayments (including voluntary prepayments by borrowers and liquidations due to defaults and insolvency) occur in respect of ECRED's Investments can adversely impact ECRED and prepayment rates cannot be predicted with certainty, making it impossible to insulate ECRED from prepayment or other such risks. Early prepayments give rise to increased reinvestment risk, including, for example, when the prevailing level of interest rates falls, ECRED may be unable to reinvest cash in a new investment with an expected rate of return at least equal to that of the investment prepaid.

**Limited Amortization Requirements.** ECRED may invest in loans that have limited mandatory amortization requirements. While these loans may obligate an issuer to repay the loan out of asset sale proceeds or with annual excess cash flow, repayment requirements may be subject to substantial limitations that would allow an issuer to retain such asset sale proceeds or cash flow, thereby extending the expected weighted average life of the Investment. In addition, a low level of amortization of any debt over the life of the Investment may increase the risk that the issuer will not be able to repay or refinance the loans held by ECRED when it matures.

**Investments in Private Companies.** A portion of ECRED's portfolio may consist of investments in medium-sized, privately owned businesses. Compared to larger, publicly owned firms, such companies generally have limited financial resources and access to capital, as well as higher funding costs. They may be in a weaker financial position and may need more capital to expand or compete. These companies frequently have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines and smaller market shares than larger businesses, which render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns. There may not be as much information publicly available about these companies as would be available for public companies and such information may not be of the same quality. These companies are also more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons and, as a result, the death, disability, resignation or termination of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on these companies' ability to meet their obligations. The above challenges increase the risk of these companies defaulting on their obligations.

**Diversification Risk.** ECRED is subject to restrictions on the size of Investments such that it will not at any one time invest more than 20% of the Net Asset Value at the time of acquisition in any single investment; provided, that such diversification will be assessed on a look-through basis and no remedial action will be required if such restriction is exceeded for any reason other than the acquisition of a new Investment (including the exercise of rights attached to an Investment). This 20% diversification requirement will not apply during a ramp-up period of up to four years after the initial subscription is received. Furthermore, this restriction shall not apply in the case of a collective investment scheme or any other investment vehicle which provides investors access to a diversified pool of assets. For the purpose of the foregoing limitations, the amount invested in any Investment will be net of indebtedness and take into account the allocated or expected indebtedness that the Investment Managers deem related to the Investment being acquired, whether incurred specifically at the Investment level or allocated from other vehicle indebtedness. The Investment Manager may also impose additional limitations on its discretion based on the underlying investors in ECRED Master FCP.

Accordingly, ECRED may participate in a limited number of Investments and, as a consequence, the aggregate return of ECRED may be substantially adversely affected by the unfavorable performance of even a single Investment. In addition, other than as set forth in Section III: "Investment Information,"

investors have no assurance as to the degree of diversification of ECRED's Investments, either by geographic area, asset type or sector. To the extent ECRED concentrates Investments in a particular issuer, asset type, industry, security or geographic area, its Investments will become more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse economic, political, regulatory, technological, industry and/or business conditions with respect thereto. These risks may be further pronounced where an Investment is secured by a relatively small or less diverse pool of underlying assets. Certain geographic areas and/or industries may be more adversely affected by economic pressures when compared to other geographic areas and/or industries. As a consequence, the aggregate return of ECRED may be adversely affected by the unfavorable performance of one or a small number of Investments, or unfavorable developments in one or a small number of countries or industries. Moreover, there are no assurances that any or all of ECRED's Investments will perform well or avoid loss, and if certain investments perform unfavorably, for ECRED to achieve above-average returns, one or a few of its investments must perform very well. There are no assurances that this will be the case.

Since ECRED invests primarily in the credit markets, its portfolio may not be as diversified as other investment vehicles. Accordingly, ECRED's Investments may be subject to more rapid change in value than would be the case if ECRED were required to maintain a wide diversification among types of securities, geographical areas, issuers and/or industries. Any such non-diversification will increase the risk of loss to ECRED if there were to be a decline in the market value of any security or sector in which ECRED had invested a large percentage of its assets. Investment in a non-diversified fund will generally entail greater risks than investments in a diversified fund.

***Highly Competitive Market for Investment Opportunities.*** The activity of identifying, completing and realizing on attractive senior secured. Unitranche and other investments that fall within ECRED's investment objective is highly competitive, involves a high degree of uncertainty and will be subject to market conditions. ECRED expects to encounter competition from other entities having similar investment objectives. Potential competitors include other investment partnerships and corporations, business development companies, strategic industry acquirers, financial institutions (such as investment and mortgage banks and pension funds), hedge funds and investment funds affiliated with other financial sponsors or institutional investors (such as sovereign wealth funds), private equity and debt investors, and credit vehicles. Further, over the past several years, an ever-increasing number of private equity and debt funds have been formed and many such existing funds have grown in size, many of which primarily invest in Europe. Additional funds with similar investment objectives may be formed in the future by other unrelated parties. As a result of the dislocations in the credit market over the last several years, other firms and institutions are seeking to capitalize on the perceived opportunities with vehicles, funds and other products. Such sponsors are expected to compete with ECRED for Investments. Some of these competitors may have more relevant experience, greater financial resources and more personnel than Blackstone, the AIFM and ECRED. It is possible that competition for appropriate investment opportunities will increase, thus reducing the number of opportunities available to ECRED and adversely affecting the terms upon which investments can be made. There can be no certainty that BXCI will identify a sufficient number of attractive investment opportunities to enable the full amount of capital committed to ECRED to be invested. To the extent that ECRED encounters competition from other strategic buyers and investors engaged in activities similar to those of ECRED, such competition may have the effect of increasing acquisition and other costs and the length of time required to fully invest ECRED, thereby reducing investment returns. Moreover, private equity sponsors may be reluctant to present financing opportunities to ECRED because of its affiliation with Blackstone. There can be no assurance that BXCI will be able to identify or consummate Investments satisfying ECRED's investment criteria or that if such Investments are made, that such Investments will be repaid or sold in accordance with ECRED's underwriting or that the objectives of ECRED will be achieved. Likewise, there can be no assurance that ECRED will be able to realize upon the values of its Investments or that it will be able to fully invest the Unitholders'

investment. To the extent that ECRED encounters competition for investments, returns to Unitholders will decrease. In addition, BXCI's investment strategy in certain investments may depend on its ability to enter into satisfactory relationships with joint venture or operating partners. There can be no assurance that BXCI's current relationship with any such partner or operator will continue (whether on currently applicable terms or otherwise) with respect to ECRED or that any relationship with other such persons will be able to be established in the future as desired with respect to any sector or geographic market or on terms favorable to ECRED.

**Reliance on the Principals, BXCI and its Professionals.** BXCI will have complete discretion in directing the investment of ECRED's assets. The success of ECRED will depend in large part upon the skill and expertise of key employees of BXCI (the "**Principals**"), as well as Blackstone's professionals. There is ever-increasing competition among alternative asset firms, financial institutions, private equity firms, investment managers and other industry participants for hiring and retaining qualified investment professionals, and there can be no assurance that such professionals will continue to be associated with BXCI or otherwise with Blackstone or its affiliates throughout the life of ECRED. The loss of the services of one or more of such persons could have a material adverse impact on ECRED's ability to realize its investment objectives. Moreover, although BXCI expects to have access to all of the appropriate resources, relationships and expertise of Blackstone, there can be no assurance that such resources, relationships and expertise will be available for every transaction. In addition, investment professionals and investment committee members may be replaced or added at any time. Many of the senior and other professionals involved in prior funds of Blackstone may not be part of the team working on ECRED. In addition, members of the investment team will work on other projects for Blackstone. Blackstone's professionals involved with ECRED are not dedicated exclusively to ECRED and will have other responsibilities for Blackstone. Conflicts of interest will arise in allocating management time, services or functions, and the ability of BXCI and the members of the investment team to access other professionals. See also "**—Potential Conflicts of Interest—Allocation of Personnel**" herein.

**Blackstone's Policies and Procedures.** Blackstone has implemented policies and procedures to address conflicts that arise as a result of its various activities, as well as regulatory and other legal considerations. Specified policies and procedures implemented by Blackstone to mitigate potential conflicts of interest and address certain regulatory requirements and contractual restrictions will reduce the synergies across Blackstone's various businesses that ECRED expects to draw on for purposes of pursuing attractive investment opportunities. Because Blackstone has many different asset management and advisory businesses, including private equity, a credit business, a hedge fund business, a capital markets group, a life sciences business and a real estate advisory business, it is subject to a number of actual and potential conflicts of interest, greater regulatory oversight and more legal and contractual restrictions than that to which it would otherwise be subject if it had just one line of business. In addressing these conflicts and regulatory, legal and contractual requirements across its various businesses and to protect against the inappropriate sharing and/or use of information between ECRED and the other business units at Blackstone, Blackstone has implemented certain policies and procedures (e.g., information wall policy) regarding the sharing of information that may reduce the positive synergies that ECRED expects to utilize for purposes of identifying and managing attractive investments. For example, Blackstone will from time to time come into possession of material non-public information with respect to companies in which Other Clients may be considering making an investment or companies that are clients of Blackstone. As a consequence, that information, which could be of benefit to ECRED, might become restricted to those other respective businesses and otherwise be unavailable to ECRED. It is also possible that ECRED could be restricted from trading despite the fact that ECRED did not receive such information. There can be no assurance, however, that any such policies and/or procedures will be effective in accomplishing their stated purpose and/or that they will not otherwise adversely affect the ability of ECRED to effectively achieve its investment objective by unduly limiting the investment flexibility of ECRED and/or the flow of otherwise appropriate information

between the Management Company and other business units at Blackstone. Personnel of Blackstone may be unable, for example, to assist with the activities of ECRED as a result of these walls. There can be no assurance that additional restrictions will not be imposed that would further limit the ability of Blackstone to share information internally.

In addition, to the extent that Blackstone is in possession of material non-public information or is otherwise restricted from trading in certain securities, ECRED and the Investment Manager may also be deemed to be in possession of such information or otherwise restricted. Additionally, the terms of confidentiality or other agreements with or related to companies in which any Other Client has or has considered making an investment or which is otherwise a client of Blackstone will from time to time restrict or otherwise limit the ability of ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities and their affiliates to make investments in or otherwise engage in businesses or activities competitive with such companies. Blackstone may enter into one or more strategic relationships in certain regions or with respect to certain types of investments that, although intended to provide greater opportunities for ECRED, may require ECRED to share such opportunities or otherwise limit the amount of an opportunity ECRED can otherwise take. (See “—Potential Conflicts of Interest—Other Blackstone and BXCI Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities”).

**Fraud.** A concern in investments in loans or debt securities is the possibility of material misrepresentation or omission on the part of the borrower or issuers of debt securities. Such inaccuracy or incompleteness may adversely affect the valuation of the collateral underlying the loans or debt securities (if any) or may adversely affect the ability of ECRED to perfect or effectuate a lien on any collateral securing the loan or debt securities. ECRED will rely upon the accuracy and completeness of representations made by borrowers and issuers to the extent reasonable when it makes its investments, but cannot guarantee such accuracy or completeness. Under certain circumstances, payments to ECRED may be reclaimed if any such payment or distribution is later determined to have been a fraudulent conveyance or a preferential payment.

**Reliance on Portfolio Entity Management.** Although BXCI's investment staff will monitor the performance of each Investment by ECRED and will seek to develop a close and influential relationship with the senior management of each Portfolio Entity, it is the responsibility of a Portfolio Entity's management to operate such Portfolio Entity on a day-to-day basis. There can be no assurance that the management team of a Portfolio Entity or any successor will be able to operate such Portfolio Entity in accordance with BXCI's expectations or BXCI's suggestions, or that ECRED will be able to recover on its Investments. Additionally, Portfolio Entities will need to attract, integrate, develop and retain executives and members of their management teams. The market for executive talent can be extremely competitive, notwithstanding general unemployment levels or developments within a particular industry. There can be no assurance that Portfolio Entities will be able to attract, integrate, develop and retain suitable members of their respective management teams and, as a result, ECRED may be adversely affected thereby.

**Investments in Portfolio Entities in Regulated Industries.** Certain industries, such as the communications and technology industries, are heavily regulated. ECRED may make investments in Portfolio Entities operating in industries that are subject to greater amounts of regulation than other industries generally. These more highly regulated industries may include energy and power, gaming and healthcare. Investments in Portfolio Entities that are subject to a high level of governmental regulation pose additional risks relative to investments in other companies generally. Changes in applicable laws or regulations, or in the interpretations of these laws and regulations, could result in increased compliance costs or the need for additional capital expenditures. If a Portfolio Entity fails to comply with these requirements, it could also be subject to civil or criminal liability and the imposition of fines. A Portfolio Entity also could be materially and adversely affected as a result of statutory or

regulatory changes or judicial or administrative interpretations of existing laws and regulations that impose more comprehensive or stringent requirements on such company. Governments have considerable discretion in implementing regulations that could impact a Portfolio Entity's business, and governments may be influenced by political considerations and may make decisions that adversely affect a Portfolio Entity's business. Additionally, certain Portfolio Entities may have a unionized workforce or employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, which could subject any such Portfolio Entity's activities and labor relations matters to complex laws and regulations relating thereto. Moreover, a Portfolio Entity's operations and profitability could suffer if it experiences labor relations problems. Upon the expiration of any such Portfolio Entity's collective bargaining agreements, it may be unable to negotiate new collective bargaining agreements on terms favorable to it, and its business operations at one or more of its facilities may be interrupted as a result of labor disputes or difficulties and delays in the process of renegotiating its collective bargaining agreements. A work stoppage at one or more of any such Portfolio Entity's facilities could have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations and financial condition. Any such problems additionally may bring scrutiny and attention to ECRED itself, which could adversely affect ECRED's ability to implement its investment objectives.

**Equitable Subordination.** Certain jurisdictions may have legal principles that in some cases form the basis for so-called "lender liability" claims, if a lender (a) intentionally takes an action that results in the undercapitalization of a borrower or issuer to the detriment of other creditors of such borrower or issuer, (b) engages in other inequitable conduct to the detriment of such other creditors, (c) engages in fraud with respect to, or makes misrepresentations to, such other creditors or (d) uses its influence as a stockholder to dominate or control a borrower or issuer to the detriment of other creditors of such borrower or issuer, a court may elect to subordinate the claim of the offending lender or bondholder to the claims of the disadvantaged creditor or creditors (a remedy called "equitable subordination"). ECRED does not intend to engage in conduct that would form the basis for a successful cause of action based upon the equitable subordination doctrine; however, because of the nature of the debt obligations, ECRED may be subject to claims from creditors of an obligor that debt obligations of such obligor that are held by ECRED should be equitably subordinated.

**Portfolio Entity Insolvency Risks.** Laws in certain jurisdictions enacted for the protection of creditors may apply to ECRED's Investments, although the existence and applicability of such laws varies between jurisdictions. For example, if a court in a lawsuit brought by a creditor or representative of creditors (such as a trustee in bankruptcy) of a Portfolio Entity were to find that (a) the Portfolio Entity did not receive fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for incurring the indebtedness evidenced by the securities that the company issued to ECRED and (b), after giving effect to such indebtedness and the use of the proceeds thereof, the Portfolio Entity: (i) was insolvent; (ii) was engaged in a business for which its remaining assets constituted unreasonably small capital; or (iii) intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature, such court could: (x) invalidate, in whole or in part, such indebtedness as a fraudulent conveyance; (y) subordinate such indebtedness to existing or future creditors of the Portfolio Entity; or (z) recover amounts previously paid by the Portfolio Entity, including to ECRED and/or proceeds with respect to such securities previously applied by ECRED, in each case, in satisfaction of such indebtedness or proceeds of such security interest previously applied in satisfaction of such indebtedness. In addition, if a Portfolio Entity in whose debt ECRED has an Investment becomes insolvent, payments that such Portfolio Entity made to ECRED may be subject to avoidance, cancellation and/or clawback as a "preference" if made within a certain period of time (which may be as long as two years) before insolvency. There can be no assurance as to what standard a court would apply in order to determine whether the company was "insolvent" or that, regardless of the method of valuation, a court would not determine that the company was "insolvent" in each case, after giving effect to the indebtedness evidenced by the securities held by ECRED and the use of the proceeds thereof.



In general, if payments are voidable, whether as fraudulent conveyances, extortionate transactions or preferences, such payments may be recaptured either from the initial recipient (such as ECRED) or from subsequent transferees of such payments, including the Unitholders. To the extent that any such payments are recaptured from ECRED, there may be a material adverse effect on the performance of ECRED, and the value of ECRED interests.

***Use of Leverage by Portfolio Entities.*** ECRED will invest in Portfolio Entities in a manner that involves significant leverage, which may impair these companies' ability to finance their future operations and capital needs. While Investments in leveraged companies offer the potential opportunity for capital appreciation, such Investments also involve a higher degree of risk as a result of recessions, operating problems and other general business and economic risks that may have a more pronounced effect on the profitability or survival of such companies. Such investments are inherently more sensitive to declines in revenues, competitive pressures and increases in expenses. Moreover, rising interest rates may significantly increase Portfolio Entities' interest expense, causing losses and/or the inability to service debt levels. Leverage magnifies gains and losses attributable to other investment policies and practices, such as investing in below investment grade instruments. If a Portfolio Entity cannot generate adequate cash flow to meet debt obligations, the Portfolio Entity may default on its loan agreements or be forced into insolvency, resulting in a restructuring of the company's capital structure or liquidation of the company, and ECRED may suffer a partial or total loss of capital invested in the Portfolio Entity. Furthermore, to the extent companies in which ECRED has invested become insolvent, ECRED may determine, in cooperation with other debt holders or on its own, to engage, at ECRED's expense in whole or in part, counsel and other advisors in connection therewith. In addition to leverage in the capital structure of Portfolio Entities, the AIFM may incur leverage on behalf of ECRED. See "Use of Leverage" below.

***Use of Leverage.*** ECRED intends to utilize leverage to finance the operations of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, and which may be structured as a securitization or otherwise. The use of leverage involves a high degree of financial risk and will increase ECRED's exposure to adverse economic factors such as rising interest rates, downturns in the economy or deteriorations in the condition of the Investments. Although borrowings by ECRED and its subsidiaries and Portfolio Entities have the potential to enhance overall returns, they also have the potential to diminish returns (or increase losses on capital) to the extent overall returns on Investments are less than ECRED's cost of funds. This leverage may also subject ECRED and its Investments to restrictive financial and operating covenants, which may limit flexibility in responding to changing business and economic conditions. For example, leveraged entities may be subject to restrictions on making interest payments and other distributions. In addition, the amount of leverage used to finance an Investment may fluctuate over the life of an Investment.

ECRED expects to incur indebtedness and enter into guarantees and other credit support arrangements for any proper purpose, including, without limitation, to fund Investments, cover Fund Expenses, Organizational and Offering Expenses, Initial Fund Expenses Support and Management Fees, provide permanent financing or refinancing, provide cash collateral to secure outstanding letters of credit, provide funds for distributions to Unitholders, and to fund redemptions. Borrowings and guarantees by ECRED may be deal-by-deal or on a portfolio basis, and may be on a joint, several, joint and several or cross-collateralized basis (which may be on an investment-by-investment or portfolio wide basis) with any Parallel Entities, co-investment vehicles, Other Clients, Joint Venture Partners and managers of such Joint Venture Partners. Such arrangements will not necessarily impose joint and several obligations on such other vehicles that mirror the obligations of ECRED (e.g., ECRED may provide credit enhancement through recourse to assets outside of a loan pool, whereas other vehicles may not provide such enhancement). The interest expense of any such borrowings will generally be allocated among ECRED and such other vehicles or funds *pro rata* (and therefore indirectly to the Unitholders

*pro rata*) based on principal amount outstanding, but other fees and expenses, including upfront fees and origination costs, could be allocated by a different methodology, including entirely to ECRED. Furthermore, in the case of indebtedness on a joint and several or cross-collateralized basis, ECRED could be required to contribute amounts in excess of its *pro rata* share of the indebtedness, including additional capital to make up for any shortfall if the other joint and several obligors are unable to repay their *pro rata* share of such indebtedness. ECRED could lose its interests in performing Investments in the event such performing Investments are cross-collateralized with poorly performing or non-performing Investments of ECRED and such other vehicles. ECRED may also be obligated in some circumstances to reimburse co-investors for their losses resulting from cross-collateralization of their investments with assets of ECRED that are in default.

The aggregate amount of borrowings by ECRED are subject to certain limits (as more fully set forth in Section III: “Investment Information—Leverage”). These limits do not include leverage on Investments (including Investment alongside Other BX Funds (to the extent applicable)) in which ECRED does not exercise majority control, that could include Investments in a collective investment scheme or any other investment vehicle which provides investors access to a diversified pool of assets or minority joint ventures, even though leverage at such entities could increase the risk of loss on such Investments. The limits also do not apply to guarantees of indebtedness, even though ECRED may be obligated to fully fund such guarantees or other related liabilities that are not indebtedness for borrowed money. There can be no assurance that the limits described above are appropriate in all circumstances and would not expose ECRED to financial risks.

Blackstone may organize Parallel Entities, portfolio vehicles or other subsidiary entities (“**Bond Financing Entities**”) for the purpose of providing ECRED with access to the unsecured bond market in Europe. Many of ECRED’s Investments may be financed with such unsecured bonds rather than with individual non-recourse mortgage debt. If an investment held by any Parallel Entity organized in connection with a bond financing program for ECRED were to be unable to service or repay its *pro rata* share of such bond financing, ECRED could be required to fund the shortfall. In addition, such bond financing may be on a joint and several basis (which may be on an investment-by-investment or portfolio wide basis) with co-investment vehicles or Other Blackstone Accounts, and, as such, there is a risk that ECRED could be required to contribute amounts in excess of its *pro rata* share of such financing, including additional capital (i) to make up for any shortfall if the co-investment vehicles or Other Blackstone Accounts are unable to service or repay their *pro rata* share of such financing or (ii) to reimburse such co-investment vehicles or Other Blackstone Accounts for proceeds that would have been distributed to such investors but instead are used to service or repay such Bond Financing Entity financing relating to investments in which such entities do not participate.

Any event that adversely affects the value of an investment by ECRED would be magnified to the extent leverage is used. ECRED may incur indebtedness on a portfolio-wide basis or against specific investments. The extent to which ECRED uses leverage will have important consequences to the Unitholders, including, without limitation, the following: (i) greater fluctuations in the net assets of ECRED, (ii) use of cash flow for debt service, distributions, or other purposes, (iii) to the extent that ECRED revenues are required to meet principal payments, the Unitholders may be allocated income (and therefore tax liability) in excess of cash available by distribution and (iv) in certain circumstances ECRED may be required to prematurely harvest investments to service its debt obligations. There can also be no assurance that ECRED will have sufficient cash flow to meet its debt service obligations. As a result, ECRED’s exposure to losses may be increased due to the illiquidity of its investments generally. The cumulative effect of the use of leverage by ECRED in a market that moves adversely to ECRED’s investments could result in a loss to ECRED that would be greater than if leverage had not been used.

Borrowings by ECRED may be secured by ECRED's assets. In general, the use of short-term margin borrowings results in certain additional risks to ECRED. For example, should the securities pledged to brokers to secure ECRED's margin accounts decline in value, ECRED could be subject to a "margin call" pursuant to which ECRED must either deposit additional funds or securities with the broker, or suffer mandatory liquidation of the pledged securities to compensate for the decline in value. In the event of a sudden drop in the value of ECRED's assets, ECRED might not be able to liquidate assets quickly enough to satisfy its margin requirements.

ECRED may enter into repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements. The use of repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements by ECRED involves certain risks including that the seller under a reverse repurchase agreement defaults on its obligation to repurchase the underlying securities. Disposing of the security in such case may involve costs to ECRED.

ECRED's assets, including any Investments made by ECRED, the Units of the Unitholders, and any capital held by ECRED, are available to satisfy all liabilities and other obligations of ECRED. If ECRED defaults on secured indebtedness, the lender may foreclose and ECRED could lose its entire investment in the security for such loan. Parties seeking to have the liability satisfied may have recourse to ECRED's assets generally and will not be limited to any particular asset and may require ECRED to liquidate certain assets in order to satisfy such liabilities.

Conversely, the ability of ECRED to attain its investment objectives depends in part on its ability to borrow money on favorable terms. To the extent ECRED does not employ leverage with respect to ECRED's portfolio or borrows on less favorable terms, ECRED's investment returns may be lower than those that could have been achieved using leverage on favorable terms and there are risks that ECRED will not be able to maintain a leverage facility on favorable terms, or at all.

It is possible that ECRED may decide to repay any leverage with cash on its balance sheet or by liquidating certain assets or to make future investments with little or no corresponding leverage. If ECRED decides to pay down its leverage or to make its investments with little or no leverage, the returns of the Unitholders of ECRED could be adversely affected.

**First Lien Last Out Loans.** BXCI may invest a portion of ECRED's assets in unitranche loans with "first out" and "last-out" payment streams (either set up at closing or arranged after closing by BXCI) (each a "**Re-tranched Loan**"). Each Re-tranched Loan will be documented under a single credit agreement with a single set of security agreements. Re-tranched Loans effectively create senior and junior loans with so called 'first out lenders' ("**First Out Lenders**") receiving payments in priority to 'last out lenders' ("**Last Out Lenders**") under certain circumstances. Interest will typically be allocated in a manner which provides the First Out Lenders with an effective lower interest rate than the Last Out Lenders. In such arrangements, principal will typically be allocated *pro rata* as between the First Out Lenders and Last Out Lenders until the occurrence of a trigger event, following which First Out Lenders will rank in priority to Last Out Lenders in terms of both interest and principal. The trigger events are typically individually negotiated for each Re-tranched Loan, but are likely to include amongst others (1) a payment default under the credit agreement; (2) failure of the borrower to comply with all or certain financial covenants, usually within a percentage range; (3) bankruptcy and insolvency events; and (4) failure of the borrower to conduct all or a material portion of its business, usually following a certain cure period. As a result, if ECRED acquires a position as a Last Out Lender, this would be more akin to that of a second lien lender and may not recover any of its outstanding principal or interest until the First Out Lenders have been repaid in full. Further, any veto rights with respect to voting as between the First Out Lenders and the Last Out Lenders may also be negotiated for each transaction. As a result, even where ECRED acquires a minority stake in a Re-tranched Loan there can be no assurance that ECRED, as a Last Out Lender, will be in a position to direct enforcement of the security granted in

respect of the Re-tranched Loan nor to prevent certain decisions being taken by the First Out Lenders that may be adverse to the interests of ECRED.

**Bridge Financings.** From time to time, ECRED can be expected to lend to Portfolio Entities on a short-term, unsecured basis or otherwise invest on an interim basis in Portfolio Entities in anticipation of a future issuance of equity or long-term debt securities or other refinancing or syndication. Such bridge loans would typically be convertible into a more permanent, long-term, security; however, for reasons not always in ECRED's control, such long-term securities issuance or other refinancing or syndication may not occur and such bridge loans and interim Investments may remain outstanding. In such event, the interest rate on such loans or the terms of such interim Investments may not adequately reflect the risk associated with the position taken by ECRED.

**Total Return Swaps (TRSs).** ECRED may enter into TRSs, the returns from which are based on the performance of a single asset or a portfolio of assets selected by the Sponsor (the "**Reference Assets**"), with bank or broker-dealer counterparties. Returns to ECRED under a TRS depend largely upon changes in market value of the Reference Asset(s). The terms of TRSs will differ by counterparty and may change from time to time.

TRSs provide a means of investing in Reference Assets on a leveraged basis. ECRED may, in certain cases, have an economic interest based on Reference Assets with an aggregate initial purchase price that is much higher than the amount of collateral provided by ECRED pursuant to the TRSs. The use of such leverage may provide significantly more market exposure to the Reference Assets than the money paid or deposited when the transaction is entered into. Accordingly, a relatively small adverse market movement may not only result in the loss of the entire investment, but may also expose ECRED to the possibility of a loss exceeding the original amount of a particular investment. Each leveraged investment in a Reference Asset will include a funding cost component; ECRED will bear the equivalent of the financing charges payable with respect to such leverage. Therefore, the return to ECRED from a leveraged investment in a Reference Asset through a TRS may become narrower or ECRED may suffer a loss from such leveraged investment, where the spread between its current income from such Reference Asset and ECRED's financing cost under the TRS becomes narrow or reversed or ECRED experiences unfavorable movements in the difference (and relative spread) between the basis for such current income and for such financing cost. Theoretically, a large increase in interest rates could, by itself, cause a leveraged investment in a Reference Asset to lose all value if the return on a Reference Asset is static or only slightly positive. Thus, in addition to the market risk inherent in leveraged exposure to a Reference Asset, each such leveraged investment in a Reference Asset will also involve interest rate risk, to the extent that financing charges for such leveraged investment are based on a predetermined interest rate. Depending on the terms of the particular TRSs entered into, a TRS counterparty may have recourse to the assets of ECRED in the event that a loss sustained under a TRS exceeds the original amount of a particular investment by ECRED. In addition, if leverage exceeds a pre-established limit, a TRS counterparty may have the right to (a) hold back payments under the TRS and apply such amounts as collateral for the TRS or (b) terminate the TRS to which it is a party and to retain all or a part of the Reference Assets (or the proceeds therefrom). The holding back of payments under, or the termination of, a TRS could have a material adverse effect on ECRED.

In addition, TRSs may expose ECRED to liquidity risk. Although ECRED will generally have the ability to terminate a TRS transaction or program at any time, doing so may subject ECRED to certain early termination charges. In addition, there may not be a liquid market within which to dispose of an outstanding TRS even if a permitted disposal might avoid an early termination charge. "Over-the-counter" TRSs generally are not assignable except by agreement between the parties concerned, and no party or purchaser has any obligation to permit such assignments.

**Securities Financing Transactions and TRS.** As required by the AIFM Rules and EU Regulation 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending EU Regulation 648/2012 (the “**SFTR**”), the AIFM or the Investment Manager will make available to any investors upon request at the registered office of the AIFM or such other means as is determined by the AIFM and/or the Investment Manager any information regarding the use of Securities Financing Transactions by ECRED and TRSs in accordance with the provisions of the SFTR, including amongst others general description of instruments used. With respect to any such securities financing transactions and TRSs, the information provided will include the rationale for their use, the type of assets that can be subject to them, the maximum and expected proportion of assets under management subject to them, criteria to select counterparties, acceptable collateral, valuation methodology and information on safekeeping of assets and collateral.

**Collateralized Loan Obligations and Other Securitizations.** ECRED may invest in CLOs and other securitizations which are generally limited recourse obligations of the issuer (“**Securitization Vehicles**”) payable solely from the underlying assets (“**Securitization Assets**”) of the issuer or proceeds thereof. Holders of equity or other securities issued by Securitization Vehicles must rely solely on distributions on the Securitization Assets or proceeds thereof for payment in respect thereof. Consequently, ECRED will typically not have any direct rights against the issuer of, or the entity that sold, assets underlying the securitization. Securitization Assets may include, without limitation, broadly-syndicated leverage loans, middle-market bank loans, collateralized debt obligation (“**CDO**”) debt tranches, trust preferred securities, insurance surplus notes, asset backed securities, mortgages, real estate investment trusts (REITs), high-yield bonds, mezzanine debt, second-lien leverage loans, credit default swaps and emerging market debt and corporate bonds, which are subject to liquidity, market value, credit, interest rate, reinvestment and certain other risks. Investments in CLOs, Securitization Vehicles and Securitization Assets may be made by ECRED through various means, including in primary or secondary market transactions from private originators and investors (including bankers, commercial banks, finance companies, investment banks and pooled investment vehicles such as hedge funds and private funds) and in restructuring or workout transactions. ECRED may acquire and hold such investments over a range of investment horizons, including buying and holding for a longer term and buying and restructuring in transactions with a shorter turnaround. ECRED may also sponsor and/or originate CLOs with existing assets of ECRED. ECRED’s investment in CLOs may include: (a) CLOs for which Blackstone or its affiliate serves as collateral manager; (b) CLOs originated or sponsored by other Blackstone funds and/or ECRED; and (c) any other CLOs in which Blackstone or a Blackstone fund may be involved or hold interests (including any refinancings thereof and purchases on the secondary market). Please see “Investments in BX-Managed CLOs” for important information in this regard.

**Risk Retention Vehicles.** ECRED may invest in CLO debt and equity tranches and warehouse investments directly or indirectly through an investment in U.S. and/or European vehicles (“**Risk Retention Vehicles**”) established for the purpose of satisfying U.S. and/or EU regulations that require eligible risk retainers to purchase and retain specified amounts of the credit risk associates with certain CLOs, which vehicles themselves are invested in CLO securities, warehouse investments and/or senior secured obligations. ECRED may also invest in Risk Retention Vehicles, of warehouses or other securitizations that have previously issued debt instruments to Other Clients (See also “Syndication; Warehousing and Related Transactions” below). Risk Retention Vehicles will be structured to satisfy the retention requirements by purchasing and retaining the percentage of CLO notes prescribed under the applicable retention requirements (the “**Retention Notes**”) and will include Risk Retention Vehicles with respect to CLOs managed by other collateral managers, but will not include Risk Retention Vehicles with respect to CLOs for which any of the Investment Managers or their affiliates acts as collateral manager.

Indirect investments in CLO equity securities (and in some instances more senior CLO securities) and warehouse investments through entities that have been established to satisfy the U.S. retention requirements and/or the European retention requirements may allow for better economics for ECRED (including through fee rebate arrangements) by creating stronger negotiating positions with CLO managers and underwriting banks who are incentivized to issue CLOs and who require the participation of a Risk Retention Vehicle to enable the CLO securities to be issued. However, Retention Notes differ from other securities of the same ranking since the retention requirements prescribe that such Retention Notes must be held by the relevant risk retainer for a specified period. In the case of European Risk Retention Vehicles, the prescribed holding period is the lifetime of the CLO, and in the case of U.S. Risk Retention Vehicles it is the longer of: (x) the period until the CLO has paid down its securities to 33% of their original principal amount; (y) the period until the CLO has sold down its assets to 33% of their original principal amount; and (z) two years after the closing of the CLO. In addition, Retention Notes are subject to other restrictions not imposed on other securities of the same ranking; for example, Retention Notes may not be subject to credit risk mitigation, and breach of the retention requirements may result in the imposition of regulatory sanctions or, in the case of the European retention requirements, in claims being brought against the retaining party.

**Credit Default Swaps.** ECRED may invest in credit default swaps. A credit default swap is a contract between two parties that transfers the risk of loss if, for example, a company fails to pay principal or interest on time or files for bankruptcy. In essence, an institution that owns corporate debt instruments can purchase a limited form of default protection by entering into a credit default swap as protection buyer with another bank, broker-dealer or financial intermediary as protection seller. The protection buyer pays a periodic fee to the protection seller in return for protection against the occurrence of a number of events that may be experienced by the entity referenced in the transaction or certain of its obligations (each, a “**Credit Event**”). Upon the occurrence of a Credit Event, a credit default swap on market standard terms would typically be settled by way of an auction sponsored by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (“**ISDA**”). A cash settlement amount payable by the protection seller in respect of the credit default swap would be determined on the basis of a reference amount less the final price obtained pursuant to such auction held in respect of the reference entity. As an alternative to cash settlement, the protection buyer may be able to effect physical settlement at such an auction, by selling certain obligations of the reference entity via one of the auction participants to another auction participant at their par value. If the relevant ISDA Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee does not decide to hold an auction with respect to obligations of the relevant reference entity or auction settlement is otherwise not applicable to the credit default swap, then either the cash or physical settlement method may apply. Where cash settlement applies, the calculation agent in respect of the credit default swap will be required to seek quotations in respect of the relevant reference obligation and a cash settlement amount will be determined on the basis of such quotations. Where physical settlement applies, the protection buyer may be able to deliver certain obligations of the reference entity to the protection seller at their par value. Upon an event of default, the swap may be terminated in one of two ways: (i) by the purchaser of credit protection delivering the referenced instrument to the swap counterparty and receiving a payment of par value or (ii) by the parties pairing off payments, with the purchaser of the protection receiving a payment equal to the par value of the reference security less the price at which the reference security trades subsequent to default. The first way is the more common form of credit default swap termination.

In the manner described above, credit default swaps can be used to hedge a portion of the default risk on a single corporate bond or a portfolio of bonds. Credit default swaps can be used to implement BXCI’s view that a particular credit, or group of credits, will experience credit improvement. In the case of expected credit improvement, ECRED might sell credit default protection in which it receives a premium to take on the risk. In such an instance, the obligation of ECRED to make payments upon the

occurrence of a Credit Event creates leveraged exposure to the credit risk of the referenced entity. ECRED may also “purchase” credit default protection even in the case in which it does not own the referenced instrument if, in the judgment of BXCI, there is a high likelihood of credit deterioration.

The credit default swap market in high yield securities is comparatively new and rapidly evolving compared to the credit default swap market for more seasoned and liquid investment grade securities. Swap transactions dependent upon Credit Events are priced incorporating many variables, including the pricing and volatility of the common stock, potential loss upon default and the shape of the U.S. Treasury Yield curve, among other factors. As such, there are many factors upon which market participants may have divergent views. ECRED might also enter into credit default swap transactions, even if the credit outlook is positive, if it believes that participants in the marketplace have incorrectly valued the components that determine the value of a swap.

Generally, credit default swaps carry a number of risks, including but not limited to, high levels of leverage, the possibility that premiums are paid for credit default swaps which expire worthless, wide bid/offer spreads and documentation risks. In addition, there can be no assurance that the counterparty to a credit default swap will be able to fulfill its obligations to ECRED if a Credit Event occurs. Further, the protection seller under a credit default swap may seek to avoid payment following an alleged Credit Event by claiming that there is a lack of clarity in, or an alternative meaning of, language used in the contract, most notably the language specifying what would amount to a Credit Event.

Credit Events may occur for a variety of reasons but typically, in respect of European corporate reference entities for example, a Credit Event may only occur as the result of a failure to pay or bankruptcy of a reference entity or the restructuring of an obligation of such entity. The views of market participants and/or legal counsel may differ as to how the terms of market standard credit default swaps should be interpreted in respect of any Credit Event and such terms may operate in a manner contrary to the expectations of market participants and/or adversely to the interests of ECRED. While there may be information in the public domain relating to a failure to pay or bankruptcy of a reference entity, there may be comparatively little or no information relating to the restructuring of an obligation, for example. In such circumstances, the relevant ISDA Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee will make a determination using the limited information available or may decline to make such a determination.

Where a restructuring Credit Event occurs, there may not be a full credit deterioration in respect of the relevant reference entity (this is sometimes referred to as a “soft” Credit Event and contrasts with other Credit Events, such as failure to pay or bankruptcy, that are sometimes referred to as “hard” Credit Events). In such circumstances, obligations of the reference entity may trade at different levels depending on their maturities. For example, shorter dated bonds may trade at a higher price than longer dated bonds. In order to avoid protection buyers triggering Credit Events and delivering longer dated obligations into credit default swaps in anticipation of a settlement higher in value than that in respect of more expensive shorter dated obligations, ISDA holds separate auctions depending on the maturity of the relevant obligations. As such, in the case that a protection buyer triggers the settlement of the credit default swap, recoveries under such credit default swaps may therefore differ depending on the terms of the credit default swap and the related deliverable obligations.

It should be noted that the structure and operation of credit default swaps may differ between jurisdictions. To the extent such differences exist, the risks associated with credit default swaps may also differ.

***Syndication, Warehousing and Related Transactions.*** Blackstone, Other Clients, or affiliates or related parties of the foregoing or other parties (including for the avoidance of doubt any bank warehouse, which may be structured as a securitization, a total return swap, junior and/or “first loss” notes, the price of which typically will be linked to the value of the underlying assets, which in each case

may be guaranteed, financed, supported or partially financed by any of the foregoing) (any party acting in such capacity, including without limitation Blackstone, Other Clients or affiliates or related parties of the foregoing, a "**Warehousing Entity**") are anticipated to acquire investments as principal and subsequently transfer some or all of such investments to ECRED, Other Clients or co-investors which would constitute an affiliate or related party transaction for ECRED or such Other Clients on the one hand, and such Warehousing Entity on the other hand. Similarly, ECRED may acquire an investment and subsequently syndicate, or transfer some or all of such investment, to a Warehousing Entity, notwithstanding that ECRED may have sufficient capital available from Unitholders, and other investors in ECRED or applicable credit facilities or other sources of capital to fund and/or hold such investment. Furthermore, ECRED may also initially acquire an investment from a Warehousing Entity, directly from an issuer or any other third party, and subsequently sell or transfer such investment back to a Warehousing Entity (or initially sell or transfer such investment to a Warehousing Entity if the investment was acquired directly from an issuer or other third party), whether in the context of a warehousing arrangement or otherwise, should the Sponsor deem it appropriate in the Sponsor's sole discretion, and ECRED may re-acquire any such investment at a later date should the Sponsor deem it appropriate in the Sponsor's sole discretion. It is anticipated that ECRED generally will deem it appropriate to sell or transfer such investments to a Warehousing Entity as discussed above for the purpose of preserving or managing liquidity for ECRED. ECRED will execute such purchases, sales or transfers under one or more pricing frameworks, which may include purchases, sales or transfers (a) at cost, at cost plus or minus an original issue discount or commitment or structuring fees (which original issue discount or fees may be reflected in the price as a linear and/or non-linear amortization of such original issue discount or fees) and/or an interest rate or carrying cost calculated from the time of acquisition to the time of transfer or (b) at a different price determined by ECRED and the Sponsor, subject to compliance with the conflict of interest mitigation practices set out in "Other Conflicts" herein, notwithstanding that the fair market value of any such Investments may have declined below or increased above cost from the date of acquisition to the time of such transfer. The Sponsor may also determine another methodology for pricing these transfers, including transferring the relevant asset at fair market value at the time of transfer. It may be possible that ECRED acquires transferred assets at above fair market value, and/or separately sell assets at below fair market value and/or returns certain fees or original issue discounts it received in connection with such assets should these assets be sold or transferred to a Warehousing Entity, such as commitment fees or unused fees linked to delayed draw term loans or other delayed draw or revolving commitments.

Conflicts of interest will arise in connection with the foregoing transactions. Blackstone, the Sponsor and their respective affiliates have a conflict of interest in deciding whether, when and at what price to sell or transfer assets between ECRED and one or more Warehousing Entities. If an investment is the subject of more than one transfer between ECRED, on the one hand, and a Warehousing Entity, on the other hand, the methodology for determining transfer price may differ for each such transfer and the identity of the Warehousing Entity may also differ for each such transfer. Accordingly, a Warehousing Entity may receive a profit from one or more of such transfers and/or ECRED may incur a loss from one or more of such transfers. The Sponsor also receives management fees and incentive compensation from Other Clients who may be Warehousing Entities, and the Sponsor may be incentivized to effect transfers between ECRED and such Other Clients to increase its management fees or incentive compensation paid by such Other Clients. Investments sold or transferred to ECRED by a Warehousing Entity may suffer a decline in performance following such sale or transfer and neither the Sponsor nor such Warehousing Entity will be obligated to repurchase such Investment from ECRED; similarly, Investments purchased from ECRED and transferred to a Warehousing Entity may experience improved performance and such Warehousing Entity will not be obligated to sell or transfer the Investment to ECRED, and will thus benefit from the improved performance and ECRED will not.

The board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV (or the non-affiliated members of the board of directors



of ECRED Feeder SICAV) may, but are not required to, approve the price, terms and conditions of such transfer and may approve or waive any conflicts arising in connection therewith on behalf of the Unitholders. Additionally, the Sponsor may charge fees on these transfers to either or both of the parties to them. Any Warehousing Entity, the Sponsor or its affiliates will be permitted to retain any portion of an Investment initially acquired by them with a view to syndication to co-investors or other potential purchasers to the extent such portion has not been syndicated after reasonable efforts to do so. As part of structuring such syndication and warehousing arrangements, the Sponsor may require ECRED and Other Clients to enter into conditional purchase agreements, where ECRED and/or such Other Clients agree to acquire future warehoused investments: (i) prior to their original acquisition; and (ii) prior to ECRED and such Other Clients having the requisite available capital to acquire such assets, in each case with such sale being conditional upon ECRED and/or such Other Clients (as the case may be) having sufficient available capital in order to acquire the relevant warehoused assets. The Sponsor entered into warehousing arrangements with Warehousing Entities prior to the formation of ECRED and these arrangements contain conditional purchase arrangements that are in line with the foregoing sentences.

In addition, Blackstone or its affiliates (including a Warehousing Entity) could provide debt and/or equity financing (including preferred equity financing) to ECRED and/or any Portfolio Entity which financing could give rise to a certain number of conflict of interests, as further described under section "*Related Financial Counterparties*" below.

These conflicts related to syndication of Investments, warehousing and related transactions described above will not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED, and Unitholders will not be entitled to receive notice or disclosure of the occurrence of these conflicts. By subscribing for Units, Unitholders will be deemed to have consented to the syndication of Investments, warehousing and related transactions described above, including to the extent the terms of such transactions are approved by the non-affiliated members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV (*See also "Other Conflicts"* below).

***Derivative Instruments.*** ECRED may, directly or indirectly, use various derivative instruments for hedging purposes. Subject to any limitations set forth in this Prospectus, ECRED may also use derivative instruments to approximate or achieve the economic equivalent of an otherwise permitted Investment (as if ECRED directly invested in the securities, loans or claims of the subject issuer) or if such instruments are related to an otherwise permitted Investment. Use of derivative instruments presents various risks. For example, when used for hedging or synthetic investment purposes, an imperfect or variable degree of correlation between price movements of the derivative instrument and the underlying investment sought to be hedged or tracked may prevent ECRED from achieving the intended hedging effect or expose ECRED to the risk of loss. Derivative instruments, especially when traded in large amounts, may not be liquid in all circumstances, so that in volatile markets ECRED may not be able to close out a position without incurring a loss. In addition, daily limits on price fluctuations and speculative position limits imposed by regulators, exchanges or other trade execution facilities on which ECRED may conduct its transactions in derivative instruments may prevent prompt liquidation of positions, subjecting ECRED to the potential of greater losses. Derivative instruments that may be purchased or sold by ECRED may include instruments not traded on an exchange or centrally cleared. Derivative instruments not traded on exchanges or centrally cleared are also not subject to the same type of government regulation as exchange-traded or cleared instruments, and many of the protections afforded to participants in a regulated environment may not be available in connection with such transactions. The risk of nonperformance by the obligor on such an instrument may be greater and the ease with which ECRED can dispose of or enter into closing transactions with respect to such an instrument may be less than in the case of an exchange-traded or cleared instrument. In addition, significant disparities may exist between "bid" and "asked" prices for derivative instruments that are not

traded on an exchange or similar trade execution facility. Additionally, when a company defaults or files for insolvency court protection, the use of derivative instruments presents special risks associated with the potential imbalance between the derivatives market and the underlying securities market. In such a situation, physical certificates representing such securities may be required to be delivered to settle trades and the potential shortage of such actual certificates relative to the number of derivative instruments may cause the price of the actual certificated debt securities to rise, which may adversely affect the holder of such derivative instruments. The stability and liquidity of derivative investments depend in large part on the creditworthiness of the parties to the transactions. If there is a default by the counterparty to such a transaction, ECRED will under most normal circumstances have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. However, exercising such contractual rights may involve delays or costs that could result in a loss to ECRED. Furthermore, there is a risk that any of such counterparties could become insolvent. If one or more of ECRED's counterparties were to become insolvent or the subject of liquidation proceedings, there exists the risk that the recovery of ECRED's Investments from such counterparty will be delayed or be of a value less than the value of the Investments originally entrusted to such counterparty. Also, it should be noted that in entering into derivative transactions, ECRED typically will not have the right to vote on matters requiring a vote of holders of the underlying investment. Moreover, derivative instruments, and the terms relating to the purchase, sale or financing thereof, are also typically governed by complex legal agreements. As a result, there is a higher risk of dispute over interpretation or enforceability of the agreements. It should also be noted that the regulation of derivatives is evolving in the United States and in other jurisdictions and is expected to increase, which could impact both ECRED's ability to transact in such instruments and the liquidity of such instruments. Co-investors are unlikely to receive the benefit of any derivative or hedging activities engaged in by ECRED, even in cases where such activity is primarily related to ECRED's exposure to a particular Investment in which co-investors participate.

In addition, ECRED may use counterparties located in various jurisdictions outside the United States. Such non-U.S. counterparties are subject to various laws and regulations in various jurisdictions that are designed to protect their customers in the event of their insolvency. However, the practical effect of these laws and their application to ECRED's assets are subject to substantial limitations and uncertainties. Because of the large number of entities and jurisdictions involved and the range of possible factual scenarios involving the insolvency of a counterparty, it is impossible to generalize about the effect of their insolvency on ECRED and its assets. Unitholders should assume that the insolvency of any counterparty would result in a loss to ECRED, which could be material.

Recently, counterparties to derivative contracts have sought assurances that the special purpose or other vehicle executing the derivative contract have recourse to the applicable fund and its assets. To the extent that applies to ECRED, such recourse liability can create significant additional risk to ECRED, the Unitholders and its other Investments. In addition, to the extent derivative contracts entered into by ECRED have cross-default and/or cross-acceleration provisions, a default under ECRED's credit facilities would also trigger a notice or payment obligation under the relevant derivative contracts, which could create cascading liabilities and additional burdens on ECRED.

Unlike futures and options on futures contracts and commodities, and although the Dodd-Frank Act requires a large proportion of transactions in the derivatives markets to be exchange traded and cleared, most swap contracts are currently not generally traded on an exchange or cleared by an exchange or clearinghouse. As with any forward foreign currency or spot contract, until such time as these transactions are cleared or guaranteed by an exchange, ECRED will be subject to the risk of counterparty default on its swaps. Because swaps do not generally involve the delivery of underlying assets or principal, any loss would be limited to the net amount of payments required by contract. In some swap transactions the counterparty may require ECRED to deposit collateral to support ECRED's obligation under the swap agreement. If the counterparty to such a swap defaults, ECRED would lose

the net amount of payments that ECRED is contractually entitled to receive and could lose, in addition, any collateral deposits made with the counterparty.

If the swap counterparty is an unaffiliated entity, it may hold such collateral in U.S. or non-U.S. depositories. Non-U.S. depositories are not subject to U.S. regulation. ECRED's assets held in these depositories are subject to the risk that events could occur which would hinder or prevent the availability of these funds for distribution to customers including ECRED. Such events may include actions by the government of the jurisdiction in which the depository is located including expropriation, taxation, moratoria and political or diplomatic events.

BXCI may cause ECRED to take advantage of investment opportunities with respect to derivative instruments that are neither presently contemplated nor currently available, but that may be developed in the future, to the extent such opportunities are both consistent with ECRED's investment objectives and limitations and legally permissible. Any such Investments may expose ECRED to unique and presently indeterminate risks, the impact of which may not be capable of determination until such instruments are developed and/or BXCI determines to make such an Investment. (See also "European Market Infrastructure Regulation" above.)

**Counterparty Default.** The stability and liquidity of repurchase agreements, swap transactions, forward transitions and other over-the-counter derivative transactions depend in large part on the creditworthiness of the parties to the transactions. It is expected that ECRED will monitor (on an ongoing basis) the creditworthiness of firms with which it will enter into repurchase agreements, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, caps, floors, collars or other over-the-counter derivatives. If there is a default by the counterparty to such a transaction, ECRED will (under most normal circumstances) have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. However, exercising such contractual rights may involve delays or costs that could result in the net asset value of ECRED being less than if ECRED had not entered into the transaction. Furthermore, there is a risk that any of such counterparties could become insolvent. If one or more of ECRED's counterparties were to become insolvent or the subject of liquidation proceedings, there exists the risk that the recovery of ECRED's Investments from such counterparty will be delayed or be of a value less than the value of the Investments originally entrusted to such counterparty.

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In addition to contractual margin requirements imposed by ECRED's swap counterparties, ECRED may also be impacted by regulatory margin requirements applicable to it or its counterparties. The U.S. banking regulators, the SEC and the CFTC have adopted margin requirements for non-cleared swaps and security-based swaps that apply to certain dealers and counterparties. Under these rules, ECRED will be required to exchange variation margin (in the form of cash, certain highly liquid securities or gold) on a daily basis with its dealer counterparties based on the daily fair value of the swaps.

ECRED may also be subject to initial margin requirements imposed by regulators, in which case ECRED would be required to post and collect margin in respect of the projected future exposure of its transactions. To the extent that ECRED's dealer counterparty collects initial margin from ECRED,

ECRED may request that such counterparty segregate all such initial margin posted by ECRED at a custodian. If ECRED does not request segregation, the custodian or counterparty may commingle such assets or collateral with the custodian's or counterparty's own assets or collateral, and in the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of the custodian or counterparty, such assets and collateral may be subject to the conflicting claims of the creditors of the relevant custodian or counterparty.

If the swap counterparty is an unaffiliated entity, it may hold collateral posted by ECRED in U.S. or non-U.S. depositories. Non-U.S. depositories are not subject to U.S. regulation. ECRED's assets held in non-U.S. depositories are subject to the risk that events could occur that would hinder or prevent the availability of these funds for distribution to customers including ECRED. Such events may include actions by the government of the jurisdiction in which the depository is located, including expropriation, taxation, moratoria and political or diplomatic events.

**Forward Trading.** Forward contracts and options thereon, unlike futures contracts, are not traded on exchanges and are not standardized; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Forward and "cash" trading is substantially unregulated; there is no limit on daily price movements, and speculative position limits are not applicable. The principals who deal in the forward markets are not required to continue to make markets in the currencies or commodities they trade, and these markets can experience periods of illiquidity, sometimes of significant duration. There have been periods during which certain participants in these markets have refused to quote prices for certain currencies or commodities or have quoted prices with an unusually wide spread between the price at which they were prepared to buy and that at which they were prepared to sell. Disruptions can occur in any market traded by ECRED due to unusual trading volume, political intervention or other factors. The imposition of controls by governmental authorities might also limit such forward trading to less than that which BXCI would otherwise implement, to the possible detriment of ECRED. Market illiquidity or disruption could result in significant losses to ECRED.

**Syndication of Co-Investments.** From time to time, ECRED can be expected to make an investment with the expectation of offering a portion of its interests therein as a co-investment opportunity to Unitholders and/or other third-party investors. In particular, BXCI may establish one or more co-investment vehicles to facilitate any co-investment alongside ECRED and, in connection therewith, ECRED could consummate certain investments with the intent that a portion of such investments will be transferred to such co-investment vehicles. There can be no assurance that ECRED will be successful in syndicating any such co-investment, in whole or in part, that the closing of such co-investment will be consummated in a timely manner, that any syndication will take place on terms and conditions that will be preferable for ECRED or that expenses incurred by ECRED with respect to any such syndication will not be substantial. In the event that ECRED is not successful in syndicating any such co-investment, in whole or in part, ECRED may consequently hold a greater concentration and have more exposure in the related Investment than initially was intended, which could make ECRED more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse economic and/or business conditions with respect thereto. Moreover, an investment by ECRED that is not syndicated to co-investors as originally anticipated could significantly reduce ECRED's overall investment returns.

**Allocation of Expenses.** To the extent that any fees and expenses were incurred on behalf of ECRED and any Other Clients, ECRED and such Other Clients will generally bear an allocable portion of any such fees and expenses on a *pro rata* basis (as determined by BXCI) in proportion to ECRED's and such Other Clients' respective percentage interests in the investment to which such fees and expenses relate (subject to ECRED and such Other Clients' offering and/or governing documents), or in such other manner as BXCI considers fair and equitable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, BXCI or an affiliated entity may structure a co-investment opportunity such that the proposed participants (including any vehicle established in connection with Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment rights as provided in

ECRED and such Other Clients' offering and/or governing documents) in such co-investment opportunity do not bear any Broken Deal Expenses and may not be allocated any share of related break-up or topping fees. BXCI is not required to and in most circumstances will not seek reimbursement of Broken Deal Expenses from third parties, including counterparts to the potential transaction or potential co-investors. In most cases, BXCI expects that proposed participants in co-investments, other than identified Other Clients, will not bear Broken Deal Expenses (such as legal, accounting, tax and other due diligence and pursuit costs and expenses, reverse termination fees, extraordinary expenses such as litigation costs and judgments, travel and entertainment expenses incurred and other expenses) with the result that only ECRED and such identified Other Clients will bear all such Broken Deal Expenses on a *pro rata* basis in accordance with the amount they were expected to invest in the unconsummated deal. Any such Broken Deal Expenses could also, in the sole discretion of BXCI, be allocated solely to ECRED and not to Other Clients or co-investment vehicles that could have made the Investment, even when the Other Client or co-investment vehicle commonly invests alongside ECRED in its Investments or Blackstone or Other Clients in their investments. In such cases ECRED's shares of expenses would increase. The Sponsor will make such judgments in good faith, notwithstanding its interest in the outcome and may make corrective allocations, based on periodic reviews, should it determine that such corrections are necessary or advisable. In a situation where an investment opportunity was expected to be allocated among a BXCI Primary Client (as defined below) and one or more BXCI Overflow Clients (as defined below) but the allocation determination in respect of such investment opportunity to one or more such BXCI Overflow Clients had not been made before the incurrence of Broken Deal Expenses (such a situation, an "**Unallocated Deal**"), ECRED may be expected to bear a greater share of Broken Deal Expenses than one or more BXCI Overflow Clients in respect of such Unallocated Deal and also more than the *pro rata* share of the expenses it would have borne had the investment opportunity been executed. Broken Deal Expenses in respect of Unallocated Deals will generally be allocated based on BXCI's assessment of which ECRED and applicable Other BXCI Clients would have been allocated such Unallocated Deal and in what proportions, as determined in BXCI's discretion.

***Non-Controlling Investments and/or Investments with Third Parties in Joint Ventures, Platforms and Other Entities.*** ECRED will hold non-controlling interests in Portfolio Entities in which ECRED holds a debt investment. In addition, from time to time ECRED is expected to hold non-controlling equity interests in certain Portfolio Entities, in particular if ECRED's Investment is characterized by (i) lower risk due to capital structure security or seniority, (ii) an investor group that is like-minded, and/or (iii) strong management with a close relationship to Blackstone. In any such instances, ECRED may have no right to appoint a director and a limited ability to protect its interests in such companies and to influence such companies' management. Similarly, ECRED could co-invest with third parties (or affiliated managers or other persons) with respect to specified investments or categories of investments through joint ventures, investment platforms, other entities or similar arrangements ("**Platform Arrangements**"), thereby acquiring non-controlling interests in certain Investments. Such Platform Arrangements could be in or alongside existing or newly formed operators, consultants and/or managers that pursue such opportunities and could include capital and/or assets contributed by third party investors or such platform managers. Platform Arrangements can include, without limitation, one or more of the following services: origination or sourcing of potential investment opportunities, due diligence and negotiation of potential investment opportunities and/or servicing, development and management (including turnaround) and disposition of investments. In such cases, ECRED significantly relies on the existing management, board of directors and other shareholders of such companies, which may include representation of other financial investors with whom ECRED is not affiliated and whose interests have the potential to conflict with the interests of ECRED. Moreover, in the case where ECRED co-invests, such Investments may involve risks not present in investments where a third party is not involved, including the possibility that a third party partner or co-venturer may have financial difficulties resulting in a negative impact on such Investment, may have economic or business interests or goals

that are inconsistent with those of ECRED, may be in a position to take (or block) action in a manner contrary to ECRED's investment objectives, or the increased possibility of default, diminished liquidity or insolvency by the third party partner or co-venturer due to a sustained or general economic downturn. In addition, ECRED could in certain circumstances be liable for the actions of its third party partners or co-venturers. Investments made in Platform Arrangements also could involve compensation arrangements including carried interest, management fees and/or other fees payable to such third party partners or co-venturers, particularly in those circumstances where such third-party partners or co-investors include a management group, as well as to operators, consultants and/or managers. The services provided by such persons to Platform Arrangement could be similar to, and overlap with, services provided by the Sponsor to ECRED or Other Clients. ECRED generally expects that appropriate minority shareholder rights will be obtained to protect its interests to the extent possible. There can be no assurance that such minority shareholder rights will be available or that such rights will provide sufficient protection of ECRED's interests. In addition, BXCI will determine, in its discretion, whether to treat a Platform Arrangement as a single Investment or multiple Investments for purposes of this Prospectus.

**Investments in Less Established Companies.** ECRED may provide financing to less established companies. Investments in such early stage companies may involve greater risks than generally are associated with investments in more established companies. To the extent there is any public market for the securities held by ECRED, such securities may be subject to more abrupt and erratic market price movements than those of larger, more established companies. Less established companies tend to have lower capitalizations and fewer resources and, therefore, often are more vulnerable to financial failure. Such companies tend to have shorter operating histories by which to judge performance and, in many cases, have negative cash flow. Start-up enterprises in the communications and related industries may not have significant or any operating revenues, and any such investment should be considered highly speculative and may result in the loss of ECRED's entire investment therein. In addition, less mature companies could be deemed to be more susceptible to irregular accounting or other fraudulent practices. In the event of fraud by any company in which ECRED invests, ECRED may suffer a partial or total loss of capital invested in that company. There can be no assurance that any such losses will be offset by gains (if any) realized on ECRED's other investments.

**Electronic Communications Risk.** The Sponsor and/or ECRED may provide to investors statements, reports and other communications relating to ECRED and/or the Units in electronic form, such as e-mail or through the use of an electronic investor portal ("**Electronic Communications**"). The foregoing use of an electronic investor portal (despite being password protected) involves the risk that statements, reports and other communications relating to ECRED and/or the interests may be stolen or otherwise obtained by unauthorized parties. In addition, Electronic Communications may be modified or corrupted, or contain viruses or malicious code, and may not be compatible with an investor's electronic systems. Furthermore, Electronic Communications may be intercepted, deleted or manipulated without the knowledge of the sender or the intended recipient. In addition, reliance on Electronic Communications involves the risk of inaccessibility, power outages or slowdowns for a variety of reasons. These periods of inaccessibility may delay or prevent receipt of reports or other information by the investors.

**Risks Associated with Publicly Traded Investments.** ECRED may invest in publicly traded assets. ECRED's investments in securities or assets of publicly traded companies are subject to the risks inherent in investing in public securities. For example, it is not expected that ECRED will be able to negotiate additional financial covenants or other contractual rights, which it might otherwise be able to obtain in making privately negotiated investments. In addition, by investing in publicly traded securities or assets ECRED will be subject to U.S. federal and state securities laws, as well as non-U.S. securities laws, that may, among other things, restrict or prohibit ECRED's ability to make or sell an investment. These Investments are subject to an increased likelihood of shareholder litigation against such issuers'

board members, which may include Blackstone personnel, and potential regulatory action by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or other regulators. Moreover, ECRED may not have the same access to information in connection with investments in public securities, either when investigating a potential investment or after making an investment, as compared to privately negotiated investments. Furthermore, ECRED may be limited in its ability to make investments and to sell existing investments in public securities because Blackstone may be deemed to have material, non-public information regarding the issuers of those securities or as a result of other internal policies. The inability to sell public securities in these circumstances could materially adversely affect the investment results of ECRED. In addition, an investment may be sold by ECRED to a public company where the consideration received is a combination of cash and stock of the public company, which may, depending on the securities laws of the relevant jurisdiction, be subject to lock-up periods.

**Financial Maintenance Covenants.** Many of ECRED's investments may not be protected by financial covenants or limitations upon additional indebtedness. Generally, such debt investments either do not have certain maintenance covenants that would require the issuer to maintain debt service or other financial ratios or do not contain common restrictions on the ability of the issuer to change significantly its operations or to enter into other significant transactions that could affect its ability to repay. Such debt investments may expose ECRED to different risks, including with respect to liquidity, price volatility and ability to restructure the debt investments, than is the case with debt investments that have financial maintenance covenants. As a result, ECRED's exposure to losses may be increased, which could result in an adverse impact on the issuer's ability to comply with its obligations.

**Systematic Strategies Related to Liquid Investments Risk.** In pursuing ECRED's investment objective with respect to the liquid portion of ECRED's portfolio, the Sponsor may choose to utilize a proprietary model (the "**Model**") as it deems appropriate. The Model incorporates fundamental balance-sheet information, real-time information embedded in equity and options markets, and a database of historical defaults. The Sponsor may use a variety of risk-management tools to produce risk measures for investments that are monitored in "real-time" providing potential early-warning capabilities and a large investment universe from which the Sponsor can shape ECRED's liquid portfolio. The Model seeks to identify the most liquid, positively mispriced credit issues while minimizing exposure to systematic credit risks. To the extent to which the Model or comparable methods or strategies are employed, certain of the Sponsor's securities analysis methods will rely on the assumption that the companies whose securities are purchased or sold, the rating agencies that review these securities, and other publicly available sources of information about these securities, are providing accurate and unbiased data. While the Sponsor is alert to indications that data may be incorrect, there is always a risk that the Sponsor's analysis may be compromised by inaccurate or misleading information.

The Model which the Sponsor may utilize to manage ECRED's liquid investments could lead to unsatisfactory investments. The Sponsor might not be able to effectively implement the Model, and there can be no guarantee that ECRED will achieve the desired results.

Certain aspects of the Sponsor's investment process with respect to the Model are dependent on complex proprietary software, which requires constant development and refinement. The Sponsor has implemented procedures designed to appropriately control the development and implementation of the Model. However, analytical, coding and implementation errors present substantial risks to complex models and quantitative investment management strategies. The Sponsor cannot guarantee that its internal controls will be effective in all circumstances.

ECRED could be negatively affected by undetected software defects or fundamental issues with the Sponsor's method of interpreting and acting upon the Model's output. The Sponsor's implementation of its investment strategy with respect to ECRED's liquid portfolio utilizing the Model will rely on the analytical and mathematical foundation of the Model and the incorporation of the Model's outputs into

a complex computational environment. Any such strategy is also dependent on the quality of the market data utilized by the Model, changes in credit market conditions, creation and maintenance of the Model's software and the successful incorporation of the Model's output into the construction of ECRED's liquid portfolio. There is always a possibility of human error in the creation, maintenance and use of the Model.

Moreover, the Sponsor's portfolio managers exercise discretion in the utilization of the Model, and the investment results of the relevant portion(s) of ECRED's investments are dependent on the ability of portfolio managers to correctly understand and implement or disregard the Model's signals. There can be no assurance that utilizing the Model will yield better results than any other investment method.

**General Economic and Market Conditions.** The success of ECRED's investment activities could be affected by general economic and market conditions, as well as by changes in applicable laws and regulations (including laws relating to taxation of ECRED's Investments), trade barriers, currency exchange controls, rate of inflation, currency depreciation, asset re-investment, resource self-sufficiency, labor market and energy market volatility and international political and socioeconomic circumstances. These factors will affect the level and volatility of securities prices and the liquidity of ECRED's Investments, which could impair ECRED's profitability or result in losses. General fluctuations in the market prices of securities and interest rates may affect ECRED's investment opportunities and the value of ECRED's Investments. ECRED may maintain substantial trading positions that can be adversely affected by the level of volatility in the financial markets; the larger the positions, the greater the potential for loss. Declines in the performance of national economies or the credit markets in certain jurisdictions have had a negative impact on general economic and market conditions in globally, and as a result, could have a material adverse effect on ECRED's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Blackstone's financial condition may be adversely affected by a significant general economic downturn and it may be subject to legal, regulatory, reputational and other unforeseen risks that could have a material adverse effect on Blackstone's businesses and operations (including those of ECRED). A recession, slowdown and/or sustained downturn in the global economy (or any particular segment thereof) could have a pronounced impact on ECRED and could adversely affect ECRED's profitability, impede the ability of ECRED's Portfolio Entities to perform under or refinance their existing obligations, and impair ECRED's ability to effectively deploy its capital or realize its Investments on favorable terms.

Any of the foregoing events could result in substantial or total losses to ECRED in respect of certain Investments, which losses will likely be exacerbated by the presence of leverage in a Portfolio Entity's capital structure. Blackstone itself could also be affected by difficult conditions in the capital markets and any overall weakening of the financial services industry in particular or of the European, U.S. and/or global economies generally.

While BXCI believes that the current environment will yield attractive investment opportunities for ECRED, there can be no assurances that conditions in the global financial markets will not worsen and/or adversely affect one or more of ECRED's Investments, its access to capital for leverage or ECRED's overall performance. As more fully described above, ECRED's investment strategy and the availability of opportunities satisfying ECRED's risk-adjusted return parameters rely in part on the continuation of certain trends and conditions observed in the market for Investments (e.g., the inability of certain companies to obtain financing solutions from traditional lending sources or otherwise access the capital markets) and the broader financial markets as a whole, and in some cases the improvement of such conditions. Trends and historical events do not imply, forecast or predict future events and, in any event, past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. There can be no assurance that the assumptions made or the beliefs and expectations currently held by BXCI will prove correct, and actual events and circumstances may vary significantly. Any of the foregoing events could result in



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In addition, economic problems in a single country are increasingly affecting other markets and economies. A continuation of this trend could adversely affect global economic conditions and world markets and, in turn, could adversely affect ECRED's performance.

***Epidemics/Pandemics.*** Certain countries have been susceptible to epidemics or pandemics, most recently a novel and highly contagious form of coronavirus ("**COVID-19**"). The outbreak of such epidemics or pandemics, together with any resulting restrictions on travel or quarantines imposed, has had and will continue to have a negative impact on the economy and business activity globally (including in the countries in which ECRED could invest), and thereby is expected to adversely affect the performance of ECRED's Investments. Furthermore, the rapid development of epidemics or pandemics could preclude prediction as to their ultimate adverse impact on economic and market conditions, and, as a result, presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to ECRED and the performance of its Investments or operations, and the ability of ECRED to achieve its investment objectives. See also "*— Force Majeure Risk*" and "*—Coronavirus and Public Health Emergencies; Legislative & Regulatory Enactments*" herein.

***Coronavirus and Public Health Emergencies; Legislative & Regulatory Enactments.*** The outbreak of COVID-19, which the World Health Organization previously declared constituted a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern", has resulted in numerous deaths, adversely impacted global commercial activity and contributed to significant volatility in certain equity, debt, derivatives and commodities markets. The global impact of the outbreak is rapidly evolving, and many countries have reacted by instituting (or strongly encouraging) quarantines, prohibitions on travel, the closure of offices, businesses, schools, retail stores, restaurants, hotels, courts and other public venues, vaccine mandates (e.g., whether broadly applicable or limited to subsets of the population, such as certain public sector employees) and other restrictive measures designed to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Businesses are also implementing similar precautionary measures. In addition, state, federal and non-U.S. laws and regulations have been implemented (and other laws and regulations are being considered) that place restrictions on lenders from exercising certain of their rights in the event of borrower defaults or delinquencies.

Such measures, as well as the general uncertainty surrounding the dangers and impact of COVID-19, (i) have created significant disruption in supply chains and economic activity and (ii) are having a particularly adverse impact on transportation, hospitality, tourism, entertainment, healthcare, consumer and other industries and their lenders (and can have significant adverse impacts on the value of ECRED's Investments and ECRED's ability to sell existing Investments or enforce its rights against borrowers, including to foreclose on and dispose of collateral). Moreover, with the continued spread of COVID-19, governments and businesses have taken and could continue to take, increasingly aggressive measures to help slow its spread. For example, certain jurisdictions have implemented debt payment relief packages or suspended the enforcement of residential and commercial evictions. Countries across Europe have also instituted similar protections, including residential and commercial protections for non-payment of rent, payment holidays and increased notice periods prior to evictions. For this reason, among others, as COVID-19 has, and could in the future continue to spread, the potential impacts, including global, regional or other economic recessions, or adverse market impacts that have already occurred, and the likelihood of an ongoing and/or exacerbated impact is uncertain and difficult to assess.

In addition, any public health emergency, including any new variants or outbreaks of COVID-19, SARS, H1N1/09 flu, avian flu, other coronaviruses, Ebola or other existing or new epidemic diseases, or the

threat thereof, could have a significant adverse impact on ECRED and its Investments and could adversely affect ECRED's ability to fulfill investment objectives.

The extent of the impact of any public health emergency on ECRED's and its Portfolio Entities' operational and financial performance will depend on many factors, including the duration and scope of such public health emergency (as well as the availability of effective treatment and/or vaccination), the extent of any related travel advisories and voluntary or mandatory government or private restrictions implemented, in addition to restrictions implemented to protect borrowers, the impact of such public health emergency on overall supply and demand, goods and services, investor liquidity, consumer confidence and spending levels, the extent of government support and levels of economic activity and the extent of its disruption to important global, regional and local supply chains and economic markets, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. While the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other similar regulators globally have approved COVID-19 vaccines (some for emergency use only) and these vaccines are currently available to the general public in the U.S. and in many non-U.S. jurisdictions, due to limited supply, they are not yet widely available to the general public in many other jurisdictions. Furthermore, a substantial proportion of the population in the United States and other jurisdictions has, despite the availability of vaccines, not been vaccinated, and a portion of vaccinated individuals might not be fully protected against the disease, both of which could prolong the global effects of COVID-19 even following availability of vaccines to the general public globally. The effects of a public health emergency could materially and adversely impact the value and performance of ECRED's Portfolio Entities, ECRED's ability to source, manage and divest investments and ECRED's ability to achieve its investment objectives, all of which could result in significant losses to ECRED. In particular, a public health emergency, like COVID 19, could have a greater impact on leveraged assets.

In addition, the operations of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities could be significantly impacted, or even temporarily or permanently halted, as a result of government quarantine measures, voluntary and precautionary restrictions on travel or meetings (including office attendance), forwarding of and otherwise delayed receipt of mail, and other factors related to a public health emergency, including its potential adverse impact on the health of the personnel of any such entity or the personnel of any such entity's key service providers and the volatility in the labor, transport, energy and other markets resulting from or otherwise linked to the relaxation of the related quarantine measures, meeting and travel restrictions.

***Difficulty of Bringing Suit or Foreclosure in Non-U.S. Countries.*** Because the effectiveness of the judicial systems in the countries in which ECRED may invest varies, ECRED (or any Portfolio Entity) may have difficulty in foreclosing or successfully pursuing claims in the courts of such countries, as compared to the United States or other countries. Further, to the extent ECRED or a Portfolio Entity may obtain a judgment but is required to seek its enforcement in the courts of one of these countries in which ECRED invests, there can be no assurance that such courts will enforce such judgment. The laws of other countries often lack the sophistication and consistency found in the United States with respect to foreclosure, bankruptcy, corporate reorganization or creditors' rights.

***MiFID II Obligations.*** The Recast European Union Directive on Markets in Financial Instruments ("MiFID II") came into effect on January 3, 2018 and imposed regulatory obligations in respect of the provision of financial services in the EEA by EEA banks and EEA investment firms providing regulated services (each an "Investment Firm"). The regulatory obligations imposed by MiFID II may impact, and constrain the implementation of, the investment strategy of ECRED. MiFID II restricts Investment Firms' ability to obtain research in connection with the provision of an investment service. For example, Investment Firms providing portfolio management or independent investment advice may purchase investment research only at their own expense or out of specifically dedicated research payment accounts agreed upon with their clients. Research must also be unbundled and paid separately from

the trading commission. EEA broker-dealers will unbundle research costs and invoice them to Investment Firms separated from dealing commissions.

**Political/Sovereign Risks.** The economies of certain individual markets will differ, favorably or unfavorably, from those of fully developed markets in such respects as growth of gross domestic product, rate of inflation, currency depreciation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position. Governments of certain countries have exercised and continue to exercise substantial influence over many aspects of the private sector. In some cases, the local government owns and/or controls many companies, including some of the largest in the country. Accordingly, government actions could have a significant effect on economic and market conditions in certain markets and may have a significant indirect effect on the performance of ECRED's Investments. Government approvals can be required in connection with private transactions, and such approvals may take a far longer period of time to obtain than in fully developed markets. Moreover, certain markets generally are heavily dependent upon international trade and, accordingly, have been and may continue to be adversely affected by trade barriers, exchange controls, managed adjustments in relative currency values and other protectionist measures imposed or negotiated by the countries with which they trade. These economies also have been and may continue to be adversely affected by economic conditions in the countries with which they trade. With respect to certain markets, there is the possibility of nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, political changes, government regulation, economic or social instability, including civil unrest and ethnic conflict, diplomatic developments or regional hostilities (including war) or terrorism, which could affect adversely the economies of such countries or the value of ECRED's Investments in or related to those countries. Such instability may impede business activity and adversely affect the environment for foreign investments. In addition, the inter-relatedness of certain economies has deepened over the years, with the effect that economic difficulties in one country often spread throughout an applicable region. No assurance can be given that ECRED's portfolio will not be adversely affected by effects in countries outside of where investments are located.

**United Kingdom Relations with the EU.** The global economy may be adversely affected by changes in the political environment of the United Kingdom and Europe. Following the result of the United Kingdom's referendum on June 23, 2016, calling for the United Kingdom to withdraw from the European Union and the subsequent negotiation period to determine the terms of the United Kingdom's ongoing relationship with the European Union post-withdrawal, and after several deadline extensions to the maximum two-year period for such negotiations, the United Kingdom ceased to be a member of the European Union on January 31, 2020, and entered into a transition period. This transition period lasted until December 31, 2020.

The UK and the EU agreed to the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement 2020 ("**EU-UK TCA**") on December 24, 2020, which now governs the trading relationship between the UK and the EU. The EU-UK TCA applies on a provisional basis pending ratification by the European Parliament. The precise impact of the EU-UK TCA remains to be seen and a certain amount of political, legal, regulatory, tax and economic uncertainty is likely to persist. In particular, difficult market conditions caused by uncertainty created by the end of the transition period (including volatility in global stock markets and currency exchange rates) could have an effect on investment opportunities.

Shareholders should also be aware of the ongoing disagreements between the UK government and the EU regarding the Northern Ireland Protocol ("**NIP**"). The NIP is part of the arrangements put in place as part of the TCA to address cross-border trade in goods between Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the EU. The UK government has subsequently raised concerns as to the manner in which the NIP has been interpreted and implemented and has indicated it may take action to suspend and/or override aspects of the NIP. The European Commission has stated it would take retaliatory measures in

response to UK government actions. To the extent ECRED and its Portfolio Entities have operations subject to the NIP, there may be adverse consequences on ECRED or its Portfolio Entities to the extent the UK government or European Commission take further measures against each other.

Although it is probable that any adverse effects of the UK's withdrawal from the EU will principally affect the UK (and those having an economic interest in, or connected to, the UK), given the size and global significance of the UK's economy, continuing unpredictability about the UK's future legal, political and/or economic relationships with Europe is likely to be an ongoing source of instability, produce significant currency fluctuations, and/or have other adverse effects on international markets, international trade agreements and/or other existing cross-border cooperation arrangements (whether economic, tax, fiscal, legal, regulatory or otherwise). The withdrawal of the UK from the EU could therefore adversely affect ECRED and its Portfolio Entities. In addition, although it seems less likely following the expiry of the transition period than at the time of Britain's referendum, the withdrawal of the UK from the EU could have a further destabilizing effect if any other member states were to consider withdrawing from the EU, presenting similar and/or additional potential risks and consequences to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities.

The UK's withdrawal from the EU may have an adverse effect on the tax treatment of ECRED and its investments, in particular where reliance might have been placed on a UK entity's status as being in an EU member state for the purposes of determining eligibility for benefits under a double tax treaty. There may also be an adverse effect on the tax treatment of ECRED and its investments following the end of the transition period. In particular, depending on the agreed future application of EU law to the UK, EU directives preventing withholding taxes being imposed on intra-group dividends, interest and royalties may no longer apply to payments made into and out of the UK, meaning that instead the UK's double tax treaty network would need to be relied upon. Further, there may be changes to the operation of VAT.

**Investment and Repatriation Restrictions.** Prior government approval for foreign investments may be required under certain circumstances in certain markets, and the process of obtaining these approvals may require a significant expenditure of time and resources. Furthermore, investments in certain companies may require significant government approvals under corporate, securities, exchange control, foreign investment and other similar laws and may require financing and structuring alternatives that differ significantly from those customarily used in fully developed countries. In addition, in certain countries, such laws and regulations have been subject to frequent and unforeseen change, potentially exposing ECRED to restrictions, taxes and other obligations that were not anticipated at the time an investment was initially made. Inconsistencies and discrepancies among the vast number of local, regional and national laws, the lack of judicial or legislative guidance on unclear or conflicting laws and broad discretion on the part of government authorities implementing the laws produce additional legal uncertainties. The burden of complying with conflicting laws may have an adverse impact on the operations of ECRED.

**Credit Ratings are Not a Guarantee of Quality.** Credit ratings of assets represent the rating agencies' opinions regarding their credit quality and are not a guarantee of quality. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold assets and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency. In the event that a rating assigned to any corporate debt obligation is lowered for any reason, no party is obligated to provide any additional support or credit enhancement with respect to such corporate debt obligation. Rating agencies attempt to evaluate the safety of principal and interest payments and do not evaluate the risks of fluctuations in market value; therefore, ratings may not fully reflect the true risks of an investment. Also, rating agencies may fail to make timely changes in credit ratings in response to subsequent events, so that an obligor's current financial condition may be better or worse than a rating indicates. Consequently, credit ratings of any corporate

debt obligation should be used only as a preliminary indicator of investment quality and should not be considered a completely reliable indicator of investment quality. Rating reductions or withdrawals may occur for any number of reasons and may affect numerous assets at a single time or within a short period of time, with material adverse effects upon the corporate debt obligation. It is possible that many credit ratings of assets included in or similar to the corporate debt obligation will be subject to significant or severe adjustments downward.

While the Sponsor expects that the current environment will yield attractive investment opportunities for ECRED, there can be no assurances that conditions in the global financial markets will not worsen and/or adversely affect one or more of ECRED's Investments, its access to capital for leverage, a Portfolio Entity or ECRED's overall performance. As more fully described above, ECRED's investment strategy and the availability of opportunities satisfying ECRED's risk-adjusted return parameters rely in part on the continuation of certain trends and conditions observed in the market for Investments (e.g., the inability of certain companies to obtain financing solutions from traditional lending sources or otherwise access the capital markets) and the broader financial markets as a whole and in some cases the improvement of such conditions. Trends and historical events do not imply, forecast or predict future events and, in any event, past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. There can be no assurance that the assumptions made or the beliefs and expectations currently held by BXCI will prove correct and actual events and circumstances may vary significantly. Any of the foregoing events could result in substantial or total losses to ECRED in respect of certain Investments, which losses will likely be exacerbated by the presence of leverage in a Portfolio Entity's capital structure and by the use of leverage by ECRED.

***Financial Market and Interest Rate Fluctuations; Tightened Loan Underwriting Standards.***

General fluctuations in the financial markets, prices of securities and interest rates will adversely affect the value of ECRED's Investments and/or increase the risks associated with one or more particular Investments. Volatility and instability in the securities markets may also increase the risks inherent in ECRED's Investments. The ability of companies or businesses in which ECRED may invest to refinance debt securities or repay debt obligations (including making payments to ECRED as a creditor with respect thereto) may depend on their ability to obtain financing, including by selling new securities in the high yield debt or bank financing markets, which at certain points over the last several years have been extraordinarily difficult to access at favorable rates.

Interest rate changes will affect the value of a debt instrument indirectly (especially in the case of fixed rate securities) and directly (especially in the case of instruments whose rates are adjustable). In general, rising interest rates will negatively impact the price of a fixed rate debt instrument and falling interest rates will have a positive effect on price. Adjustable rate instruments also react to interest rate changes in a similar manner, although generally to a lesser degree (depending, however, on the characteristics of the reset terms, including the index chosen, frequency of reset and reset caps or floors, among other factors). Interest rate sensitivity is generally more pronounced and less predictable in instruments with uncertain payment or prepayment schedules. The U.S. Federal Reserve may at some point in the near future continue to tighten the monetary supply and increase benchmark interest rates, which is expected to have a negative impact on the price of debt securities globally and could adversely affect the value of ECRED's Investments.

***Investments in Emerging Markets.*** Although not ECRED's primary strategy, a portion of ECRED's capital may be deployed in emerging market countries, which may heighten the risks described above as emerging markets tend to be more prone to various risks as compared to developed countries. Risks associated with the following are particularly material in emerging markets: political affairs, corporate governance, judicial independence, political corruption, exchange controls and changes in rules and regulations and interpretation of them. Accordingly, emerging markets are more volatile and the costs

and risks associated with investments in them are generally higher than for investments in other countries.

**Legal Framework and Corporate Governance in Emerging Markets.** Many emerging markets countries do not have well-developed legal frameworks. In particular, many emerging markets countries do not have well-developed shareholder rights, which could adversely affect ECRED's minority investments. There is often less government supervision and regulation of business and industry practices, stock exchanges, over-the-counter markets, brokers, dealers, counterparties and issuers than in other more established markets. Any regulatory supervision that is in place may be subject to manipulation or control. Some emerging and developing market countries do not have mature legal systems comparable to those of more developed countries. Moreover, the process of legal and regulatory reform may not be proceeding at the same pace as market developments, which could result in investment risk. Legislation to safeguard the rights of private ownership may not yet be in place in certain areas, and there may be the risk of conflict among local, regional and national requirements. In certain cases, the laws and regulations governing investments in financial instruments may not exist or may be subject to inconsistent or arbitrary appreciation or interpretation. Both the independence of judicial systems and their immunity from economic, political or nationalistic influences remain largely untested in many countries. ECRED may also encounter difficulties in pursuing legal remedies or in obtaining and enforcing judgments in non-U.S. courts. Many emerging countries provide inadequate legal remedies for breaches of contract. Due to the foregoing risks and complications, the costs associated with investments in emerging market securities generally are higher than for securities and other instruments of issuers based in developed countries.

**Potential Collapse of the euro.** ECRED undertakes Investments in countries within the EU, a significant number of which use the euro as their national currency. In the recent past the stability of certain European financial markets deteriorated and expectations centered on potential defaults by sovereign states in Europe increased. There is a risk that in the future certain members of the Eurozone default, or expectations of such a default increase, which may lead to the collapse of the Eurozone as it is constituted today or that certain members of the Eurozone may cease to use the euro as their national currency. Given the interdependence of the global economy, this could have an adverse effect on the performance of Investments both in countries that experience the default and in other countries within the EU. A potential primary effect would be an immediate reduction of liquidity for particular Investments in the affected countries, thereby impairing the value of such Investments. Further, a deteriorating economic environment caused directly or indirectly by such a default or related expectations could have a direct effect on the general economic environment and the credit market in particular.

**Risks Associated with the euro.** The functioning of the euro as a single currency across the diverse economies comprising the Eurozone has sustained considerable pressure as the result of the global financial crisis and other subsequent macroeconomic events. The situation, particularly in those countries where sovereign default is perceived to be most likely, may continue to deteriorate. It is therefore possible that the euro may cease to be the national currency of some or even all of the countries comprising the Eurozone. If this were to occur, fluctuations in currency exchange rates of the new local currencies may cause borrowers in such countries to find it more difficult to meet their euro repayment obligations and investors in such countries may find that the cost of meeting their commitment to ECRED increases by virtue of a comparatively valuable euro. These events are unprecedented and it is difficult to predict with any certainty the consequences of such events on ECRED and its Investments.

**Currency Risks.** Subscriptions to ECRED and distributions from ECRED will be denominated in euros and Unitholders will bear any transaction costs and related expenses associated with the conversion of

euros into their local currency once distributed by ECRED. ECRED's Investments that are denominated in a different currency are subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation and political and economic developments. BXCI may, but shall be under no obligation to, try to hedge these risks by investing directly in foreign currencies, buying and selling forward foreign currency exchange contracts and buying and selling options on foreign currencies, but there can be no assurance such strategies will be effective.

A portion of ECRED's assets may be denominated in a currency that differs from the functional currency of ECRED or an investor's functional currency, and Unitholders with a functional currency other than euros are exposed to fluctuations in the euro foreign exchange rate. Consequently, the return realized on any investment by such investor may be adversely affected by movements in currency exchange rates over the holding period of such investment and the life of ECRED generally, costs of conversion and exchange control regulations in such jurisdiction, in addition to the performance of the investment itself. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment, capital appreciation and political developments. Moreover, ECRED may incur costs when converting one currency into another. The value of an investment may fall substantially as a result of fluctuations in the currency of the country in which the investment is made compared to the functional currency of ECRED and/or the investor's functional currency. BXCI may (but is not obligated to) endeavor to manage currency exposures in countries that do not use the functional currency of ECRED as their primary currency, using appropriate hedging techniques where available and appropriate; however, there are no assurances that such hedging techniques will be utilized or, if used, will be successful and/or will benefit any investor that makes a subscription in a currency other than the functional currency of ECRED. The Sponsor may seek to use commercially reasonable efforts to manage ECRED's exposure to such other currency by utilizing appropriate techniques to hedge ECRED's share of the principal amount of such Investment, in each case subject to (i) the objective of seeking to maximize the overall pre-tax returns of ECRED and (ii) hedging instruments being available to ECRED on economic and other terms determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion to be appropriate. One such hedging technique that the Sponsor intends to use in connection with Investments made in a currency that is different than ECRED's functional currency is to borrow from ECRED's financing providers in the currency of the specific Investment and repay such borrowing using proceeds generated by the Investment in the applicable denomination to help insulate the principal amount of such Investment from foreign exchange rate fluctuation risk. In connection with the foregoing, any costs related to currency hedging arrangements will be borne by ECRED. There can be no assurance that adequate hedging arrangements will be available on an economically viable basis.

In addition, the risks relating to Investments that are denominated in a currency that differs from the functional currency of ECRED can be expected to incentivize the Sponsor to seek and/or prioritize potential investments that are denominated in ECRED's functional currency. Accordingly, currency-related risks can be expected to reduce the number and types of investments that may be available to, or considered by, ECRED and may otherwise affect the Sponsor's ability to implement ECRED's investment objective and strategy.

***LIBOR Replacement and Other Reference Rates Risk.*** Certain of ECRED's investments and certain of ECRED's payment obligations (including but not limited to the financing terms applicable to indebtedness incurred by or on behalf of ECRED) may be tied to floating rates, such as the London Interbank Offered Rate ("**LIBOR**"). LIBOR is the offered rate for short-term Eurodollar deposits between major international banks. On March 5, 2021, the U.K.'s Financial Conduct Authority ("**FCA**") and

LIBOR's administrator, ICE Benchmark Administration ("IBA"), announced that most LIBOR settings will no longer be published after the end of 2021 and a majority of U.S. dollar LIBOR settings will no longer be published after June 30, 2023.

On November 16 2021, the FCA confirmed it will allow the temporary use of 'synthetic' sterling and yen LIBOR rates in all legacy LIBOR contracts (other than cleared derivatives) denominated in the relevant currencies until the end of 2022.

This announcement followed the announcement made by the FCA on September 29, 2021 of its decision relating to a fair, transparent and appropriate way of calculating synthetic LIBOR, approximating what LIBOR might have been in the future. Investors should note that synthetic LIBOR rates may differ to what the equivalent LIBOR rate would have been had such rate not been subject to permanent cessation and such differences may have an adverse effect on ECRED.

In relation to US Dollar LIBOR, although 5 US dollar LIBOR settings will continue to be calculated by panel bank submission until end-June 2023, the FCA has also confirmed that the use of US dollar LIBOR will not be allowed in most new contracts written after December 31, 2021. An alternative reference rate will therefore have to be used for new contracts.

Actions by regulators have resulted in the establishment of alternative reference rates to LIBOR in most major currencies. Various financial industry groups have begun planning for transition away from LIBOR, but there are obstacles to converting certain securities and transactions to new reference rates. Markets are developing slowly and questions around liquidity in these rates and how to appropriately adjust these rates to mitigate any economic value transfer at the time of transition remain a significant concern. While the Sponsor will seek to identify affected agreements and to build in flexibility in its such agreements to outline the transition, it is difficult to predict the full impact of the transition away from LIBOR on ECRED. The transition process may involve, among other things, increased volatility or illiquidity in markets for instruments that currently rely on LIBOR. Any such effects of the transition away from LIBOR, as well as other unforeseen effects, could adversely impact the performance of ECRED.

In relation to investments denominated in Sterling, ECRED expects applicable floating rates generally to be calculated by reference to SONIA (Sterling Overnight Index Average) which is one of the new reference rates referenced above, although the possibility of LIBOR based sterling transactions cannot be ruled out.

Circumstances may arise whereby the reference rate applicable to an ECRED investment is not aligned to the reference rate applicable to ECRED's payment obligations (in each case directly or indirectly held or incurred and including the financing terms applicable to indebtedness incurred by or on behalf of ECRED). There is no guarantee that transition from LIBOR to an alternative reference rate for such an investment and for such payment obligations will occur at the same time or on the same terms (including, but not limited to, the calculation methodology for determining the new reference rate or the imposition of any adjustment spread to account for any transfer of economic value). Investors should therefore be aware that a potential mismatch may arise following such transition to a new reference rate which may require ECRED to cover any shortfall and therefore reduce returns to investors.

**Market Dislocation.** Successful implementation of ECRED's investment strategy depends, in part, on continued disruption and volatility in the credit and global equity markets. However, a prolonged disruption may prevent ECRED from advantageously realizing on or disposing of its Investments. Moreover, the global credit markets continue to experience disruption. The continued economic instability could adversely affect the financial resources of corporate borrowers in which ECRED invests and result in the inability of such borrowers to make principal and interest payments on, or refinance, outstanding debt when due. In the event of such defaults, ECRED may suffer a partial or total loss of



capital invested in such companies, which would, in turn, have an adverse effect on ECRED's returns. Such marketplace events also may restrict the ability of ECRED to sell or liquidate Investments at favorable times or for favorable prices (although such marketplace events may not foreclose ECRED's ability to hold such Investments until maturity). In particular, ECRED's investment strategy relies in part on the stabilization or improvement of the conditions in the global financial markets generally and credit markets specifically. Absent such a recovery or in the event of a further market deterioration, the value of ECRED's Investments may not appreciate as projected or may suffer a loss.

**Recent Developments in the Banking Sector.** Actual events involving limited liquidity, defaults, non-performance or other adverse developments that affect financial institutions, transactional counterparties or other companies in the financial services industry or the financial services industry generally, or concerns or rumors about any events of these kinds or other similar risks, have in the past and could in the future lead to market-wide liquidity problems. In particular, recent bank closures in the United States and Europe have caused uncertainty for financial services companies and fear of instability in the global financial system generally. The recent developments can also have other implications for broader economic and monetary policy, including interest rate policy, and could impact the financial condition of banks and other financial institutions globally. For example, on March 19, 2023, it was announced that UBS Group AG would acquire Credit Suisse Group AG, with support from the government of Switzerland, following deterioration of the financial condition of Credit Suisse and on May 1, 2023, First Republic Bank was closed and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") was appointed receiver by California regulators. Concurrently, the FDIC announced that JPMorgan Chase Bank would assume all of First Republic Bank's deposits and substantially all of its assets subject to a loss-share agreement with the FDIC. In addition, certain financial institutions – in particular smaller and/or regional banks but also certain global systemically important banks – have experienced volatile stock prices and significant losses in their equity value, and there is concern that depositors at these institutions have withdrawn, or will withdraw in the future, significant sums from their accounts at these institutions. Notwithstanding intervention by U.S. governmental agencies to stabilize the banking sector and to protect the uninsured depositors of banks that have recently closed, there is no guarantee that the uninsured depositors of a financial institution that closes (which depositors could include ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities) will be made whole or, even if made whole, that such deposits will become available for withdrawal in short order. There is a risk that other banks, or other financial institutions, will be similarly impacted, and it is uncertain what steps (if any) regulators would take in such circumstances. As a consequence, for example, ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities could be delayed or prevented from accessing money, making any required payments under their own debt or other contractual obligations or pursuing key strategic initiatives, and limited partners could be impacted in their ability to honor capital calls and/or receive distributions. In addition, such bank failures or instability could affect, in certain circumstances, the ability of both affiliated and unaffiliated joint venture partners, co-lenders, syndicate lenders or other parties to undertake and/or execute transactions with ECRED, which in turn would result in fewer investment opportunities being made available to ECRED, result in shortfalls or defaults under existing investments, or impact ECRED's ability to provide additional follow-on support to Portfolio Entities. In addition, in the event that a financial institution that provides credit facilities and/or other financing to a Fund or its Portfolio Entities closes or experiences distress, there can be no assurance that such bank will honor its obligations or that ECRED or such Portfolio Entities will be able to secure replacement financing or capabilities at all or on similar terms. There can be no assurances that ECRED or its Portfolio Entities will establish banking relationships with multiple financial institutions, and ECRED and its Portfolio Entities are expected to be subject to contractual obligations to maintain all or a portion of their respective assets with a particular bank (including, without limitation, in connection with a credit facility or other financing transaction). Uncertainty caused by recent bank failures – and general concern regarding the financial health and outlook for other financial institutions – could have an overall negative effect on banking systems and financial markets generally. There is a risk that these recent developments will also have other implications for broader economic

and monetary policy, including interest rate policy. For the foregoing reasons, there can be no assurances that conditions in the banking sector and in global financial markets will not worsen and/or adversely affect ECRED, its Portfolio Entities or their respective financial performance.

**Spread Widening Risks.** For reasons not necessarily attributable to any of the risks set forth herein (for example, supply/demand imbalances or other market forces), the prices of the debt instruments and other securities in which ECRED invests may decline substantially. In particular, purchasing debt instruments or other assets at what may appear to be “undervalued” or “discounted” levels is no guarantee that these assets will not be trading at even lower levels at a time of valuation or at the time of sale. It may not be possible to predict, or to hedge against, such “spread widening” risk. Additionally, the perceived discount in pricing from previous environments described herein may still not reflect the true value of the assets underlying debt instruments in which ECRED invests.

**Lack of Transparency in Certain Markets.** Companies in certain markets are not generally subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements. In particular, the assets and profits appearing on the financial statements of a company in certain markets may not reflect its financial position or results of operations in the way they would have been reflected had such financial statements been prepared in accordance with U.S. or Luxembourg generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, for a company that keeps accounting records in currency other than euro, inflation accounting rules in certain markets in Europe require, for both tax and accounting purposes, that certain assets and liabilities be restated on the company’s balance sheet in order to express items in terms of a currency of constant purchasing power. As a result, financial data may be materially affected by restatements for inflation and may not accurately reflect the real condition of real estate, companies and securities markets. Accordingly, ECRED’s ability to conduct due diligence in connection with an investment and to monitor the investment may be adversely affected by these factors. In addition, investing in certain markets in Europe poses risks relating to (i) currency exchange matters, including fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the euro and the various non-euro currencies in which ECRED’s Investments are denominated, and costs associated with conversion of investment principal and income from one currency into another; (ii) differences between the U.S. and non-U.S. securities markets, including potential price volatility in and relative illiquidity of some non-U.S. securities markets; (iii) potential price volatility in and relative illiquidity of some foreign securities markets; (iv) less government supervision and regulation; (v) governmental decisions to discontinue support of economic reform programs generally and impose centrally planned economies; (vi) less extensive regulation of the securities markets; (vii) certain economic, social and political risks, including potential exchange control regulations and restrictions on foreign investment and repatriation of capital, the risks of political, economic or social instability and the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation; (viii) the possible imposition of foreign taxes on income and gains recognized with respect to such securities; (ix) less developed corporate and intellectual property laws, including those regarding fiduciary duties, investor protections and intellectual property owner protections; (x) longer settlement periods for securities transactions, (xi) less reliable judicial systems to enforce contracts and applicable law; differences in the legal and regulatory environment or enhanced legal and regulatory compliance; (xii) political hostility to investments by foreign or private equity investors; and (xiii) less publicly available information.

In addition, in light of the potential uncertainty in European debt markets as a result of the sovereign debt crises of some of the members of the EU and unique political risks associated therewith, Investments may be subject to heightened risks or risks not associated with the foregoing. In addition, issuers located in certain European jurisdictions may be involved in restructurings, bankruptcy proceedings and/or reorganizations that are not subject to laws and regulations that are similar to the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and the rights of creditors afforded in U.S. jurisdictions. To the extent such non-U.S. laws and regulations do not provide ECRED with equivalent rights and privileges necessary to

promote and protect its interest in any such proceeding, ECRED's Investments may be adversely affected. While BXCI intends, where deemed appropriate, to manage ECRED in a manner that will minimize exposure to the foregoing risks (although BXCI does not in the ordinary course expect to hedge currency risks), there can be no assurance that adverse developments with respect to such risks will not adversely affect the assets of ECRED that are held in certain countries.

***Uncertain Exit Strategies; Limited Liquidity.*** Due to the illiquid nature of many of the positions that ECRED is expected to acquire, BXCI is unable to predict with confidence what the exit strategy will ultimately be for any given position, or that one will definitely be available. Exit strategies that appear to be viable when an investment is initiated may be precluded by the time the investment is ready to be realized due to economic, legal, political or other factors. ECRED may invest a portion of its assets in financial instruments that are not publicly traded. ECRED may not be able to readily dispose of such non-publicly traded financial instruments and, in some cases, may be contractually prohibited from disposing of such securities for a specified period of time. Accordingly, ECRED may be forced to sell its more liquid positions at a disadvantageous time, resulting in a greater percentage of the portfolio consisting of illiquid securities.

***Illiquid and Long-Term Investments.*** A substantial portion of ECRED's Investments will be illiquid and/or long-term. Many of such Investments are currently expected by BXCI to take several years from the date of initial investment to reach a state of maturity when realization of the Investment can be achieved. Although such Investments by ECRED are expected to generate current income (*i.e.*, all investment proceeds that are not "disposition proceeds", which may include amounts received by ECRED from Investments as a result of purchase price adjustments), private investment transaction structures typically will not provide for liquidity of such Investments prior to repayment upon a refinancing event; however, interim proceeds from cash coupons may be distributed to Unitholders with respect to certain Investments. In light of the foregoing, it may be the case that no significant return from the disposition of such Investments will occur for a substantial period of time from the date of the initial Investment. While such Investments may be sold at any time, it is not generally expected that this will occur for a number of years after such Investments are made. It is unlikely that there will be a public market for the illiquid and/or long-term securities held by ECRED at the time of their acquisition. Therefore, no assurance can be given that, if ECRED is determined to dispose of a particular Investment held by ECRED, it could dispose of such Investment at a prevailing market price, and there is a risk that disposition of such Investments may require a lengthy time period or may result in distributions in-kind to investors. Although the Sponsor expects that Investments will either be disposed of prior to the termination of ECRED or be suitable for in-kind distribution at liquidation, ECRED may have to sell, distribute or otherwise dispose of Investments at a disadvantageous time for a price which is less than the price that could have been obtained if the Investments were held for a longer period of time. ECRED generally will not be able to sell its Investments through the public markets unless their sale is registered under applicable securities laws, or unless an exemption from such registration requirements is available. Additionally, there can be no assurances that such Investments can be sold on a private basis. In addition, in some cases ECRED may be prohibited by contractual, legal, or regulatory or other similar reasons from selling certain securities for a period of time and as a result may not be permitted to sell an Investment at a time it might otherwise desire to do so.

***Impact of Hedging Regulation on ECRED's Investments.*** The Dodd-Frank Act (as defined below) could adversely impact an issuer's ability to hedge risks associated with ECRED's Investments. (See "Hedging Policies/Risks", "Derivative Instruments" and "European Market Infrastructure Regulation" below.)

***Hedging Policies/Risks.*** In connection with the acquisition, holding, financing, refinancing or disposition of certain Investments, ECRED may (but is neither expected to nor under any obligation to),

as determined by BXCI in its sole discretion, employ hedging techniques designed to reduce the risks of adverse movements in interest rates, securities prices, currency exchange rates and other risks. The successful utilization of hedging and risk management transactions requires skills that are separate from the skills used in selecting and maintaining Investments. While such transactions may reduce certain risks, such transactions themselves may entail certain other risks, including the possible bankruptcy, insolvency or default by the counterparty to the transaction and the illiquidity of the instrument acquired by ECRED relating thereto. Additionally, costs related to currency hedging arrangements will be borne by ECRED. Thus, while ECRED may benefit from the use of these hedging mechanisms, unanticipated changes in interest rates, securities prices or currency exchange rates may result in a poorer overall performance for ECRED than if it had not entered into such hedging transactions. It should be noted that (i) BXCI may determine not to hedge against, or may not anticipate, certain risks, (ii) the portfolio will always be exposed to certain risks that cannot be hedged, such as certain credit risks (relating both to particular Investments and counterparties) and (iii) there may be differences between the valuation of hedging instruments held by ECRED and the related Investment in respect of which the hedging instrument was acquired. There can be no assurance that any hedging transactions will be effective in mitigating risk in all market conditions or against all types of risk (including unidentified or unanticipated risks or where BXCI does not regard the probability of the risk occurring to be sufficiently high as to justify the cost), thereby resulting in losses to ECRED. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act could adversely impact an issuer's ability to hedge risks associated with ECRED's Investments.

**Highly Volatile Markets; FX Risk.** Price movements of forwards, futures, derivative contracts and other financial instruments in which ECRED's assets may be invested can be highly volatile and are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene in certain markets, directly and by regulation, particularly in currencies, futures and options. Such intervention is often intended to directly influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause some or all of these markets to move rapidly in the same direction. The effect of such intervention is often heightened by a group of governments acting in concert.

**Sustainability Risks.** Blackstone, the AIFM, the Investment Manager (or their respective delegates), ECRED, ECRED's Portfolio Entities, and other parties, such as service providers or ECRED or Portfolio Entity counterparties, may be negatively affected by sustainability risks. If appropriate for an investment, the AIFM, the Investment Manager (or their respective delegates) may conduct sustainability risk-related due diligence and/or take steps to mitigate sustainability risks and preserve the value of the investment; however, there can be no assurance that all such risks will be mitigated in whole or in part, nor identified prior to the date the risk materializes. Blackstone, the AIFM, the Investment Manager (or their respective delegates), ECRED, ECRED's Portfolio Entities, and other parties may maintain insurance to protect against certain sustainability risks, where available on reasonable commercial terms, although such insurance is subject to customary deductibles and coverage limits and may not be sufficient to recoup all losses. Sustainability risks may therefore adversely affect the performance of ECRED and its investments.

**ESG Framework Risk.** As described in this Prospectus, the Sponsor has established a firm-wide environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") policy and related programs and procedures (including BXCI's ESG Investing Policy) (collectively, the "ESG Framework"), which outlines its approach to integrating ESG in its business and investment activities that it intends to apply as applicable across ECRED Feeder SICAV's investments, consistent with and subject to its fiduciary duties and applicable legal, regulatory or contractual requirements. Depending on the Investment, the impact of developments connected with ESG factors could have a material effect on the return and risk profile of

the Investment. Any reference herein to environmental or social considerations is not intended to qualify ECREd Feeder SICAV's investment objective to seek to maximize risk adjusted returns on investments. The Sponsor will endeavor to consider material<sup>6</sup> ESG factors where applicable in connection with ECREd Feeder SICAV's investment activities in order to protect and maximize investment performance; however, the ESG Framework does not serve to modify ECREd Feeder SICAV's investment objectives. The act of selecting and evaluating material ESG factors is subjective by nature, and the Sponsor may be subject to competing demands from different investors and other stakeholder groups with divergent views on ESG matters, including the role of ESG factors in the investment process, and there is no guarantee that the criteria utilized or judgment exercised by the Sponsor or a third-party ESG advisor (if any) will reflect the beliefs, values, internal policies or preferred practices of any particular investor or align with the beliefs or values or preferred practices of other asset managers or with market trends. ESG factors are only some of the many factors that the Sponsor may consider in making an Investment and, depending on the nature of the Investment, except to the extent required by law, ESG factors may not be considered for certain Investments or assets. Although the Sponsor considers application of the ESG Framework to be an opportunity to potentially enhance or protect the performance of Investments over the long-term, the Sponsor cannot guarantee that the application of its ESG Framework, which depends in part on skills and qualitative judgments, will positively impact the performance of any individual Investment or ECREd Feeder SICAV as a whole. Similarly, to the extent the Sponsor or a third-party ESG specialist engages with Portfolio Entities on ESG-related practices and potential enhancements thereto, there is no guarantee that such engagements will improve the performance of the Investment. Successful engagement efforts on the part of ECREd Feeder SICAV will depend on the Sponsor's ability to properly identify and analyze material ESG considerations and other factors and their value, and there can be no assurance that the strategy or techniques employed will be successful.

The materiality of sustainability risks and impacts on an individual asset or issuer and on a portfolio as a whole depends on many factors, including the relevant industry, country, asset class and investment style. In evaluating a prospective Investment or providing reporting regarding such Investment, the Sponsor often depends upon (and will not independently verify) information and data provided by the Investment or Portfolio Entities or obtained via third-party reporting or advisors, which may be incomplete or inaccurate and could cause the Sponsor to incorrectly identify, prioritize, assess or analyze the entity's ESG practices and/or related risks and opportunities. The Sponsor may decide in its discretion not to utilize certain information or data. While the Sponsor believes such sources to be reliable, it will neither update any such information or data nor undertake an independent review of any such information or data provided by third parties. Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory requirements, any ESG reporting will be provided in Blackstone's or the Sponsor's sole discretion. To the extent that the Sponsor reports to investors on material ESG issues, such reports will be based on the Sponsor's or applicable Portfolio Entity management team's sole and subjective determination of whether a material ESG issue has occurred in respect of an Investment.

In addition, the ESG Framework is expected to change over time. The Sponsor could determine, in its discretion, to revisit the implementation of certain of its ESG initiatives (including due to cost, timing, or other considerations). It is also possible that market dynamics or other factors will make it impractical, inadvisable or impossible for the Sponsor to adhere to all ESG-related elements of ECREd Feeder SICAV's investment strategy, including with respect to ESG risk and opportunity management, whether with respect to one or more individual Investments or to ECREd Feeder SICAV's portfolio generally.

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<sup>6</sup> As used herein, "material" ESG factors are defined as those ESG factors that the Sponsor determines have—or have the potential to have—a material impact on an investment's going-forward ability to create, preserve or erode economic value for that organization and its stakeholders. The word "material" as used herein should not necessarily be equated to or taken as a representation about the "materiality" of such ESG factors under the US federal securities laws or any similar legal or regulatory regime globally.

Except as may be required under the SFDR, ESG-related statements, initiatives and goals as described in this Prospectus with respect to ECRED Feeder SICAV, its investment strategy, Investments, and Portfolio Entities are aspirational and not guarantees or promises that all or any such initiatives and goals will be achieved. Further, ESG integration and responsible investing practices as a whole are evolving rapidly and there are different frameworks and methodologies being implemented by other asset managers. For example, the ESG Framework does not represent a universally recognized standard for assessing ESG considerations. Blackstone Inc. is currently a signatory to the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment and engages with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures. These initiatives may not align with the approach used by other asset managers or preferred by prospective investors or with future market trends. There is no guarantee that the Sponsor will remain a signatory, supporter or member of these initiatives or other similar industry frameworks.

Additionally, there is also growing regulatory and investor interest, particularly in the U.S., UK, and EU (which may be looked to as models in growth markets), in improving transparency around how asset managers define and measure ESG performance, in order to allow investors to validate and better understand sustainability claims. For example, on May 25, 2022, the SEC proposed amendments to rules and reporting forms concerning ESG factors, which rules have not yet been adopted and therefore it cannot be determined as to how they may affect ECRED Feeder SICAV. In addition, on August 23, 2023, the SEC adopted its final rule enhancing the regulation of private fund advisers, which includes requirements with respect to the disclosure of certain information to investors that could potentially, in certain circumstances, affect the way certain ESG-related information is shared. There may also be an increase in related enforcement through efforts such as those of the SEC's Climate and ESG Enforcement Task Force, established in March 2021.

The ESG Framework and ECRED Feeder SICAV are subject to evolving regulations and could become subject to additional regulation in the future. For example, in Europe, the European Commission is currently consulting on making changes to the SFDR and related regulations, and, as part of a separate exercise, the SFDR delegated regulation is likely to be amended in the near future and further guidance may also be issued by the European Supervisory Authorities and/or the European Commission. While in the UK, the UK's Financial Conduct Authority has said it will consult on extending its Sustainability Disclosure Requirements and investment labels regime to non-UK funds marketed in the UK. In addition, anti-ESG sentiment has gained momentum across the U.S., with several states and Congress having proposed or enacted "anti-ESG" policies, legislation or initiatives or issued related legal opinions. Additionally, asset managers have been subject to recent scrutiny related to ESG-focused industry working groups, initiatives, and associations, including organizations advancing action to address climate change or climate-related risk. Further, the Supreme Court's recent ruling striking down race-based affirmative action in higher education admissions has increased scrutiny of corporate diversity, equity and inclusion ("DEI") practices. Some conservative groups and Republican state attorneys general have begun to analogize the outcome of that case to private employment matters, asserting certain corporate DEI practices are racially discriminatory and unlawful. Such anti-ESG and anti-DEI-related policies, legislation, initiatives, legal opinions and scrutiny could expose Blackstone to the risk of investigations or challenges and enforcement by state or federal authorities, result in penalties and reputational harm and require certain investors to divest or discourage certain investors from investing in Blackstone's funds. Blackstone's ESG program and the Sponsor could become subject to additional regulations, penalties and/or risks of regulatory scrutiny and enforcement in the future. The Sponsor cannot guarantee that its current approach (including the ESG Framework) or ECRED Feeder SICAV's investments will meet future regulatory requirements (or future interpretations of existing requirements, some of which are unclear), reporting frameworks or best practices, increasing the risk of related enforcement. Compliance with new requirements may lead to increased management burdens and costs. If the SEC, CSSF or any other governmental authority, regulatory agency or similar body were

to take issue with past or future practices of Blackstone or ECRED Feeder SICAV, then Blackstone, ECRED Feeder SICAV and/or such affiliates could be at risk for regulatory sanction, and any such investigations could be costly, distracting and/or time consuming for Blackstone, the Sponsor and ECRED Feeder SICAV. There is also a risk of mismatch between U.S., EU, U.K. and other initiatives.

Finally, the Sponsor may apply certain Blackstone-wide and business group-specific ESG goals and/or initiatives. Although the aim of these goals and initiatives is to create strong returns for investors, the pursuit of these goals (which will include data collection, analysis and reporting) will involve the dedication of time and resources and there is consequently a risk that the pursuit of these goals could result in ECRED Feeder SICAV performing differently than investment funds that do not set ESG goals.

**ESG Initiatives.** ESG-related statements, initiatives and goals as described in this Prospectus with respect to ECRED Feeder SICAV, its investment strategy, Investments and Portfolio Entities are, save as to the extent that applicable law mandates otherwise, aspirational and not guarantees or promises that all or any such initiatives and goals will be achieved. Statements about ESG initiatives or practices related to ECRED Feeder SICAV, Investments and/or the Portfolio Entities do not apply in every instance and depend on factors including, but not limited to, as applicable, the relevance or implementation status of an ESG initiative to or within the Portfolio Entity; the nature and/or extent of investment in, ownership of or, control or influence exercised by Blackstone with respect to the Portfolio Entities; and other factors as determined by investment teams, corporate groups, asset management teams, portfolio operations teams, companies, investments, and/or businesses on a case-by-case basis. In addition, save as where required under applicable law, the Sponsor will not pursue ESG initiatives for every Portfolio Entity. The Sponsor may select or reject Portfolio Entities or investments on the basis of ESG-related investment risks, and this may cause ECRED Feeder SICAV and/or Investments to underperform relative to other sponsors' funds and/or investments which do not consider ESG factors at all or which evaluate ESG factors in a different manner. The selected investment examples, case studies and/or transaction summaries presented or referred to herein are provided for illustrative purposes only and should not be viewed as representative of the present or future success of ESG initiatives implemented by Blackstone, the Investment Manager, the Sponsor or their affiliates, or ECRED Feeder SICAV's Portfolio Entities or of a given type of ESG initiatives generally. There can be no assurances that the Sponsor's investment objectives for ECRED Feeder SICAV will be achieved or that its investment programs will be successful.

**Contingent Liabilities on Disposition of Investments.** In connection with the disposition of an Investment in an issuer, ECRED may be required to make representations about the business and financial affairs of such issuer typical of those made in connection with the sale of a business and may be responsible for the content of disclosure documents under applicable securities laws. ECRED also may be required to indemnify the purchasers of such Investment to the extent that any such representations are inaccurate or with respect to certain potential liabilities. These arrangements may result in the incurrence of contingent liabilities, which shall be borne by ECRED and for which the Sponsor may cause ECRED to establish reserves or escrow accounts.

**Operational Risk.** ECRED depends on BXCI to develop the appropriate systems and procedures to control operational risk. Operational risks arising from mistakes made in the closing, confirmation or settlement of transactions, from transactions not being properly booked, evaluated, accounted for or managed or other similar disruption in ECRED's operations may cause ECRED to suffer financial losses, the disruption of its business, liability to third parties, regulatory intervention or damage to its reputation. ECRED's business is highly dependent on BXCI's ability to process a large number of transactions across numerous and diverse markets. Consequently, ECRED relies heavily on the financial, accounting, asset management and other data processing systems of BXCI. The ability of its systems to accommodate an increasing volume of transactions could also constrain BXCI's ability to

properly manage ECRED's portfolio. Generally, neither the AIFM nor BXCI will be liable to ECRED for losses incurred due to the occurrence of any such errors.

ECRED is subject to the risk that its trading orders may not be executed in a timely and efficient manner due to various circumstances, including, without limitation, systems failure or human error. As a result, ECRED could be unable to achieve the market position selected by BXCI or might incur a loss in liquidating its positions. Since some of the markets in which ECRED may effect transactions are over-the-counter or interdealer markets, the participants in such markets are typically not subject to credit evaluation or regulatory oversight comparable to that to which members of exchange based markets are subject. ECRED is also exposed to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions, thereby causing ECRED to suffer a loss. In addition, the failure to satisfy certain contractually imposed settlement requirements results in the forfeiture of delayed compensation, as provided for under the LSTA Standard Terms and Conditions for Par/Near Par Trade Confirmations. ECRED will bear any such forfeiture.

***Expedited Transactions.*** Investment analyses and decisions by BXCI will often be undertaken on an expedited basis in order for ECRED to take advantage of investment opportunities. In such cases, the information available to BXCI at the time of the investment decision may be limited, and BXCI may not have access to the detailed information necessary for a full evaluation of the investment opportunity. In addition, the financial information available to BXCI may not be accurate or provided based upon accepted accounting methods. In addition, BXCI will rely upon independent consultants or attorneys in connection with its evaluation of proposed investments (See also "Risks of Portfolio Entity-Specific Events" below). There can be no assurance that these consultants will accurately evaluate such investments.

***Litigation.*** ECRED's investment activities may include activities that will subject it to the risks of becoming involved in litigation by third parties. This risk may be greater where ECRED exercises control or significant influence over a Portfolio Entity's direction (e.g., as a result of governance rights ECRED may negotiate for in advance of making an Investment or that ECRED may obtain in the event a Portfolio Entity violates a financial covenant). The expense of defending against claims against ECRED by third parties and paying any amounts pursuant to settlements or judgments would be borne by ECRED and would reduce net assets and could require Unitholders to return distributed capital and earnings to ECRED. The Sponsor, BXCI (including service providers of ECRED), any of their respective affiliates and the directors, officers, partners, members, employees, agents and legal representatives of any of them will be indemnified by ECRED in connection with such litigation, subject to certain conditions.

***Regulatory Approvals.*** ECRED may provide financing to companies that it believes have obtained all material U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. approvals required to operate. In addition, the consent or approval of certain regulatory authorities may be required in order for ECRED to acquire or hold Investments in certain issuers. ECRED's Investments could be adversely affected to the extent regulations or applicable laws change or become increasingly stringent as a result of judicial or administrative interpretations with respect to such issuers. Moreover, additional regulatory approvals may become applicable in the future as a result of the foregoing or for other reasons. There can be no assurance that the issuers in which ECRED holds Investments will be able to obtain all required regulatory approvals or, once obtained, to maintain such approvals in accordance with the requirements applicable thereto. Failure or delay in obtaining and maintaining any applicable regulatory approvals could adversely affect the business of ECRED and impede ECRED's ability to effectively achieve its investment objective.

***Default and Recovery Rates of Loans and High Yield Securities.*** There are varying sources of statistical default and recovery rate data for loans and high yield securities and numerous methods for



measuring default and recovery rates. The historical performance of the high yield market or the leveraged loan market is not necessarily indicative of its future performance.

**Absence of Regulatory Oversight.** Although the Investment Manager is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act and while ECRED may be considered similar in some ways to an investment company, unless and until legislation requiring ECRED to register with the SEC is enacted, it is not required and does not intend to register as such under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time (the “**Investment Company Act**”) in reliance upon an exemption available to privately-offered investment companies and, accordingly, Unitholders are not afforded the protections of the Investment Company Act (which, among other things, require investment companies to have a majority of disinterested directors, provide limitations on leverage, limit transactions between investment companies and their affiliates and regulate the relationship between the advisor and the investment company).

**Limitations on Deduction of Business Interest.** Following the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Section 163(j) of the Code generally imposes a disallowance of deductions for business interest expense (even if paid to third parties) in excess of the sum of business interest income and 30% of the adjusted taxable income of the business, which is its taxable income computed without regard to business interest income or expense, net operating losses or the pass-through income deduction (and for taxable years before 2022, excludes depreciation and amortization). Business interest includes any interest on indebtedness related to a trade or business, but excludes investment interest, to which separate limitations apply. These limitations may have a significant impact on Unitholders in ECRED and/or its portfolio companies.

**Risk Arising from Potential Controlled Group Liability.** Under ERISA, upon the termination of a tax-qualified single employer defined benefit pension plan, the sponsoring employer and all members of its “controlled group” will be jointly and severally liable for 100% of the plan’s unfunded benefit liabilities whether or not the controlled group members have ever maintained or participated in the plan. In addition, the U.S. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the “**PBGC**”) may assert a lien with respect to such liability against any member of the controlled group on up to 30% of the collective net worth of all members of the controlled group. Similarly, in the event a participating employer partially or completely withdraws from a multiemployer (union) defined benefit pension plan, any withdrawal liability incurred under ERISA will represent a joint and several liability of the withdrawing employer and each member of its controlled group.

A “controlled group” includes all “trades or businesses” under 80% or greater common ownership. This common ownership test is broadly applied to include both “parent-subsidiary groups” and “brother-sister groups” applying complex exclusion and constructive ownership rules. However, regardless of the percentage ownership that ECRED holds in one or more of its Portfolio Entities, ECRED itself cannot be considered part of an ERISA controlled group unless ECRED is considered to be a “trade or business.”

While there are a number of cases that have held that managing investments is not a “trade or business” for tax purposes, in 2007 the PBGC Appeals Board ruled that a private equity fund was a “trade or business” for ERISA controlled group liability purposes and at least one U.S. Federal Circuit Court has similarly concluded that a private equity fund could be a trade or business for these purposes based upon a number of factors including the fund’s level of involvement in the management of its portfolio companies and the nature of any management fee arrangements.

If ECRED were determined to be a trade or business for purposes of ERISA, it is possible, depending upon the structure of the investment by ECRED and/or its affiliates and other co-investors in a Portfolio Entity and their respective ownership interests in the Portfolio Entity, that any tax-qualified single

employer defined benefit pension plan liabilities and/or multiemployer plan withdrawal liabilities incurred by the Portfolio Entity could result in liability being incurred by ECRED, with a resulting need for additional capital contributions, the appropriation of Fund assets to satisfy such pension liabilities and/or the imposition of a lien by the PBGC on certain Fund assets. Moreover, regardless of whether or not ECRED were determined to be a trade or business for purposes of ERISA, a court might hold that one of ECRED's Portfolio Entities could become jointly and severally liable for another Portfolio Entity's unfunded pension liabilities pursuant to the ERISA "controlled group" rules, depending upon the relevant investment structures and ownership interests as noted above.

**Possible Legislative or Other Developments.** All statements contained in this Prospectus concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of any investment in ECRED are based upon existing law and the interpretations thereof. Therefore, no assurance can be given that the currently anticipated income tax treatment of an investment in ECRED will not be modified by legislative, judicial or administrative changes, possibly with retroactive effect, to the detriment of the Unitholders. Additionally, tax authorities in jurisdictions where ECRED maintains investments may materially change their tax codes so as to materially increase the tax burden associated with an investment in ECRED or to force or attempt to force increased disclosure from or about ECRED and/or its Unitholders as to the identity of all persons having a direct or indirect interest in ECRED. Such additional disclosure may take the form of additional filing requirements on Unitholders.

**Taxation in Certain Jurisdictions.** ECRED, vehicles through which ECRED makes investments, or the Unitholders may be subject to income or other tax in jurisdictions in which investments are made, jurisdictions in which ECRED operates, and/or jurisdictions of entities through which ECRED makes Investments. Additionally, withholding taxes or branch taxes may be imposed on earnings of ECRED (or vehicles through which it invests) from investments in such jurisdictions. In addition, local tax incurred in a jurisdiction by ECRED or vehicles through which it invests may not entitle investors to either (i) a credit against tax that may be owed in their respective home tax jurisdictions or (ii) a deduction against income taxable in such home jurisdictions by the Unitholders. There can be no assurance that tax authorities in the jurisdictions in which ECRED invests will not treat ECRED (or any of its affiliates) as if it has a permanent establishment in the local jurisdiction, which would result in additional local taxation. Changes to taxation treaties (or their interpretation) between countries in which the investments are made and countries through which ECRED invests may adversely affect ECRED's ability to efficiently realize income or capital gains. For example, various tax measures (including the base erosion and profit shifting initiative of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) currently under consideration by a wide range of jurisdictions (including the United States and those in Europe) may adversely affect ECRED and its investors or limit ECRED's ability to execute its investment strategies.

Income or gains of ECRED may be subject to withholding, income, net wealth or other tax in the jurisdictions where ECRED's investments are located. Taxes paid or withheld by ECRED allocable to a Unitholder will be deemed to have been distributed to such Unitholder. In certain situations, ECRED may hold investments through entities organized outside the U.S. that are treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Unitholders may be subject to special rules applicable to "controlled foreign corporations" or "passive foreign investment companies" with respect to Investments made through such entities.

There is a risk that the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") will not concur as to the tax consequences of an investment in ECRED as described below in Section XII: "Regulatory, Tax and ERISA Considerations. Please refer to the discussion set forth in that section.

**Phantom Income.** There can be no assurance that ECRED will have sufficient cash flow to permit it to make distributions to the Unitholders in the amount necessary to enable them to pay all tax liabilities resulting from their ownership of Units.

**CFIUS.** The actions of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (“CFIUS”), an inter-agency committee authorized to review transactions that could result in control of a U.S. business by a foreign person, may adversely impact the prospects of a Portfolio Entity in the context of mergers with, or acquisitions by, a foreign person. CFIUS may recommend that the President block such transactions, or CFIUS may impose conditions on such transactions, certain of which may materially and adversely affect ECRED’s ability to execute its investment strategy. In addition, the CFIUS process will continue to evolve. In particular, a set of reform measures known as the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act (“FIRRMA”) was enacted into law, which broadens the jurisdiction of CFIUS with respect to certain investments. Such legislation could impact the ability of non-U.S. Unitholders to participate in certain investments, which may impair ECRED’s ability to execute its investment strategy. FIRRMA expands the ability of CFIUS to review ECRED’s acquisition or disposition of certain investments, including certain non-controlling investments by foreign persons over certain U.S. businesses involved in critical technologies or critical infrastructure or that collect and store sensitive personal data of U.S. citizens, as well as acquisitions of real-estate and leaseholds near U.S. military or other sensitive government facilities. The outcome of CFIUS’s process may be difficult to predict, and there is no guarantee that, if applicable to a Portfolio Entity, the decisions of CFIUS would not adversely impact ECRED’s investment in such entity.

**Risks of Portfolio Entity-Specific Events.** Before making Investments, BXCI will typically conduct due diligence that it deems reasonable and appropriate based on the facts and circumstances applicable to each Investment. Due diligence may entail evaluation of important and complex business, financial, tax, accounting, environmental, social, governance, real property and legal issues. Outside consultants, legal advisors, accountants, investment banks and other third parties will be involved in the due diligence process to varying degrees depending on the type of Investment. Such involvement of third-party advisers or consultants will present a number of risks primarily relating to BXCI’s reduced control of the functions that are outsourced. In addition, if BXCI is unable to engage third-party providers in a timely manner, such providers’ ability to evaluate and acquire more complex targets could be adversely affected. When conducting due diligence and making an assessment regarding an Investment, BXCI will rely on the resources available to it, including information provided by the target of the Investment and, in some circumstances, third-party investigations. However, representations made by a counterparty could be inaccurate, and third-party investigations may not uncover risks. The due diligence investigation that BXCI carries out with respect to any investment opportunity may not reveal or highlight all relevant facts that may be necessary or helpful in evaluating such investment opportunity. Moreover, such an investigation will not necessarily result in the investment being successful. Conduct occurring at Portfolio Entities, even activities that occurred prior to ECRED’s investment therein, could have an adverse impact on ECRED (financial or otherwise). Additionally, among the other risks inherent in investments, particularly in respect of companies experiencing financial distress, is the fact that it frequently will be difficult to obtain information as to the true condition of such issuers. There can be no assurance that attempts to provide downside protection with respect to Investments will achieve their desired effect and potential investors should regard an investment in ECRED as being speculative and having a high degree of risk.

There can be no assurance that BXCI will be able to detect or prevent irregular accounting, employee misconduct or other fraudulent practices during the due diligence investigation or during its efforts to monitor the Investment on an ongoing basis or that any risk management procedures implemented by BXCI will be adequate. In the event of fraud by any Portfolio Entity or any of its affiliates, ECRED may suffer a partial or total loss of capital invested in that Portfolio Entity. An additional concern is the

possibility of material misrepresentation or omission on the part of the Portfolio Entity or the seller. Such inaccuracy or incompleteness may adversely affect the value of ECRED's Investments in such Portfolio Entity. BXCI will rely upon the accuracy and completeness of representations made by Portfolio Entities and/or their former owners in the due diligence process to the extent reasonable when it makes its investments, but cannot guarantee such accuracy or completeness of any such representation. ECRED may elect to obtain a representations and warranties insurance policy that may provide protection to ECRED in the event of losses arising from the inaccuracy or incompleteness of any such representation. However, there is no guaranty that ECRED would be able to obtain recovery under any such insurance policy, or that such recovery will be sufficient. In addition, in a transaction where ECRED has obtained such a policy, recourse to the former owners of a Portfolio Entity may be severely limited or even eliminated, and recovery under such policy may effectively be the sole source of recovery for ECRED in such circumstance. Under certain circumstances, payments to ECRED may be reclaimed if any such payment or distribution is later determined to have been a fraudulent conveyance or a preferential payment.

Senior and Other Advisors, legal advisors, appraisers, accountants, investment banks and other third parties may be involved in the due diligence process and/or the ongoing operation of ECRED's Portfolio Entities to varying degrees. Moreover, in negotiating and structuring transactions with counterparties (such as investment banks, financial intermediaries, and other service providers) of the ECRED or Portfolio Entities, the Sponsor will generally not seek to maximize terms as if such transaction was taking place in isolation – it will be free to consider relationship, reputational and market considerations, which can in some circumstances result in greater costs to the ECRED. Such involvement of third-party advisors or consultants may present a number of risks primarily relating to BXCI's reduced control of the functions that are outsourced. In addition, if BXCI is unable to timely engage third-party providers, their ability to evaluate and acquire more complex targets could be adversely affected. See “—Portfolio Entity Relationships Generally” herein.

**Force Majeure Risk.** ECRED and its Portfolio Entities may be affected by force majeure events (i.e., events beyond the control of the party claiming that the event has occurred, including, without limitation, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, landslides, explosions, outbreaks of an infectious disease, pandemic or any other serious public health concerns, war, regional armed conflict, terrorism, nationalization of industry and labor strikes). Disease outbreaks have occurred in certain countries in the past and are currently occurring (including severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, avian flu, H1N1/09 flu, COVID-19 and other coronaviruses) and any prolonged occurrence of infectious disease, or other adverse public health developments or natural disasters in any country in which ECRED targets investments could have a material adverse effect on the economy in such country or globally and/or the business operations of Portfolio Entities in which ECRED invests. Force majeure events could adversely affect the ability of ECRED, a Portfolio Entity or a counterparty to perform its obligations, including but not limited to the construction of its in process development. The liability and cost arising out of a failure to perform obligations as a result of a force majeure event could be considerable and could be borne by ECRED or a Portfolio Entity. In addition, the cost to a Portfolio Entity or ECRED of repairing or replacing damaged assets resulting from such force majeure event could be material. Certain force majeure events, such as war, earthquakes, fires or an outbreak of an infectious disease, could have a broader negative impact on the global or local economy and international business activity generally, or in any of the countries in which ECRED may invest specifically, thereby affecting ECRED and BXCI. Additionally, a major governmental intervention into an industry in light of a force majeure event or otherwise, including the nationalization of an industry or the assertion of control over one or more Investments or its assets, could result in a loss to ECRED including if its Investment is cancelled, unwound, or acquired (which could be without what BXCI considers to be adequate compensation) if an Investment or Portfolio Entity is affected, and any compensation provided by the relevant government may not be adequate. Any of the foregoing may

therefore adversely affect the performance of ECRED and its Investments. (See also “Epidemics/Pandemics” and “Coronavirus and Public Health Emergencies; Legislative & Regulatory Enactments” herein.)

**Russian Invasion of Ukraine.** Commencing in 2021, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the Russian military to begin massing thousands of military personnel and equipment near its border with Ukraine and in Crimea, representing the largest mobilization since the illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014. On February 24, 2022, President Putin commenced a full-scale invasion of Russia’s pre-positioned forces into Ukraine and, as of the date of this Prospectus, the countries remain in active armed conflict. In response to these actions, on February 22, 2022, the United States and several European and other nations announced a broad array of new or expanded sanctions and export controls against Russia and Russia-occupied areas of the Ukraine. As the situation continues to rapidly evolve, additional measures are widely expected to be imposed, such as cutting off certain Russian banks from SWIFT and sanctioning the Central Bank of Russia. The ongoing conflict and the resulting measures in response could be expected to have a negative impact on the economy and business activity globally (including in the countries in which ECRED invests), and therefore could adversely affect the performance of ECRED’s investments. Furthermore, the conflict between the two nations and any involvement of the United States and other NATO countries could preclude prediction as to their ultimate adverse impact on global economic and market conditions, and, as a result, presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to ECRED and the performance of its investments and operations, and the ability of ECRED to achieve its investment objectives. Similar risks will exist to the extent that any Portfolio Entities, service providers, vendors or certain other parties have material operations or assets in Russia or Ukraine. Furthermore, if after subscribing to ECRED a Shareholder or any beneficial owner thereof is included on a list of prohibited entities and individuals maintained by OFAC or under similar EU and UK Regulations or under other applicable law, and are not operationally based or domiciled in a country or territory in relation to which current sanctions have been issued by the U.S., United Nations, EU, UK, Luxembourg and/or other applicable jurisdictions, ECRED may be required to cease any further dealings with the Shareholder’s Shares until such sanctions are lifted or a license is sought under applicable law to continue dealings. For the avoidance of doubt, the Sponsor has the sole discretion to determine the remedy if a Shareholder is included on a sanctions list and is under no obligation to seek a license to continue dealing with such Shareholder. Although Blackstone expends significant effort to comply with the sanctions regimes in the countries where it operates, one of these rules could be violated by the Sponsor’s or ECRED’s activities or Shareholders, which would adversely affect ECRED. See also “Economic and Trade Sanctions and Anti-Bribery Considerations” herein.

**Risks in Effecting Operating Improvements.** In some cases, the success of ECRED’s investment strategy will depend, in part, on the ability of ECRED to provide institutional management experience and financial insights to Portfolio Entity management, restructure and effect improvements in the operations of a Portfolio Entity. The activity of identifying and implementing restructuring programs (and operating improvements at Portfolio Entities) entails a high degree of uncertainty. There can be no assurance that ECRED will be able to successfully identify and implement such restructuring programs and improvements or that such insights and experience will be utilized and implemented by Portfolio Entities and, even if implemented, that they will result in operating improvements, including in relation to ESG matters.

**Energy-Related Risks.**

**Volatility of Commodity Prices.** The performance of certain of ECRED’s Investments may be substantially dependent upon prevailing prices of oil, natural gas, coal and other commodities (such as metals) and the differential between prices of specific commodities that are a primary factor in the profitability of certain conversion activities such as petroleum refining (“crack spread”) and power

generation (“spark spread”). Commodity prices have been, and are likely to continue to be, volatile and subject to wide fluctuations in response to any of the following factors: (i) relatively minor changes in the supply of and demand for each commodity; (ii) market uncertainty and the condition of various economic measures (including interest rates, levels of economic activity, the price of securities and the participation by other investors in the financial markets); (iii) political conditions in international commodity producing regions; (iv) the extent of domestic production and importation of oil, gas, coal or metals in certain relevant markets; (v) the foreign supply of oil, natural gas and metals; (vi) the price of foreign imports; (vii) the price and availability of alternative fuels; (viii) the level of consumer demand; (ix) the price of steel and the outlook for steel production; (x) seasonality and weather conditions; (xi) the competitive position of oil, gas or coal as a source of energy as compared with other energy sources; (xii) the industry-wide refining or processing capacity for oil, gas or coal; (xiii) the effect of United States and non-U.S. federal, state and local regulation on the production, transportation and sale of commodities; (xiv) with respect to the price of oil, actions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries; (xv) the expected consumption of coking coal in steel production; (xvi) the amount and character of excess electric generating capacity in a market area; (xvii) overall economic conditions; and (xviii) a variety of additional factors that are beyond the control of the Sponsor. Volatility of commodity prices may also make it more difficult for energy companies, including issuers and their affiliates, to raise additional capital to the extent the market perceives that their performance may be directly or indirectly tied to commodity prices.

***Catastrophe Risk.*** The operations of energy, power and natural resources companies are subject to many hazards inherent in the drilling, transporting, processing, storing, refining, distributing, mining or marketing a wide range of commodities, electricity, and natural resources, such as: damage to pipelines, storage tanks or related equipment and surrounding properties caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires and other natural disasters or by acts of terrorism, inadvertent damage from construction and farm equipment, leaks of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined petroleum products or other hydrocarbons, and fires and explosions; and certain on-site employee related accidents. These risks can pose serious safety issues for employees of issuers. In addition, such risks could result in substantial losses due to personal injury (including to employees of issuers) or loss of life, severe damage to and destruction of property and equipment and pollution or other environmental damage and may result in the curtailment or suspension of their related operations. There can be no assurance that each issuer in the energy sector will be fully insured against all risks inherent to their businesses. If a significant accident or event occurs that is not fully insured, it could adversely affect such issuer’s operations and financial condition.

***Uncertainty of Estimates and Financial Projections.*** Estimates of natural resources reserves (e.g., hydrocarbon reserves or mineral reserves) and of factors such as solar energy intensity and movement of wind and water flow (for solar, wind and hydroelectric power, respectively) by qualified engineers are often a key factor in valuing certain energy, power and natural resources companies, which could include potential issuers. The process of making these estimates is complex, requiring significant decisions and assumptions in the evaluation of available geological, geophysical, engineering and economic data for each reservoir or reserve. Estimates or projections of market conditions, commodity prices and supply and demand dynamics are key factors in evaluating potential investment opportunities and valuing ECRED’s Investments and related assets. The aforementioned estimates are subject to wide variances based on changes in market conditions, underlying assumptions, commodity prices and technical or investment-related assumptions. Accordingly, it is possible for such estimates to be significantly revised from time to time, creating significant changes in the value of the applicable issuer owning such reserves.

## **Capital Requirements and Distributions**

**Adequacy of Reserves.** ECRED may establish holdbacks or reserves, including for estimated accrued expenses, Management Fees, pending or anticipated liabilities, Investments, claims and contingencies relating to ECRED. Estimating the appropriate amount of such reserves is difficult and inadequate or excessive reserves could impair the investment returns to Unitholders. If ECRED's reserves are inadequate and other cash is unavailable, ECRED may be unable to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities or protect its existing Investments. Further, the allocation of investment opportunities among ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts may depend, in part, on their respective reserves at the time of allocating the opportunity, possibly resulting in different investment allocations if any such reserves are inadequate or excessive.

**Deployment of Capital.** In light of the nature of ECRED's continuous offering in relation to ECRED's investment strategy and the need to be able to deploy potentially large amounts of capital quickly to capitalize on potential investment opportunities, if ECRED has difficulty identifying and purchasing suitable investments on attractive terms, there could be a delay between the time it receives net proceeds from the sale of Units in this offering or any private offering and the time ECRED invests the net proceeds. ECRED may also from time to time hold cash pending deployment into Investments or have less than its targeted leverage, which cash or shortfall in target leverage may at times be significant, particularly at times when ECRED is receiving high amounts of offering proceeds and/or times when there are few attractive investment opportunities. Such cash may be held in an account for the benefit of Unitholders that may be invested in money market accounts or other similar temporary investments, each of which are subject to the Management Fee.

In the event ECRED is unable to find suitable Investments such cash may be maintained for longer periods which would be dilutive to overall investment returns. This could cause a substantial delay in the time it takes for your investment to realize its full potential return and could adversely affect ECRED's ability to pay regular distributions of cash flow from operations to you. It is not anticipated that the temporary investment of such cash into money market accounts or other similar temporary investments pending deployment into Investments will generate significant interest, and Unitholders should understand that such low interest payments on the temporarily invested cash may adversely affect overall returns. In the event ECRED fails to timely invest the net proceeds of sales of Units or does not deploy sufficient capital to meet its targeted leverage, ECRED's results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

**Sourcing and Payment of Distributions.** ECRED has not established a minimum distribution payment level, and ECRED's ability to make distributions to its Unitholders may be adversely affected by a number of factors, including the risk factors described in this Prospectus. ECRED has a limited track record and may not generate sufficient income to make distributions to ECRED's Unitholders. ECRED's Board of Managers or its delegate will make determinations regarding distributions based upon, among other factors, ECRED's financial performance, debt service obligations, debt covenants, tax requirements and capital expenditure requirements. Among the factors that could impair ECRED's ability to make distributions to its Unitholders are:

- ECRED's inability to invest the proceeds from sales of Units on a timely basis;
- ECRED's inability to realize attractive risk-adjusted returns on ECRED's Investments;
- high levels of expenses or reduced revenues that reduce ECRED's cash flow or non-cash earnings; and
- defaults in ECRED's investment portfolio or decreases in the value of ECRED's Investments.

As a result, ECRED may not be able to make distributions to its Unitholders at any time in the future, and the level of any distributions ECRED does make to Unitholders may not increase or even be maintained over time, any of which could materially and adversely affect the value of your investment.

ECRED may not generate sufficient cash flow from operations to fully fund distributions to Unitholders, particularly during the early stages of ECRED's operations. Therefore, ECRED may fund distributions to ECRED's Unitholders from sources other than cash flow from operations, including, without limitation, the sale of assets, borrowings, return of capital or offering proceeds (including from sales from Units or ECRED Aggregator units). The extent to which ECRED pays distributions from sources other than cash flow from operations will depend on various factors, including the level of participation in ECRED's Accumulation Classes, the extent to which the Sponsor elects to receive its Management Fee and Performance Participation Allocation in Units or units of the ECRED Aggregator and the Recipient elects to receive distributions on its Performance Participation Allocation in units of the ECRED Aggregator, how quickly ECRED invests the proceeds from this and any future offering and the performance of ECRED's Investments. Funding distributions from the sales of assets, borrowings, return of capital or proceeds of the offering will result in ECRED having less funds available to acquire Investments. As a result, the return you realize on your investment may be reduced. Doing so may also negatively impact ECRED's ability to generate cash flows. Likewise, funding distributions from the sale of additional securities will dilute your interest in ECRED on a percentage basis and may impact the value of your investment especially if ECRED sells these securities at prices less than the price you paid for your Units. ECRED may be required to continue to fund ECRED's regular distributions from a combination of some of these sources if ECRED's Investments fail to perform, if expenses are greater than ECRED's revenues or due to numerous other factors. ECRED has not established a limit on the amount of its distributions that may be paid from any of these sources.

To the extent ECRED borrows funds to pay distributions, it would incur borrowing costs and these borrowings would require a future repayment. The use of these sources for distributions and the ultimate repayment of any liabilities incurred could adversely impact ECRED's ability to pay distributions in future periods, decrease ECRED's NAV, decrease the amount of cash ECRED has available for operations and new investments and adversely impact the value of your investment.

ECRED may also defer operating expenses or pay expenses (including the fees of the Investment Manager or distributions to the Recipient) with Units or units of the ECRED Aggregator in order to preserve cash flow for the payment of distributions. The ultimate repayment of these deferred expenses could adversely affect ECRED's operations and reduce the future return on your investment. ECRED may redeem Units or redeem units of the ECRED Aggregator from the Investment Manager or the Recipient shortly after issuing such Units or shares as compensation. The payment of expenses in Units or with units of the ECRED Aggregator will dilute your ownership interest in ECRED's portfolio of assets. There is no guarantee any of ECRED's operating expenses will be deferred and the Investment Manager and Recipient are under no obligation to receive future fees or distributions in Units, units of the ECRED Aggregator and may elect to receive such amounts in cash.

***In-Kind Remuneration to the Investment Manager and/or Recipient.*** The Investment Manager or the Recipient may choose to receive Units or units of the ECRED Aggregator in lieu of certain fees or distributions. The holders of all units of the ECRED Aggregator are entitled to receive cash from operations *pro rata* with the distributions being paid to ECRED and such distributions to the holder of units of the ECRED Aggregator will reduce the cash available for distribution to ECRED and to its Unitholders. Furthermore, under certain circumstances units of the ECRED Aggregator held by the Investment Manager or the Recipient are required to be redeemed, in cash at the holder's election, and there may not be sufficient cash to make such a redemption payment; therefore, ECRED may need to use cash from operations, borrowings, offering proceeds or other sources to make the payment, which will reduce cash available for distribution to you or for investment in ECRED's operations. Redemptions of Units or ECRED Aggregator units from the Investment Manager paid to the Investment Manager as a Management Fee are not subject to the monthly and quarterly volume limitations or the Early Redemption Deduction, and such sales receive priority over other Units being put for redemption during



such period. Redemptions of Units or ECRED Aggregator units from the Recipient distributed to the Recipient with respect to its Performance Participation Allocation are not subject to the Early Redemption Deduction, but, in the case of Units, such redemptions are subject to the monthly and quarterly volume limitations and do not receive priority over other Units being put for redemption during such period.

### **Fund Structure**

***No Right to Control ECRED.*** The Sponsor will have exclusive responsibility for ECRED's activities, and, other than as set forth herein and in the Management Regulations, Unitholders will not be able to make investments or any other decisions concerning the management of ECRED. Unitholders have no rights or powers to take part in the management of ECRED or make investment decisions and will not generally receive the amount of any Portfolio Entity's financial information that is generally available to the AIFM. The AIFM will generally have sole and absolute discretion in structuring, negotiating and purchasing, financing and eventually divesting Investments on behalf of ECRED (subject to specified exceptions). Accordingly, no person should purchase an Interest unless such person is willing to entrust all aspects of the management of ECRED to the AIFM.

***No Market for Units; Restrictions on Transfers.*** Units in ECRED have not been registered under the Securities Act, the securities laws of any U.S. state or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction and, therefore, cannot be sold unless they are subsequently registered under the Securities Act and other applicable securities laws, or an exemption from registration is available. It is not contemplated that registration under the Securities Act or other securities laws will ever be effected. A Unitholder may be required to represent that it is a qualified investor under applicable securities laws and that it is acquiring its Units for investment purposes and not with a view to resale or distribution and that it will only sell and transfer its Units to a qualified investor under applicable securities laws or in a manner permitted by the Management Regulations, this Prospectus and consistent with such laws. A Unitholder will not be permitted to assign, sell, exchange or transfer any of its interest, rights or obligations with respect to its Units, except by operation of law, without the prior written consent of the Sponsor. Unitholders must be prepared to bear the risks of owning Units for an extended period of time.

***Institutional Risk; Prime Brokers and Custodians.*** Institutions, such as brokerage firms or banks (including the custodians or any of ECRED's affiliates rendering similar services to the extent permissible), may hold certain assets of ECRED in their own name and in non-segregated accounts. Insolvency or fraud at one of these institutions or other entities could impair the operational capabilities or the capital position of ECRED or result in its inability to perform its obligations. Certain brokers will have general custody of the assets of ECRED, and the failure of a broker may result in adverse consequences to the assets held and may in turn have an adverse effect on the value of the Units.

***Necessity for Counterparty Trading Relationships; Counterparty Risk.*** ECRED has established relationships and may establish additional relationships in the future to obtain financing, derivative intermediation and prime brokerage services that permit ECRED to trade in any variety of markets or asset classes over time; however, there can be no assurance that ECRED will be able to maintain or establish such relationships. An inability to maintain or establish such relationships would limit ECRED's trading activities and could create losses, could preclude ECRED from engaging in certain transactions or from obtaining financing, derivative intermediation, and prime brokerage services, and could prevent ECRED from trading at optimal rates and terms. Moreover, a disruption in the financing, derivative intermediation and prime brokerage services provided by any such relationships before ECRED establishes additional relationships could have a significant impact on ECRED's business due to ECRED's reliance on such counterparties.

Most of the markets in which ECRED may effect transactions are not “exchange-based,” including “over-the-counter” or “interdealer” markets. The stability and liquidity of over-the-counter transactions depends in large part on the creditworthiness of the parties to the transactions. The participants in such markets typically are not subject to the credit evaluation and regulatory oversight to which members of “exchange-based” markets are subject. The lack of evaluation and oversight of over-the-counter markets exposes ECRED to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing ECRED to suffer a loss. Such “counterparty risk” is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where ECRED has concentrated its transactions with a single or small group of its counterparties. Generally, ECRED will not be restricted from dealing with any particular counterparties. BXC’s evaluation of the creditworthiness of ECRED’s counterparties may not prove sufficient. The lack of a complete and “foolproof” evaluation of the financial capabilities of ECRED’s counterparties and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate settlement may increase the potential for losses by ECRED.

**Foreign Currency and Exchange Rate Risks.** ECRED’s assets generally will be denominated in the currency of the jurisdiction where the assets are located. Consequently, the return realized on any Investment by investors whose functional currency is not the currency of the jurisdiction in which the Investments are located may be adversely affected by movements in currency exchange rates, costs of conversion and exchange control regulations, in addition to the performance of the Investment itself. Moreover, ECRED may incur costs when converting one currency into another. The value of an Investment may fall substantially as a result of fluctuations in the currency of the country in which the Investment is made as against the value of the euro. The Sponsor may in certain circumstances (but is not obliged to) attempt to manage currency exposures using hedging techniques where available and appropriate. ECRED is therefore expected to incur costs related to currency hedging arrangements. There can be no assurance that adequate hedging arrangements will be available on an economically viable basis or that any particular currency exposure will be hedged.

Unitholders with a functional currency other than euro are exposed to fluctuations in the euro foreign exchange rate. Except as provided for any hedged Class of Units, investments in ECRED and distributions from ECRED will be denominated in euros and Unitholders may incur transaction costs associated with the conversion of euros into their local currency. Furthermore, there may be foreign exchange regulations applicable in certain jurisdictions where this Prospectus is being issued.

**Potential Instability of the euro.** A significant number of countries within the EU use the euro as their national currency. During the global financial crisis of 2009, the stability of certain European financial markets significantly deteriorated and there was speculation at the time that default by certain participating member states of the EU could lead to the collapse of the Eurozone as it is constituted today or that certain member states of the EU could cease to use the euro as their national currency. A euro collapse would likely have negative implications for the European financial industry and the global economy as a whole because of counterparty risks, exposures and other “systemic” risks. Any such deterioration of the euro could have an adverse effect on ECRED, the performance of its Investments and its ability to fulfill its investment objectives. Moreover, such deterioration could have a detrimental effect on the performance of Investments both in those countries that may experience a default on liabilities and on other countries within the EU. A potential primary effect would be an immediate reduction of liquidity for particular investments in the affected countries, thereby potentially impairing the value of such investments. Further, a deteriorating economic environment caused directly or indirectly by such a default may have a direct effect on the creditworthiness of ECRED’s Portfolio Entities thereby impacting the value of ECRED’s Investments generally.

**Risks Associated with the EU.** The long-term stability of certain European financial markets remains uncertain and the possibility of defaults and/or bankruptcies by sovereign states in Europe in respect of their obligations remains a concern, which could have an impact on economic conditions and market activity in the European Union (the “EU”). Given current market conditions of relatively weak growth in many EU member states (which are expected to continue in the near to medium term), there is a risk that default of certain participating member states of the EU may lead to the collapse of the Eurozone as it is constituted today, that certain member states of the EU may cease to use the euro as their national currency or that one or more member states may seek to withdraw from EU membership, which would likely have an adverse impact on ECRED. Moreover, financial and economic developments in one EU member state may impact economic and financial conditions among other EU member states. A euro collapse would likely have negative implications for the European financial industry and the global economy as a whole because of counterparty risks, exposures and other “systemic” risks. A potential effect would be an immediate reduction of liquidity for particular investments in economically connected countries, thereby impairing the value of such investments. ECRED cannot predict for how long uncertain economic conditions would continue to impact markets adversely, or to what degree economic conditions would deteriorate further. Volatility in the global credit markets (and in particular, the recent uncertainty of the credit markets in Europe) may make it more difficult for issuers and borrowers to obtain favorable financing or refinancing arrangements that may be needed to execute ECRED’s investment strategy. A euro collapse could have an adverse effect on ECRED by affecting the performance of its investments and its ability to fulfill its investment objectives. Moreover, this could have a detrimental effect on the performance of investments both in those countries that may experience a default on liabilities and in other countries that are economically connected with the EU.

**Forward-Looking Statements; Opinions.** Statements contained in this Prospectus (including those relating to forecasts, estimates, current and future market conditions and trends in respect thereof, as well as the Sponsor’s, ECRED’s ESG-related intentions, goals and initiatives), that are not historical facts are based on current expectations, estimates, projections, opinions and/or beliefs of Blackstone, the AIFM, the Investment Managers or their affiliates. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, and undue reliance should not be placed thereon. Moreover, certain information contained in this Prospectus constitutes “forward-looking” statements, which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “may”, “can”, “will”, “would”, “seek”, “should”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “project”, “estimate”, “intend”, “forecast”, “continue”, “target” or “believe” or the negatives thereof, or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. Due to various risks and uncertainties, including those set forth herein, actual events or results or the actual performance of ECRED may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated in such forward-looking statements.

**Projections, Forecasts and Estimates.** Any projections, forecasts and estimates contained herein are forward-looking statements and are based upon certain assumptions that ECRED considers reasonable. Projections are necessarily speculative in nature, and it can be expected that some or all of the assumptions underlying the projections will not materialize or will vary significantly from actual results. Projected operating results will often be based on management judgments. In all cases, projections are only estimates of future results that are based upon assumptions made at the time that the projections are developed. Actual results are expected to vary from the projections, and the variations may be material. The inclusion of projections herein should not be regarded as a representation by ECRED, the AIFM, BXCI, Blackstone, any Placement Agent of ECRED or any of their respective affiliates or any other person or entity of the results that will actually be achieved by ECRED. None of ECRED, the AIFM, BXCI, Blackstone, any Placement Agent or any of their respective affiliates and any other person has any obligation to update or otherwise revise any projections, including any revisions to reflect changes in economic conditions or other circumstances arising after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, even if the underlying assumptions do not come to fruition.

**Economic and Trade Sanctions and Anti-Bribery Considerations.** Economic and trade sanctions laws in the United States and other jurisdictions may prohibit Blackstone, Blackstone's professionals and ECRED from transacting with or in certain countries and with certain individuals and companies. These sanctions, including sanctions imposed on Russia and certain Ukraine territories in response to the crisis in Ukraine are complex, frequently changing, and increasing in number, and they may impose additional prohibitions or compliance obligations on Blackstone. In the United States, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("**OFAC**") administers and enforces laws, Executive Orders and regulations establishing U.S. economic and trade sanctions. Such sanctions prohibit, among other things, transactions with, and the provision of services to, certain foreign countries, territories, entities and individuals. These entities and individuals include specially designated nationals, specially designated narcotics traffickers and other parties subject to OFAC sanctions and embargo programs. The lists of OFAC prohibited countries, territories, persons and entities, including the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, as such list may be amended from time to time, can be found on the OFAC website at [www.treas.gov/ofac](http://www.treas.gov/ofac). In addition, certain programs administered by OFAC prohibit dealing with individuals or entities in certain countries regardless of whether such individuals or entities appear on the lists maintained by OFAC. These types of sanctions may significantly restrict ECRED's investment activities in certain countries and, in particular, certain emerging market countries. At the same time, Blackstone may be obligated to comply with certain anti-boycott laws and regulations, which prevent Blackstone and ECRED from engaging in certain discriminatory practices that may be allowed or required in certain jurisdictions. Blackstone's failure to discriminate in this manner could make it more difficult for ECRED to pursue certain investments and engage in certain business activities.

In some countries, there is a greater acceptance than in the United States, the UK and Luxembourg of government involvement in commercial activities, and of corruption. Blackstone, Blackstone's professionals and ECRED are committed, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to complying with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("**FCPA**"), the UK Bribery Act and other anti-corruption laws (including in Luxembourg), anti-bribery laws and regulations, as well as anti-boycott regulations (including in Luxembourg), to which they are subject. As a result, ECRED may be adversely affected because of its unwillingness to participate in transactions that violate such laws or regulations. Such laws and regulations may make it difficult in certain circumstances for ECRED to act successfully on investment opportunities and for Investments to obtain or retain business.

In recent years, the U.S. Department of Justice and the SEC have devoted greater resources to enforcement of the FCPA. In addition, the UK, with enactment of the UK Bribery Act, has expanded the reach of its anti-bribery laws significantly. While Blackstone has developed and implemented policies and procedures designed to ensure strict compliance by Blackstone and its personnel with the FCPA and the UK Bribery Act and the sanctions regimes that apply to Blackstone, such policies and procedures may not be effective in all instances to prevent violations. In addition, in spite of Blackstone's policies and procedures, affiliates of Portfolio Entities, particularly in cases in which ECRED or another fund or vehicle sponsored by Blackstone does not control such Portfolio Entity, may engage in activities that could result in FCPA, UK Bribery Act or other violations of law. Any determination that Blackstone has violated the FCPA, UK Bribery Act or other applicable anti-corruption laws or anti-bribery laws or sanctions requirements could subject us to, among other things, civil and criminal penalties, material fines, profit disgorgement, injunctions on future conduct, securities litigation, disclosure obligations and a general loss of investor confidence, any one of which could adversely affect Blackstone's business prospects and/or financial position, as well as ECRED's ability to achieve its investment objective and/or conduct its operations.

**Big Boy Letters.** ECRED may enter into transactions involving securities, loans, participations, assignments or other investments in which it may be deemed to be in possession of material, non-

public information. In connection with these transactions, ECRED may furnish letter agreements to counterparties and/or intermediaries and counterparties generally stating that the parties to a particular transaction are entering into such transaction notwithstanding a possible information disparity and its potential effect on the value of the assets involved in such transaction—these letter agreements are typically referred to as “big boy” letters. “Big boy” letters are intended to limit liability for fraud under U.S. federal securities laws, state securities laws and the common law, but the jurisprudence related to “big boy” letters continues to evolve and there can be no assurance that ECRED’s use of “big boy” letters in the course of its trading activities will avoid civil or other liability.

**Financial Industry Regulation.** The U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “**Dodd-Frank Act**”), as well as future related legislation, may have an adverse effect on the private equity industry generally or on Blackstone or ECRED, specifically. There can be no assurance that any continued regulatory scrutiny or initiatives will not have an adverse impact on Blackstone or otherwise impede ECRED’s activities. The current regulatory environment in the U.S. may be impacted by future legislative developments, such as amendments to key provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. The U.S. Department of the Treasury has issued a series of recommendations in several reports for streamlining banking regulation and changing key features of the Dodd-Frank Act and other measures taken by regulators following the global financial crisis of 2009. Potential investors should note that any significant changes in, among other things, banking and financial services regulation, including the regulation of the asset management industry, could have a material adverse impact on ECRED and its activities. The Dodd-Frank Act, as well as future related legislation, may have an adverse effect on the private equity industry generally and/or ECRED or Blackstone, specifically. For example, on May 24, 2018, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act (the “**Reform Act**”) was signed into law. Among other regulatory changes, the Reform Act, together with implementing regulations adopted by U.S. federal regulatory agencies in July 2019, amends various sections of the Dodd-Frank Act, including by modifying the so-called “Volcker Rule” to exempt depository institutions that do not have, and are not controlled by a company that has, more than \$10 billion in total consolidated assets and significant trading assets and liabilities. Also 2019, U.S. federal regulatory agencies adopted certain targeted amendments to the Volcker Rule regulations to simplify and tailor certain compliance requirements relating to the Volcker Rule. In June 2020, U.S. federal regulatory agencies adopted additional revisions to the Volcker Rule’s current restrictions on banking entities sponsoring and investing in certain covered hedge funds and private equity funds, including by adopting new exemptions allowing banking entities to sponsor and invest without limit in credit funds, venture capital funds, customer facilitation funds and family wealth management vehicles (the “**Covered Fund Amendments**”). The Covered Fund Amendments also loosen certain other restrictions on extraterritorial fund activities and direct parallel or co-investments made alongside covered funds. The Covered Fund Amendments should therefore expand the ability of banking entities to invest in and sponsor private funds. The ultimate consequences of the Reform Act and these regulatory developments on ECRED and its activities remain uncertain. Therefore, there can be no assurance that any continued regulatory scrutiny or initiatives will not have an adverse impact on, or otherwise impede, ECRED’s or Blackstone’s activities.

In May of 2022, the SEC proposed amendments to rules and reporting forms to promote consistent, comparable, and reliable information for shareholders concerning investment advisers’ incorporation of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors (the “**ESG Proposed Rule**”). The ESG Proposed Rule seeks to categorize certain types of ESG strategies broadly and require advisers to both provide census type data in Form ADV Part 1A and provide more specific disclosures in adviser brochures based on the ESG strategies they pursue.

The ESG Proposed Rules, if adopted, may result in material alterations to how Blackstone and the Sponsor operates its business and/or ECRED, as well as the Sponsor’s implementation of the ECRED’s

investment strategy, and there can be no assurance that such alterations will not have a material adverse effect on Blackstone, the Sponsor, the AIFM, ECRED, its Investments and/or the Shareholders. To the extent permitted under the Prospectus, the incremental costs of compliance by the Sponsor and/or ECRED with any new SEC rules may be borne by the ECRED, which may be significant.

The scope and timing of any final rules and amendments with respect to these proposals is unknown. If adopted, even with modification, these rules and amendments would be expected to significantly increase compliance burdens and associated regulatory costs (which will be Fund Expenses) and complexity and reduce the ability to receive certain expense reimbursements or indemnification in certain circumstances. This, in turn, would be expected to increase the need for broader insurance coverage by fund managers and increase the costs and expenses charged to ECRED and its shareholders. In addition, these amendments could increase the risk of exposure of ECRED, the AIFM and the Sponsor to additional regulatory scrutiny, litigation, censure and penalties for noncompliance or perceived noncompliance, which in turn would be expected to adversely (potentially materially) affect the Sponsor and the ECRED's reputation, and to negatively impact ECRED in conducting its business (thereby materially reducing returns to Shareholders).

Financial services regulation, including regulations applicable to ECRED, has increased significantly in recent years, and may in the future be subject to further enhanced governmental scrutiny and/or increased regulation, including resulting from changes in U.S. executive administration or congressional leadership. Although ECRED cannot predict the likelihood, nature or extent of government regulation that may arise from future legislation or administrative action in the U.S. or any other jurisdiction, changes to legal rules and regulations, or interpretation or enforcement of them, could have a negative financial effect on ECRED.

While the Investment Manager is currently registered under the Advisers Act, the enactment of these reforms and/or other similar legislation could nonetheless have an adverse effect on the investment funds industry generally and on Blackstone and/or ECRED specifically, and may impede ECRED's ability to effectively achieve its investment objectives.

As a registered investment adviser under the Advisers Act, the Sponsor and its affiliates are required to comply with a variety of periodic reporting and compliance-related obligations under applicable federal and state securities laws (including, without limitation, the obligation of the Sponsor and its affiliates to make regulatory filings with respect to ECRED and its activities under the Advisers Act (including, without limitation, Form PF and Form ADV)). In addition, the Sponsor is required to comply with a variety of regulatory reporting and compliance-related obligations under other applicable laws (including AIFM Directive, SFDR and CFTC). In light of the heightened regulatory environment in which ECRED and the Sponsor operate and the ever-increasing regulations applicable to investment funds and their investment advisors, it has become increasingly expensive and time-consuming for ECRED, the Sponsor and their affiliates to comply with such regulatory reporting and compliance-related obligations. ECRED will be required to bear ECRED's expenses relating to compliance-related matters and regulatory filings, which are likely to be material, including on a cumulative basis over the life of ECRED. For example, Form PF requires that the Sponsor report the regulatory assets under management of ECRED, and because ECRED will be required to bear ECRED's share of expenses relating to compliance-related matters and regulatory filings, ECRED will bear the *pro rata* costs and expenses of initial and ongoing Form PF compliance, including costs and expenses of collecting and calculating data and the preparation of such reports and filings. Additionally, ECRED has engaged and may in the future engage additional third-party service providers to perform some or a significant portion of the reporting and compliance-related matters and functions under ECRED's supervision (including draft preparation and the filing of Form PF), which could result in increased compliance costs and expenses borne by ECRED. Any further increases in the regulations applicable to investment funds

generally or ECRED and the Sponsor in particular may result in increased expenses associated with ECRED's activities and additional resources of the Sponsor being devoted to such regulatory reporting and compliance-related obligations, which may reduce overall returns for Unitholders and have an adverse effect on the ability of ECRED to effectively achieve its investment objective.

Furthermore, various federal, state and local agencies have been examining the role of placement agents, finders and other similar service providers in the context of investments by public pension plans and other similar entities, including investigations and requests for information, and in connection therewith, new proposed rules and regulations in this arena may increase the possibility that the Sponsor and its affiliates may be exposed to claims and actions that could require a Unitholder to withdraw from ECRED. As a related matter, Blackstone may be required to provide certain information regarding some of the investors in ECRED to regulatory agencies and bodies in order to comply with applicable laws and regulations, including the FCPA.

In addition, elements of organized labor and other representatives of labor unions have embarked on a campaign targeting private investment firms on a variety of matters of interest to organized labor. As private fund firms and other alternative asset managers become more influential participants in the U.S. and global financial markets and economy generally, the private fund industry has recently been subject to criticism by some politicians, regulators and market commentators. The recent negative perception of the private investment fund industry in certain countries could make it harder for funds sponsored by private investment firms, such as ECRED, to successfully bid for and complete investments.

As a publicly-traded global alternative asset manager whose broad range of businesses include the management of direct and secondary private equity funds, hedge funds, real estate equity and credit funds, credit-oriented funds, opportunistic funds, mutual funds, and other investment funds and products, Blackstone is from time to time subject to litigation and claims relating to its businesses, as well as governmental and/or regulatory inquiries, investigations and/or proceedings. Certain regulatory, litigation and other similar matters are disclosed in (i) Blackstone's public filings (including, without limitation, its current, periodic and annual reports on Forms 8-K, 10-Q and 10-K) and filings of the Sponsor on Form ADV, which may be accessed through the website of the SEC ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)), and (ii) materials made available through Blackstone's investor data site. Any such disclosures in Blackstone's or the Sponsor's public filings or which are otherwise made available to Unitholders, including by way of posting to Blackstone's investor data site, are incorporated herein by reference, to the extent applicable, including with respect to litigation, investigations, settlements and similar proceedings. Blackstone is subject to extensive regulation, including periodic examinations, by governmental agencies and self-regulatory organizations in the jurisdictions in which it operates around the world. These authorities have regulatory powers dealing with many aspects of financial services, including the authority to grant, and in specific circumstances to cancel, permissions to carry on particular activities. Many of these regulators, including U.S. and foreign government agencies and self-regulatory organizations, as well as state securities commissions in the U.S., are also empowered to conduct investigations and administrative proceedings that can result in fines, suspensions of personnel, changes in policies, procedures or disclosure or other sanctions, including censure, the issuance of cease-and-desist orders, the suspension or expulsion of a financial intermediary or investment adviser from registration or memberships or the commencement of a civil or criminal lawsuit against Blackstone or its personnel. Moreover, the SEC has specifically focused on the alternative investment industry. The SEC's list of examination priorities includes, among other things, alternative investment firms' collection of fees and allocation of expenses, their marketing and valuation practices, allocation of investment opportunities and other conflicts of interest. Blackstone is regularly subject to requests for information and informal or formal investigations by the SEC and other regulatory authorities, with which Blackstone routinely cooperates and, in the current environment, even historical practices that have been previously examined are being revisited. Even if an investigation or proceeding

did not result in a sanction, or the sanction imposed against Blackstone or its personnel by a regulator were small in monetary amount, the adverse publicity relating to the investigation, proceeding or imposition of sanctions could harm Blackstone and ECRED.

**Pay-to-Play Laws, Regulations, and Policies.** In light of controversies and highly publicized incidents involving money managers, a number of states and municipal pension plans have adopted so-called “pay-to-play” laws, regulations or policies that prohibit, restrict or require disclosure of payments to (and/or certain contacts with) state officials by individuals and entities seeking to do business with state entities, including investments by public retirement funds. The SEC also has adopted rules that, among other things, prohibit an investment adviser from providing advisory services for compensation with respect to a government plan investor for two years after the adviser or certain of its executives or employees make a political contribution to certain elected officials or candidates. If BXCI, the AIFM, or their respective employees or affiliates fail to comply with such pay-to-play laws, regulations or policies, such non-compliance could have an adverse effect on ECRED by, for example, providing the basis for the withdrawal of the affected government plan investor.

**Legal, Tax and Regulatory Risks.** ECRED’s ability to achieve its investment objectives, as well as the ability of ECRED to conduct its operations, is based on laws and regulations that are subject to change through legislative, judicial or administrative action. Future legislative, judicial or administrative action could adversely affect ECRED’s ability to achieve its investment objectives, as well as the ability of ECRED to conduct its operations. The effects of regulatory changes could also be indirect. The regulatory environment for investment funds is evolving, and changes in the regulation of investment funds may adversely affect the value of Investments held by ECRED and the ability of ECRED to effectively employ its investment and trading strategies. Increased scrutiny and legislative changes applicable to investment funds and their sponsors may also impose significant administrative burdens on BXCI and may divert time and attention from portfolio management activities. In addition and in light of the changing global regulatory climate, ECRED may be required to register under certain foreign laws and regulations and may need to engage distributors or other agents in certain jurisdictions in order to market Units to potential investors. ECRED may also be required to implement specific policies and procedures in order to comply with certain regulatory requirements. The development and implementation of such policies and procedures may be resource-intensive, which could negatively impact investors’ returns. The effect of any future regulatory change on ECRED could be substantial and adverse. In addition, the securities and futures markets are subject to comprehensive statutes, regulations and margin requirements. The CSSF, the SEC and other regulators and self-regulatory organizations and exchanges are authorized to take extraordinary actions in the event of market emergencies. The regulation of derivatives transactions and funds that engage in such transactions is an evolving area of law and is subject to modification by government and judicial action.

**Change of Law Risk.** In addition to the risks regarding regulatory approvals, it should be noted that government counterparties or agencies, including the CSSF, may have the discretion to change or increase regulation of a Portfolio Entity’s operations, or implement laws or regulations affecting a Portfolio Entity’s operations, separate from any contractual rights a Portfolio Entity may have. A Portfolio Entity or Investment also could be materially and adversely affected as a result of statutory or regulatory changes or judicial or administrative interpretations of existing laws and regulations that impose more comprehensive or stringent requirements on such Portfolio Entity or Investment. Governments have considerable discretion in implementing regulations, including, for example, the possible imposition or increase of taxes on income earned by or from a Portfolio Entity or gains recognized by ECRED on its investment in such Portfolio Entity, that could impact such Portfolio Entity’s business as well as ECRED’s return on investment with respect to such Portfolio Entity.



In that regard, prospective investors should note that the outcome of recent and upcoming presidential and other elections creates uncertainty with respect to legal, tax and regulatory regimes in which ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, as well as BXCI and its affiliates, will operate. Any significant changes in, among other things, economic policy (including with respect to interest rates and foreign trade), the regulation of the asset management industry, tax law, immigration policy and/or government entitlement programs could have a material adverse impact on ECRED and its Investments.

**U.S. Tax Reform.** According to publicly released statements, a top legislative priority of President Biden's administration and of Democrats in the Senate and the House of Representatives is significant tax increases and various other changes to U.S. tax rules. Legislation has been proposed that includes, among other changes, increases in the corporate and capital gains rates, an overhaul of the international tax rules, modifications to the exemption for portfolio interest, and further restrictions on the taxation of carried interest. The impact of any potential tax changes on an investment in ECRED is uncertain. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding potential changes in tax laws and the impact on their investment in ECRED and the impact on ECRED and any potential investments.

**Cross-Border Distribution of Funds.** From August 2, 2021 ECRED is in scope of the new Directive 2019/1160 EU and Regulation 2019/1156 EU on cross-border distribution of funds (together, the "CBDF Rules") as ECRED is managed by an AIFM established in the EEA. The CBDF Rules intend to harmonize the regulation of the distribution of AIFs across EEA Member States, in particular by imposing new rules on pre-marketing and more prescriptive requirements on the content and format of marketing communications.

As part of the new regulations on pre-marketing under the CBDF Rules, the AIFM will be required to: (i) notify the regulator of its home EEA Member State that it is conducting pre-marketing (separately to the marketing notification(s) it will be required to make under the AIFM Directive above), and (ii) ensure that any pre-marketing materials sent to EEA investors stays within the parameters imposed by the CBDF Rules, as implemented within the relevant EEA Member States.

It is difficult to predict the full impact of the CBDF Rules as national implementation is awaited by the EEA Member States. It is possible that there could be an adverse impact on ECRED due to the AIFM's increased regulatory burden ensuring compliance with the additional notification and marketing communication content requirements described above, and in particular, in ensuring the pre-marketing parameters under the CBDF Rules are adhered to; these are likely to vary between different EEA Member States.

**AIFMD II.** On November 25, 2021, the European Commission adopted a legislative proposal to amend the AIFM Directive and Directive 2009/65/EC (the "**Amending Directive**", commonly referred to as "**AIFMD II**"). Following a period of trilogues, a provisional agreement on the Amending Directive was reached in July 2023. The final text of the political agreement was published by the European Council on 6 November 2023. The provisional agreement was approved by the European Parliament in its plenary session on 7 February 2024 and was formally adopted by the European Council on 26 February 2024. Following the entry into force of the Amending Directive, there will be an implementation period of up to 2 years. If implemented as anticipated, AIFMD II could adversely affect ECRED's ability to achieve its investment objectives, as well as the ability of ECRED to conduct its operations, or increase the costs or compliance obligations to which ECRED or the AIFM are subject. The AIFMD II provisions relating to loan originating activities include, without limitation: leverage limits, financial sector concentration limits, limits on lending to connected entities, a prohibition on "originate to distribute" strategies, risk retention requirements, and mandated liquidity management mechanisms for open ended funds. The implementation of these proposals could have a negative impact on ECRED including, but not limited to: (i) affecting ECRED's ability to make and/or exit investments which

constitute loan origination in the future, or the manner in which it does so, (ii) increasing costs borne by ECRED or the AIFM to ensure compliance with these proposals, or (iii) lowering the potential returns on ECRED's investments as a result of leverage limits.

**“Shadow Banking” Regulation.** There has been increasing commentary among regulators and intergovernmental institutions, including the Financial Stability Board and International Monetary Fund, on the topic of non-bank financial intermediation (which has also been referred to as “shadow banking”). These terms are generally taken to refer to credit intermediation involving entities and activities outside the regulated banking system. The Financial Stability Board issued numerous reports recommending strengthening oversight and regulation of the non-bank financial intermediation in Europe, including steps to define the scope of the non-bank financial intermediation and proposing general governing principles for a monitoring and regulatory framework. While at this stage, it is difficult to predict the scope of any new regulations, if during ECRED's term such regulations were to extend the regulatory and supervisory requirements currently applicable to banks, such as capital and liquidity standards, to ECRED, the regulatory and operating costs associated therewith could adversely impact the implementation of ECRED's investment strategy and ECRED's returns and could become prohibitive with respect to ECRED's Investments. In addition, the AIFM Directive remains under continued review by the European lawmakers. The European Securities and Markets Authority has indicated its areas of focus with regards to amending the AIFM Directive and this includes potential measures relating to liquidity and leverage risk in investments funds (which would include ECRED). Whilst at this stage it is unclear as to extent of the amendments that may be made, these may include mandatory limits on leverage and other measures to mitigate financial stability risks. In an extreme eventuality, it is possible that any of the aforementioned regulatory reforms, if enacted in Europe, could render investments by ECRED unviable and lead to premature restructuring and/or the disposition of ECRED's existing Investments.

**Registration under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act.** Registration with the CFTC as a “commodity pool operator” (“CPO”) or any change in ECRED's operations necessary to maintain the Sponsor's ability to rely upon an exemption from registration (including as described in Section XII: “Regulatory, Tax and ERISA Considerations—U.S. Commodity Exchange Act”) could adversely affect ECRED's ability to implement its investment program, conduct its operations and/or achieve its objectives and subject ECRED to certain additional costs, expenses and administrative burdens. Furthermore, any determination by the Sponsor to cease or to limit holding or investing in interests that may be treated as “commodity interests” in order to comply with the regulations of the CFTC may have a material adverse effect on ECRED's ability to implement its investment objectives and to hedge risks associated with its operations.

**European Market Infrastructure Regulation.** On August 16, 2012, the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EU No. 648/2012) (“EMIR”) entered into force. For the purposes of this risk factor, references to EMIR shall include EMIR as incorporated (or “onshored”) into the national laws of the UK following the UK's exit from the European Union. EMIR introduces certain requirements in respect of derivative contracts, which will apply primarily to “financial counterparties” (“FCs”) such as EU/UK (as appropriate) authorized investment firms, credit institutions, insurance companies, UCITS and alternative investment funds managed by EU/UK (as appropriate) authorized alternative investment fund managers, and “non-financial counterparties” (“NFCs”), which are entities established in the EU that are not financial counterparties. NFCs whose transactions in over-the-counter (“OTC”) derivative contracts exceed EMIR's prescribed clearing threshold (“NFC+s”) are generally subject to more stringent requirements under EMIR than FCs and NFCs whose transactions in OTC derivative contracts do not exceed such clearing threshold (including because such contracts are excluded from the threshold calculation on the basis that they are entered into in order to reduce the risks directly relating to the NFC's commercial activity or treasury financing activity) (“NFC-s”).

Broadly, EMIR's requirements in respect of derivative contracts are (i) mandatory clearing of OTC derivative contracts declared subject to the clearing obligation; (ii) risk mitigation techniques in respect of uncleared OTC derivative contracts (such as the exchange and segregation of collateral); and (iii) reporting and record-keeping requirements in respect of all derivative contracts.

EMIR was amended by Regulation (EU) 2019/834 of the European Parliament and of the Council (the "EMIR REFIT") which came into effect on June 17, 2019. For the purposes of this risk factor, references to EMIR REFIT shall include EMIR REFIT as incorporated (or "onshored") into the national laws of the UK following the UK's exit from the EU. The EMIR REFIT expanded the definition of FC to capture EU/UK (as appropriate) AIFs (irrespective of the location of the alternative investment fund manager) and, where relevant, their EU/UK (as appropriate) alternative investment fund managers (such as the AIFM), in addition to, as under the original definition, AIFs (irrespective of location) with an authorized or registered alternative investment fund manager.

EMIR REFIT also impacts the classification of a non-EU/non-UK (as appropriate) AIF (such as ECRED) with a non-EU/non-UK (as appropriate) alternative investment fund manager (such as the investment advisor of ECRED). Originally, under EMIR, such non-EU AIFs were classified as third country entities that would be NFCs if they were established in the EU. However, from June 17, 2019, non-EU/non-UK (as appropriate) AIFs with non-EU/non-UK (as appropriate) alternative investment fund managers will be re-classified as third country entities that would be financial counterparties if they were established in the EU.

The EU/UK regulatory framework and legal regime relating to derivatives is set not only by EMIR and EMIR REFIT but also by the re-cast Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU (the "MiFID II Directive"), delegated and implementing regulations made thereunder, laws and regulations introduced by Member States of the EU to implement the MiFID II Directive, and the EU's Markets in Financial Instruments of 15 May 2014 on markets and financial instruments and Regulation (EU) 600/2014 (together with the MiFID II Directive, "MiFID II" and, in each case, including as implemented in to the national laws of EEA Member States and as implemented and retained in to the national laws of the UK following the UK's exit from the EU. In particular, MiFID II requires certain transactions between FCs and NFC+s in sufficiently liquid OTC derivatives (including all those subject to a mandatory clearing obligation under EMIR) to be executed on a trading venue that meets the requirements of the MiFID II regime.

It is difficult to predict the full impact of these regulatory developments on ECRED. Prospective investors should be aware that the regulatory changes arising from EMIR, EMIR REFIT and MiFID II may in due course significantly raise the costs of entering into certain classes derivative contracts and may adversely affect ECRED's ability to engage in transactions in derivatives.

***Laws of Other Jurisdictions Where ECRED is Marketed.*** Units may be marketed in various jurisdictions in addition to those more specifically addressed elsewhere in this Prospectus. In order to market Units in ECRED in certain jurisdictions (or to investors who are citizens of or resident in such jurisdictions), ECRED, the Sponsor, BXCI, Blackstone or its affiliates will be required to comply with applicable laws and regulations relating to such activities. Compliance may involve, among other things, making notifications to or filings with local regulatory authorities, registering ECRED, the AIFM, the Investment Managers, BXCI, the Sponsor or its affiliates or the Units with local regulatory authorities or complying with operating or investment restrictions and requirements, including with respect to prudential regulation. Compliance with such laws and regulations may limit the ability of ECRED to participate in investment opportunities and may impose onerous or conflicting operating requirements on ECRED, the AIFM, the Investment Managers, BXCI, the Sponsor or its affiliates. The costs, fees and expenses incurred in order to comply with such laws and regulations, including, without limitation, related legal fees and filing or registration fees and expenses, will be borne by ECRED and may be

substantial. In addition, if ECRED, the AIFM, the Investment Managers, BXCI, the Sponsor or its affiliates were to fail to comply with such laws and regulations, any or all of them could be subject to fines or other penalties, the cost of which typically would be borne by ECRED.

### ***EU Risk Retention Requirements and Securitization Regulation***

Risk retention and due diligence requirements (the “**EU Risk Retention Rules**”) apply under EU legislation in respect of various types of investors, including credit institutions, investment firms, authorized alternative investment fund managers and insurance and reinsurance undertakings (together, “**Affected Unitholders**”). The current EU Risk Retention Rules are contained in the Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 (the “**Securitization Regulation**”), which repealed and replaced the prior EU Risk Retention Rules and applies from January 1, 2019 (or subject to certain transitional provisions regarding securitizations the securities of which were issued before January 1, 2019). Amongst other things, such requirements restrict an investor who is subject to the EU Risk Retention Rules (including the AIFM acting on behalf of ECRED) from investing in securitizations issued on or after January 1, 2019 (or securitizations issued before that date but in respect of which new securities are issued on or after January 1, 2019), unless certain provisions of the EU Risk Retention Rules are complied with, including that the originator, sponsor or original lender in respect of the relevant securitization (the “**Risk Retention Holder**”) has explicitly disclosed that it will retain, on an ongoing basis, a net economic interest of not less than 5%. Risk Retention Holders must hold the retained net economic interest throughout the life of the securitization, and may not enter into any arrangement designed to mitigate the credit risk in relation thereto. Unitholders should be aware that there are material differences between the EU Risk Retention Rules imposed prior to January 1, 2019 and the EU Risk Retention Rules contained in the Securitization Regulation. For example, the Securitization Regulation imposes a direct retention obligation on sponsors and originators of securitizations. Moreover, the Securitization Regulation expands on the types of Affected Unitholder to which the due diligence requirements apply.

Investments by ECRED which involve the tranching of credit risk associated with an exposure or pool of exposures (such as CLOs) are likely to be treated as “securitizations” under the EU Risk Retention Rules. If such Investments are “securitizations” within the EU Risk Retention Rules, the sponsor or originator of the transaction (which could be the AIFM, the Investment Managers or their affiliates or ECRED in certain cases) may be required to act as the Risk Retention Holder. The requirements in the EU Risk Retention Rules could increase the costs of such Investments for ECRED. Further, the range of investment strategies and Investments that ECRED is able to pursue may be limited by the EU Risk Retention Rules, for example, where, as maybe determined by the AIFM with the support of the Investment Managers, ECRED is ineligible to invest in certain CLOs and other securitization investments in which ECRED is eligible to invest, because such Investments are not compliant with the EU Risk Retention Rules. As a result, ECRED may be adversely affected, ECRED may not be able to invest in opportunities they might otherwise be able to invest in, and the performance and the portfolio of ECRED may diverge from that of Other BX Funds, such that the investment returns generated by Other BX Funds may be more or less than those generated by ECRED. There may be other adverse consequences for investors and their subscriptions in ECRED as a result of the EU Risk Retention Rules, including the changes to the EU Risk Retention Rules introduced through the Securitization Regulation.

The EU Risk Retention Rules and Securitization Regulation may be subject to change, or their application or interpretation may change. Such changes may adversely affect ECRED, including that ECRED may dispose of such Investments when it would not otherwise have determined to do so or at a price that is not as advantageous as it would have otherwise. To the extent that there is any lack of clarity regarding the application of such regulations to investments made by ECRED, there may be risks to ECRED of non-compliance, including because the Investment Manager’s interpretation of the

regulations is ultimately not the same as a regulatory authority's interpretation of the regulations. Prospective investors, including Affected Unitholders, should consult with their own legal, accounting, regulatory and other advisors and/or regulators to determine whether, and to what extent, the information set out in this Prospectus and in any investor report provided in relation to this offering is sufficient for the purpose of satisfying any of their obligations under the Securitization Regulation and the EU Risk Retention Rules, and such investors are required to independently assess and determine the sufficiency of the information for such purpose. Prospective investors are themselves also responsible for monitoring and assessing changes to the EU Risk Retention Rules, and any regulatory capital requirements applicable to the investor, including any such changes introduced through the Securitization Regulation.

## **VALUATIONS & RETURNS**

**Valuation Matters.** The fair value of all Investments received in exchange for any Investments will be determined by the AIFM. Accordingly, the carrying value of an Investment at any given point in time may not reflect the price at which the investment is ultimately sold in the market, and the difference between carrying value and the ultimate sales price could be material. The valuation of such investments will be determined by the AIFM in accordance with procedures set forth in this Prospectus and the Management Regulations. The valuation methodologies used to value any investment will involve subjective judgments and projections and may not be accurate. Valuation methodologies are based on assumptions and opinions about future events, which may or may not turn out to be correct. Valuation methodologies may permit reliance on a prior period valuation of particular Investments. Ultimate realization of the value of an asset depends to a great extent on economic, market and other conditions beyond BXCI's control.

In addition, securities that BXCI believes are fundamentally undervalued or overvalued at any given point in time may not ultimately be valued in the capital markets at prices and/or within the time frame BXCI anticipates. In particular, the price of securities that BXCI believes to be distressed or below fair value may decline even further. There is no guarantee that the fair value as determined by the AIFM (with the assistance of BXCI) at any given point in time will represent the value that will be realized by ECRED on the eventual disposition of the Investment or that would, in fact, be realized upon an immediate disposition of the Investment.

There may be circumstances in which the Sponsor is incentivized to defer realization of Investments, make more speculative Investments, seek to deploy the investments in Investments at an accelerated pace, hold Investments longer and/or determine valuations that are higher than the actual fair value of Investments, which generally remains in the sole discretion of the Sponsor. There will be no retroactive adjustment in the valuation of any Investment.

**Uncertainty of Projections.** Investment underwriting is based in significant part on estimates or projections of future financial and economic performance, including current and future internal rates of return. Moreover, decisions on how to manage an Investment during its hold period are informed by expectations of future performance and projections of operating results, which are often based on judgments by Portfolio Entity management, sponsors, a Portfolio Entity's advisors or BXCI. All of these projections are only estimates of future results that are based upon, among other considerations, assumptions made at the time that the projections are developed, including assumptions regarding the performance of ECRED assets, the amount and terms of available financing and the manner and timing of dispositions, all of which are subject to significant uncertainty. There can be no assurance that the projected results will be obtained, and actual results may vary significantly from the projections. General economic conditions and other events, which are not predictable and may not have been anticipated, can have a material adverse impact on the reliability of such projections. Moreover, other experts may disagree regarding the feasibility of achieving projected returns. ECRED will make investments which

may have different degrees of associated risk. The actual realized returns on unrealized investments may differ materially from the returns indicated herein or, with respect to ECRED's future investments, from the returns projected at the time of acquisition, which in each case, are not a guarantee or prediction of future results.

**Limitations of NAV.** The Central Administration's, under the oversight of the AIFM, determination, of ECRED's monthly NAV per Unit will be based in part on the latest quarterly valuation of each of its Investments, as adjusted each month to incorporate the latest available financial data for such Investments, including any cash flow activity related to such Investments. As a result, ECRED's published NAV per Unit in any given month may not fully reflect any or all changes in value that may have occurred since the most recent quarterly valuation.

In supporting the Central Administration in determining the NAV, with the support of the Investment Managers, the AIFM may, but is not obligated to, monitor ECRED's Investments on an ongoing basis for events that the AIFM, believes may have a material impact on ECRED's NAV as a whole. Material events may include investment-specific events or broader market-driven events which may impact more than one specific investment. Upon the occurrence of such a material event and provided that the AIFM, is aware that such event has occurred, the AIFM, may, but is not obligated to, provide an estimate of the change in value of the Investment, based on the valuation procedures described in Section VI: "Calculation of Net Asset Value." In addition to tracking the NAV plus related cash flows of ECRED's Investments, the AIFM, with the support of the Investment Managers, may, but is not obligated to, track relevant issuer-specific events or broader market-driven events that the AIFM, believes may have a material impact on ECRED's NAV as a whole. Upon the occurrence of such a material event and provided that the AIFM, is aware that such event has occurred, the AIFM, may, but is not obligated to, make a corresponding adjustment to reflect the current fair value of such Investments, applying the valuation methodologies described in Section VI: "Calculation of Net Asset Value."

In general, the AIFM, expects that any adjustments to fair values will be calculated after a determination that a material change has occurred and the financial effects of such change are quantifiable by the AIFM. However, rapidly changing market conditions or material events may not be immediately reflected in ECRED's monthly NAV. For example, an unexpected termination or renewal of key customer relationships, recent financial results or changes in the capital structure of an investment, regulatory changes that affect an investment, or a significant industry event or adjustment to an industry outlook that may cause the value of an Investment to change materially, yet obtaining sufficient relevant information after the occurrence has come to light and/or analyzing fully the financial impact of such an event may be difficult to do and may require some time. As a result, the NAV per Unit may not reflect a material event until such time as sufficient information is available and analyzed, and the financial impact is fully evaluated, such that ECRED's NAV may be appropriately adjusted in accordance with Article 10. Depending on the circumstance, the resulting potential disparity in ECRED's NAV may be in favor or to the detriment of either Unitholders who redeem their Units, or Unitholders who buy new Units, or existing Unitholders. The methods used by the Central Administration, under the oversight of AIFM, to calculate ECRED's NAV, including the components used in calculating ECRED's NAV, is not prescribed by rules of the CSSF, the SEC or any other regulatory agency. Further, there are no accounting rules or standards that prescribe which components should be used in calculating NAV, and ECRED's NAV is not audited by ECRED's independent registered public accounting firm. ECRED calculates and publishes NAV solely for purposes of establishing the price at which ECRED sells and redeems Units, and you should not view ECRED's NAV as a measure of ECRED's historical or future financial condition or performance. The components and methodology used in calculating ECRED's NAV may differ from those used by other companies now or in the future.

In addition, calculations of ECRED's NAV, to the extent that they incorporate valuations of ECRED's assets and liabilities, are not prepared in accordance with IFRS. These valuations may differ from liquidation values that could be realized in the event that ECRED were forced to sell assets.

Additionally, errors may occur in calculating ECRED's NAV, which could impact the price at which ECRED's sells and redeems its Units, the amount of the Management Fee, the Performance Participation Allocation and the AIFM Fee. The AIFM, with the support of the Investment Managers, has implemented certain policies and procedures to address such errors in NAV calculations. If such errors were to occur, the AIFM, with the support of the Investment Managers, depending on the circumstances surrounding each error and the extent of any impact the error has on the price at which Units were sold or redeemed or on the amount of the Management Fee, the Performance Participation Allocation and the AIFM Fee, may determine in its sole discretion to take certain corrective actions in response to such errors, including, subject to Blackstone's policies and procedures, making adjustments to prior NAV calculations. Unitholders should carefully review the disclosure of the valuation methods as detailed in Article 10 and how NAV will be calculated Section VI: "Calculation of Net Asset Value."

***EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.*** ECRED Feeder SICAV intends to be categorized as an "Article 8" product for the purposes of SFDR because it promotes certain environmental and social characteristics, amongst other characteristics. ECRED Feeder SICAV may make "sustainable investments" within the meaning of Article 2(17) SFDR but do not commit to make any minimum proportion of "sustainable investments." There is legal uncertainty around the parameters applicable when categorizing a financial product under the SFDR and there is no guarantee that regulators will agree with the relevant characterization. In circumstances where there is a determination that ECRED Feeder SICAV has been characterized incorrectly, there could be a risk of investigation, enforcement proceedings and/or sanctions.

Under the SFDR, when Article 8 products (such as ECRED Feeder SICAV) invest in companies, they should only invest in companies (such companies, "**Investee Companies**") that follow good governance practices. The Sponsor aims to assess the governance practices of ECRED Feeder SICAV's Investee Companies and ECRED Feeder SICAV's due diligence and investment monitoring procedures have been enhanced accordingly but, at present, no threshold has been established by law nor has guidance been issued to determine whether governance practices should be considered "good". It is possible that legislation or guidance could subsequently establish a standard for assessing good governance and such standard could be different from, or higher than, the standard applied by the Sponsor. This could: (i) result in the AIFM breaching its obligations under Article 8 of the SFDR and/or (ii) materially restrict the potential investments available to ECRED Feeder SICAV so long as ECRED Feeder SICAV promotes environmental or social characteristics. In the event of a breach by the AIFM as described above, the Sponsor expects to seek to cure such breach by engaging directly with the portfolio company to address such portfolio company's governance practices. There can be no assurance that a portfolio company will be able to adequately address any deficiencies in its governance practices nor that the Sponsor will be successful in remedying any breach or in ensuring a portfolio company's compliance with the requisite good governance practices, and as a result, the Sponsor may seek to dispose of the Investment in the portfolio company or cease the promotion of environmental and social characteristics (which, to the extent not contrary to applicable law, the Sponsor reserves the right to do). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the promotion of environmental and/or social characteristics and the pursuit of any initiatives related to the ongoing management and compliance with good governance practices will only be pursued to the extent that such activities are consistent with ECRED Feeder SICAV's objective of seeking to maximize risk-adjusted returns.

**Documentation and Legal Risks.** ECRED, its Portfolio Entities and ECRED's Investments are governed by a complex series of legal documents and contracts. The intent of the legal documents and contracts might not be clear, and even clear drafting can be misconstrued by counterparties and judges. A dispute over interpretation of any of these documents or contracts could arise, which may result in unenforceability of the contract or other outcome that is adverse to ECRED.

**Inflation.** European, U.S. and other developed economies have recently begun to experience higher-than normal inflation rates. It remains uncertain whether substantial inflation in Europe, the U.S. and other developed economies will be sustained over an extended period of time or have a significant effect on the U.S. or other economies. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had in the past, and may in the future have, negative effects on economies and financial markets, particularly in emerging economies. For example, if a Portfolio Entity is unable to increase its revenue in times of higher inflation, its profitability may be adversely affected. Portfolio Entities may have revenues linked to some extent to inflation, including without limitation, by government regulations and contractual arrangement. As inflation rises, a Portfolio Entity may earn more revenue but may incur higher expenses. As inflation declines, a Portfolio Entity may not be able to reduce expenses commensurate with any resulting reduction in revenue. Furthermore, wages and prices of inputs increase during periods of inflation, which can negatively impact returns on investments. In an attempt to stabilize inflation, countries may impose wage and price controls or otherwise intervene in the economy. Governmental efforts to curb inflation often have negative effects on the level of economic activity. There can be no assurance that inflation will not become a serious problem in the future and have an adverse impact on ECRED's returns. There can be no assurance that continued and more wide-spread inflation in Europe, the U.S. and/or other economies will not become a serious problem in the future and have a material adverse impact on ECRED's returns.

**Trade Policy.** Political leaders in the U.S. and certain European nations have been elected on protectionist platforms, fueling doubts about the future of global free trade. The U.S. government has indicated its intent to alter its approach to international trade policy and in some cases to renegotiate, or potentially terminate, certain existing bilateral or multi-lateral trade agreements and treaties with foreign countries, and has made proposals and taken actions related thereto. In addition, the U.S. government has recently imposed tariffs on certain foreign goods, including steel and aluminum and has indicated a willingness to impose tariffs on imports of other products. Some foreign governments, including China, have, in the past, instituted retaliatory tariffs on certain U.S. goods and have indicated a willingness to impose additional tariffs on U.S. products. Other countries, including Mexico, have threatened retaliatory tariffs on certain U.S. products. Global trade disruption, significant introductions of trade barriers and bilateral trade frictions, together with any future downturns in the global economy resulting therefrom, could adversely affect the financial performance of ECRED and its Investments. In particular, the U.S. and China have agreed to a partial trade deal with respect to their ongoing trade disputes. However certain issues remain unresolved, which is expected to be an ongoing source of instability, potentially resulting in significant currency fluctuations and/or have other adverse effects on international markets, international trade agreements and/or other existing cross-border cooperation arrangements (whether economic, tax, fiscal, legal, regulatory or otherwise). While this dispute has already had negative economic consequences on the U.S. markets, to the extent that this trade dispute escalates into a "trade war" between the U.S. and China, there could be additional significant impacts on the industries in which ECRED participates, the jurisdiction of Investments and other adverse impacts on Investments. In addition, trade disputes may develop between other countries, which may have similar or more pronounced risks and consequences for ECRED or its Investments. In addition, trade disputes may develop between other countries, which may have similar or more pronounced risks and consequences for ECRED or its Investments.



**Software Code Protection.** Source code may comprise a critical component to a Portfolio Entity's operations. If an unauthorized disclosure of a significant portion of source code occurs, a Portfolio Entity could potentially lose future trade secret protection for that source code. This could make it easier for third parties to compete with such Portfolio Entity products by copying functionality, which could adversely affect revenue and operating margins. Unauthorized disclosure of source code could also increase security risks (e.g., viruses, worms and other malicious software programs that may attack Portfolio Entity products and services). Costs for remediating the unauthorized disclosure of source code and other cyber-security breaches, may include, among other things, increased protection costs, reputational damage and loss of market share, liability for stolen assets or information and repairing system damage that may have been caused. Remediation costs may also include incentives offered to Portfolio Entity customers or other business partners in an effort to maintain the business relationships after a security breach.

**Joint Investments.** ECRED will enter into joint investments with Other Blackstone Accounts and may do so where such funds have certain governance rights for legal, regulatory or other reasons. Any such Other Blackstone Account may sell any such investment to any Person at any time and ECRED may or may not participate with such Other Blackstone Account in such sale.

**Data Protection.** Prospective investors should be aware that, in making an investment in ECRED, and interacting with ECRED (including through the AIFM), its affiliates and/or delegates by:

- i. submitting the subscription documents;
- ii. communicating through telephone calls, written correspondence and emails (all of which may be recorded); or
- iii. providing personal data within the meaning of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679), which includes any information relating to an identifiable individual (such as name, address, date of birth or economic information) ("**Personal Data**") concerning individuals connected with the investor (such as directors, trustees, employees, representatives, shareholders, investors, clients, beneficial owners and/or agents),

they will be providing ECRED (and, where relevant, the AIFM on behalf of ECRED), its affiliates and/or delegates with Personal Data.

ECRED has prepared a data privacy notice ("**DPN**") detailing how ECRED will collect Personal Data, where it collects it from, and the purposes for which the Personal Data is used. This DPN explains what rights are given to individuals, how long Personal Data will be retained, who it will be shared with, the purposes of the processing, whether Personal Data is transferred outside of the European Economic Area, and relevant contacts.

All relevant new investors will receive an advance copy of the DPN as part of the process to subscribe for Units in ECRED (a) by requesting access to the investor portal, (b) by visiting <https://www.blackstone.com/privacy> and selecting "Investor Data Privacy Notice" and (c) by visiting our website at <https://www.ecred.com> and selecting "Privacy" at the bottom of the page or (d) by any other means that the DPN is provided to them by or on behalf of ECRED. All new investors should read the DPN carefully before sharing any Personal Data in accordance with the steps noted in (i), (ii) and (iii) above.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the processing of Personal Data, please contact [PrivacyQueries@blackstone.com](mailto:PrivacyQueries@blackstone.com).

**Access to Information from Portfolio Entities.** BXCI may not always receive full information from Portfolio Entities because certain of this information may be considered proprietary by a Portfolio Entity. A Portfolio Entity's use of proprietary investment strategies that are not fully disclosed to BXCI may involve risks under some market conditions that are not anticipated by BXCI. Furthermore, this lack of access to information may make it more difficult for Blackstone to select and evaluate Portfolio Entities.

**Future Investment Techniques and Instruments.** Subject to the terms of the Management Regulations, this Prospectus and applicable law, ECRED may employ new investment techniques or invest in new instruments that BXCI believes will help achieve ECRED's investment objectives, whether or not such investment techniques or instruments are specifically described herein. Such investments may entail risks not described herein. New investment techniques or instruments may not be thoroughly tested in the market before being employed and may have operational or theoretical shortcomings which could result in unsuccessful investments and, ultimately, losses to ECRED. In addition, any new investment technique or instrument developed by ECRED may be more speculative than earlier investment techniques or instruments and may involve material and unanticipated risks.

**Technological and Scientific Innovations.** Recent technological and scientific innovations have disrupted numerous established industries and those with incumbent power in them. As technological and scientific innovation continues to advance rapidly, it could impact one or more of ECRED's strategies. Moreover, given the pace of innovation in recent years, the impact on a particular Investment may not have been foreseeable at the time ECRED made such Investment and may adversely impact ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities. Furthermore, BXCI could base investment decisions on views about the direction or degree of innovation that prove inaccurate and lead to losses.

**Misconduct by AIFM Employees and Fund Service Providers.** Misconduct by employees of the AIFM and service providers to ECRED and/or their respective affiliates could cause significant losses to ECRED. Misconduct may include entering into transactions without authorization, the failure to comply with operational and risk procedures, including due diligence procedures, the improper use or disclosure of confidential or material non-public information, which could result in litigation or serious financial harm, including limiting ECRED's business prospects or future marketing activities, and non-compliance with applicable laws or regulations and the concealing of any of the foregoing. Such activities may result in reputational damage, litigation, business disruption and/or financial losses to ECRED. BXCI has controls and procedures through which it seeks to minimize the risk of such misconduct occurring. However, no assurances can be given that BXCI will be able to identify or prevent such misconduct.

**Volatility of Credit Markets May Affect Ability to Finance and Consummate Investments.** The volatility of the global credit markets could make it more difficult to obtain favorable financing or refinancings for ECRED's investments. During periods of volatility, which often occur during economic downturns, generally credit spreads widen, volatility of the global debt markets becomes extreme, interest rates rise and investor demand for high yield debt and senior bank debt declines. These trends result in reduced willingness by investment banks and other lenders to finance or refinance private equity investments and could lead to a deterioration in available terms. ECRED's ability to generate attractive investment returns for its Unitholders will be adversely affected to the extent ECRED is unable to obtain favorable financing. Moreover, to the extent that such marketplace events are not temporary, they could have an adverse impact on the availability of credit to businesses generally and could lead to an overall weakening of the economy, which could restrict the ability of ECRED to sell or liquidate investments at favorable times or for favorable prices or otherwise may have an adverse impact on the business and operations of ECRED.

**Multiple Blackstone Business Lines.** Blackstone has multiple business lines, including the Blackstone Capital Markets Group, which Blackstone, ECRED, its Portfolio Entities and Other

Blackstone Accounts, portfolio companies of ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts and third parties will, in certain circumstances, engage for debt and equity financings and to provide other investment banking, brokerage, investment advisory or other services. As a result of these activities, Blackstone is subject to a number of actual and potential conflicts of interest, greater regulatory oversight and more legal and contractual restrictions than if it had one line of business. For example, Blackstone may come into possession of information that limits ECRED's ability to engage in potential transactions. Similarly, other Blackstone businesses and their personnel may be prohibited by law or contract from sharing information with BXCI that would be relevant to monitoring ECRED's Investments and other activities. Additionally, Blackstone, BXCI or Other Blackstone Accounts can be expected to enter into covenants that restrict or otherwise limit the ability of ECRED or its portfolio companies and their affiliates to make investments in, or otherwise engage in, certain businesses or activities. For example, Other Blackstone Accounts could have granted exclusivity to a joint venture partner that limits ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts from owning assets within a certain distance of any of the joint venture's assets, or Blackstone, BXCI or an Other Blackstone Account could have entered into a non-compete in connection with a sale or other transaction. These types of restrictions may negatively impact the ability of ECRED to implement its investment program. (See also "Other Blackstone and BXCI Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities"). Finally, Blackstone and BXCI personnel who are members of the investment team or investment committee may be excluded from participating in certain investment decisions due to conflicts involving other Blackstone businesses or for other reasons, including other business activities in which case ECRED will not benefit from their experience. The Unitholders will not receive a benefit from any fees earned by Blackstone or their personnel from these other businesses.

Blackstone is under no obligation to decline any engagements or investments in order to make an investment opportunity available to ECRED. Blackstone has long-term relationships with a significant number of corporations and their senior management. In determining whether to invest in a particular transaction on behalf of ECRED, Blackstone will consider those relationships and may decline to participate in a transaction as a result of one or more of such relationships (e.g., investments in a competitor of a client or other person with whom Blackstone has a relationship). ECRED may be forced to sell or hold existing investments as a result of investment banking relationships or other relationships that Blackstone may have or transactions or investments Blackstone may make or have made. Therefore, there can be no assurance that all potentially suitable investment opportunities that come to the attention of Blackstone will be made available to ECRED. (See "Other Blackstone and BXCI Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities" and "Portfolio Entity Relationships Generally" below.) ECRED may also co-invest with clients of Blackstone or other persons with whom Blackstone has a relationship in particular investment opportunities, and other aspects of these Blackstone relationships could influence the decisions made by the AIFM with respect to such investments and otherwise result in a conflict. (See also "Other Blackstone and BXCI Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities" below.)

Finally, Blackstone and other Blackstone Clients could acquire limited partner interests in ECRED in the secondary market. Blackstone and other Blackstone Clients would generally have greater information than counterparties in such transactions, and the existence of such business could produce conflicts, including in the valuation of ECRED's Investments.

**Possibility of Different Information Rights.** Unitholders may request information from BXCI relating to ECRED, and BXCI can in its discretion provide such Unitholders with the information requested. Unitholders that request and receive such information will consequently possess information regarding the business and affairs of ECRED that is not generally known to other Unitholders. As a result, certain Unitholders may take or not take actions on the basis of such information which, in the absence of such information, other Unitholders do or do not take. Furthermore, at certain times BXCI may be restricted from disclosing to the Unitholders material non-public information regarding any assets in which ECRED

invests, particularly those investments in which an Other Blackstone Account or Portfolio Entity that is publicly registered co-invests with ECRED.

**Tax Liability.** Any change of ECRED's tax status or in taxation legislation or any interpretation thereof in Luxembourg or any country where ECRED has assets or operations could affect the value of the assets held by ECRED or ECRED's ability to achieve its investment strategy or provide favorable returns to Unitholders. Any such change could also adversely affect the net amount of any distributions made to Unitholders. If ECRED is treated as having a permanent establishment, or as otherwise being engaged in a trade or business, in any country in which it invests or in which its interests are managed, income attributable to or effectively connected with such permanent establishment or trade or business may be subject to tax in the place of such permanent establishment. In order for ECRED to maintain its tax status, continued attention must be paid to ensure that all relevant conditions are satisfied in all the jurisdictions which ECRED operates in order to avail itself of any benefits.

**Base Erosion, Profit Shifting and Related Measures.** OECD together with the G20 countries has committed to reduce perceived abusive global tax avoidance, referred to as base erosion and profit shifting ("**BEPS**"). As part of this commitment, an action plan has been developed to address BEPS with the aim of securing tax revenue by realigning taxation with economic activities and value creation by creating a single set of consensus based international tax rules. As part of the BEPS project, new rules dealing with the operation of double tax treaties, the definition of permanent establishments, interest deductibility and the taxation of hybrid instruments and hybrid entities have already been introduced and will continue to be introduced in relevant tax legislation of participating OECD countries. Depending on if and how these proposals are implemented, they may have a material impact on how returns to investors are taxed. Such implementation may also give rise to additional reporting and disclosure obligations for ECRED and/or investors. As part of the global OECD BEPS project, Luxembourg has signed (together with more than 100 jurisdictions) the so-called multilateral instrument ("**MLI**") that will transpose anti-BEPS measures into the tax treaties Luxembourg has concluded. Luxembourg ratified the MLI through the law dated March 7, 2019 and has deposited its instrument of ratification on April 9, 2019 with the OECD. As a result, the MLI entered into force in Luxembourg on August 1, 2019. The MLI notably introduces a "principal purpose test" ("**PPT**") denying tax treaty benefits to companies when obtaining such benefits was "one of the principal purposes of any arrangement or transaction that resulted directly or indirectly in" these benefits, unless granting these benefits under the given circumstances would be "in accordance with the object and purpose of the relevant provisions" of the tax treaty. Whether a Luxembourg entity relying on tax treaty benefits can be construed as being part of such type of arrangement will predominantly depend on source state views.

ECRED may also be affected by changes to domestic and international tax rules arising from work being carried out by the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS (the "**Inclusive Framework**"). The Inclusive Framework has agreed to examine proposals for international tax reform in two "pillars" (commonly referred to as "**Pillar One**" and "**Pillar Two**") in order to address tax challenges arising from the digitalisation of the economy.

Pillar One is focused on the international allocation of tax rights and is designed to ensure that the allocation of taxing rights is more closely aligned with where a multinational group's consumers are located.

Pillar Two is focused on implementing a global minimum tax designed to ensure that large multinationals pay a minimum effective tax rate of 15% in every jurisdiction it operates in. Pillar Two is expected to apply to multinational groups with turnover in excess of €750 million. The Pillar Two proposals involve a framework of complex rules which, broadly, would impose top-up taxes on certain entities within a multinational group where the overall tax paid on the group's profit in any jurisdiction falls below the minimum 15% effective tax rate. The proposed rules for determining whether a top-up tax is required in

respect of the group's profits in a jurisdiction and the allocation of any such top-up tax between the members of the group are detailed and are designed to prevent multinational groups being able to structure around the rules. It should be noted that a group's effective tax rate in a jurisdiction may fall below the minimum 15% rate, and therefore a top-up tax may be required, even if that jurisdiction's statutory headline tax rate is over 15%. On 15 December 2022, the EU Member States adopted a Council Directive (2022/2523) on ensuring a global minimum level of taxation for multinational enterprise (MNE) groups and large-scale domestic groups in the EU ("**Minimum Tax Directive**"). Member States need to implement the Minimum Tax Directive in their national laws before 31 December 2023. The implementation of Minimum Tax Directive could adversely affect the returns from ECRED to the Shareholders. There remains a significant amount of uncertainty as to the implementation and interpretation of the Pillar Two proposals, as well as their interaction with domestic tax law provisions.

**Anti-Tax Avoidance Directives.** In addition to national implementation of BEPS, the EU has adopted the Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive ("**ATAD 1**") that addresses many of the items of the BEPS project, including among others hybrid mismatch rules, interest deduction limitation, controlled foreign companies rules and a general anti-abuse rule. Luxembourg implemented the ATAD 1 into its national law as of December 21, 2018 and, as with all other member states of the EU ("**EU Member States**"), must apply those provisions as of January 1, 2019. On February 21, 2017, the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of the EU reached political agreement on amendments to ATAD 1 to neutralize hybrid mismatch structures involving non-EU countries ("**ATAD 2**"). While ATAD 1 contains rules combatting certain hybrid mismatches between EU Member States, ATAD 2 extends the scope to (i) a variety of other mismatches between EU Member States and (ii) mismatches between EU Member States and third countries. ATAD 2 provisions had to be implemented into domestic law by January 1, 2020. As an exception, implementation of a specific provision targeting so-called reverse hybrids can be postponed by EU Member States until January 1, 2022.

ATAD 2 was transposed into Luxembourg legislation by the law on December 20, 2019 (the "**ATAD 2 Law**") was voted on by the parliament of Luxembourg. Most of the provisions of the ATAD 2 Law came into force on January 1, 2020.

The effect of BEPS, MLI, ATAD 1 and ATAD 2 and their implementing legislation could lead to additional taxes being imposed on ECRED, intermediate entities or Portfolio Entities which may adversely affect the value of the Investments held by investors in ECRED. In addition, certain information may be requested from investors to enable ECRED to comply with these requirements. To the extent that the Sponsor determines in its sole discretion that such additional taxes imposed on ECRED, intermediate entities or Portfolio Entities are properly attributable to a Unitholder or group of Unitholders (including as a result of a hybrid mismatch because of the tax classification of the entities or instruments in a Unitholder's local jurisdiction or a Unitholder's failure to provide information which may avoid the application of the rules described in the foregoing), such taxes may be deemed distributed to or otherwise allocated to such Unitholder or group of Unitholders. The Sponsor also has the ability to restructure ECRED and/or use alternative investment structures to take into account these rules and mitigate their adverse impact. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding all aspects of the implementation of these laws and directives as it affects their particular circumstances.

**ATAD III.** On December 22, 2021, the European Commission published a proposal for a Directive laying down rules to prevent the misuse of shell entities for tax purposes and amending Directive 2011/16/EU ("**ATAD 3**"). The rules contained in ATAD 3 aim to target EU entities mainly involved in cross-border activities having predominantly passive income flows and outsourcing the administration of day-to-day operations and the decision-making on significant functions. ATAD 3 could result in additional reporting and disclosure obligations that may result in the denial of certain EU Directives and tax treaty benefits on EU entities not meeting certain minimum substance criteria (the so-called "shell entities"). It is

important to note that AIFs managed by an AIFM or supervised under national law (including Luxembourg AIFs) are expected to be excluded from the scope of ATAD 3 and thus not be subject to the above reporting obligations or sanctions. ATAD 3 is a proposal still subject to the unanimous consent of the EU Member States and, to the extent it is passed in its current form, will only become effective in 2024 after the national transposition by the EU Member States.

**FATCA/CRS.** As described in Section XII: “Regulatory and Tax Considerations—Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act”, under FATCA, all entities in a broadly defined class of foreign financial institutions (“**FFIs**”) must comply with a complicated and expansive reporting regime or be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax on certain U.S. payments and non-U.S. entities which are not FFIs must either certify they have no substantial U.S. beneficial ownership or report certain information with respect to their substantial U.S. beneficial ownership or be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax on certain U.S. payments. FATCA also contains complex provisions requiring participating FFIs to withhold on certain “foreign passthru payments” made to nonparticipating FFIs and to holders that fail to provide the required information. The definition of a “foreign passthru payment” is still reserved under the current regulations, however the term generally refers to payments that are from non-U.S. sources but that are “attributable to” certain U.S. payments described above. Under proposed regulations, on which taxpayers may rely, withholding on these payments is not set to apply before the date that is two years after the date of publication of final regulations defining the term “foreign passthru payment”. In general, non-U.S. investment funds such as ECRED Master FCP are considered FFIs. The reporting requirements imposed under FATCA require FFIs to enter into agreements with the IRS to obtain and disclose information about certain investors to the IRS or, if subject to an IGA, register with the IRS and comply with the reporting requirements regime of the IGA and any implementing legislation enacted thereunder. The U.S. and Luxembourg entered into an IGA on March 28, 2014, which was ratified and implemented into Luxembourg law on July 24, 2015. IGAs are generally intended to result in the automatic exchange of tax information through reporting by an FFI to the government or tax authorities of the country in which such FFI is domiciled, followed by the automatic exchange of reported information with the IRS. ECRED Master FCP intends to comply, to the extent reasonably practicable, with the reporting requirements to avoid the imposition of the withholding tax, but if such it does not do so (because, for example, investors fail to provide the required information), certain payments made to it may be subject to a withholding tax, which may result in the value of the Units to suffer material losses. Further, these reporting requirements may apply to underlying entities in which ECRED Master FCP invests, and ECRED Master FCP may not have control over whether such entities comply with the reporting regime. Any tax caused by a Unitholder’s failure to comply with FATCA will be borne by such Unitholder. In addition, non-U.S. investment funds, such as ECRED Master FCP and non-U.S. alternative investment vehicles, and underlying entities in which ECRED Master FCP may invest, may be subject to reporting requirements in other jurisdictions under legislation similar to FATCA, such as legislation implementing the OECD Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information in Tax Matters – the Common Reporting Standard as described in Section XII: “Regulatory and Tax Considerations—Common Reporting Standard”. Potential investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding all aspects of FATCA and CRS as it affects their particular circumstances.

**DAC 6.** On May 25, 2018, the EU Council adopted a directive (2018/822 amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements) (“**DAC 6**”) that imposes mandatory disclosure requirements for certain EU cross-border tax arrangements which satisfy certain “hallmarks” provided for in DAC 6 that may be associated with aggressive tax planning (the “**Reportable Arrangements**”). More specifically, the reporting obligation will apply to cross-border arrangements that, among others, meet one or more “hallmarks” provided for in DAC 6 that is coupled in certain cases, with the main benefit test. In the case of a Reportable Arrangement, the information that must be reported includes, *inter alia*, the name of all relevant taxpayers and intermediaries as well as an outline of the Reportable

Arrangement, the value of the Reportable Arrangement and identification of any member states likely to be concerned by the Reportable Arrangement. The reporting obligation in principle rests with persons that design, market, organize, make available for implementation or manage the implementation of the Reportable Arrangement (so called “intermediaries”). However, in certain cases, the taxpayer itself can be subject to the reporting obligation. The information reported will be automatically exchanged between the tax authorities of all EU Member States.

DAC 6 was implemented into Luxembourg law on March 25, 2020 (the “**DAC 6 Law**”) and became applicable from July 1, 2020. Starting from January 1, 2021, Reportable Arrangements must be reported within thirty days from the earliest of: (i) the day after the Reportable Arrangement is made available for implementation; (ii) the day after the Reportable Arrangement is ready for implementation; or (iii) the day when the first step in the implementation of the Reportable Arrangement has been made.

In light of the broad scope of DAC6 Law, transactions carried out by ECRED may fall within the scope of DAC6 Law and thus be reportable (subject however to the way DAC6 will effectively be implemented into national laws).

Potential investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding all aspects of the implementation of these laws and directives as it affects their particular circumstances.

Potential investors should also note the considerations discussed in Section XII: “Regulatory and Tax Considerations—Tax Information and Tax Liability.”

**Lack of Liquidity.** There is no current public trading market for the Units, and the Sponsor does not expect that such a market will ever develop. Therefore, redemption of Units by ECRED will likely be the only way for you to dispose of your Units. ECRED expects to redeem Units at a price equal to the applicable NAV as of the Redemption Date and not based on the price at which you initially purchased your Units. Subject to limited exceptions, Units redeemed within one year of the date of issuance will be redeemed at 98% of the applicable NAV as of the Redemption Date. As a result, you may receive less than the price you paid for your Units when you sell them to ECRED pursuant to ECRED’s redemption program. See Section V: “Subscriptions, Redemptions and Other Transactions—Early Redemption Deduction.”

The aggregate NAV of total redemptions (on an aggregate basis (without duplication) across ECRED, including redemptions at all Parallel Entities and the ECRED Aggregator, but excluding any Early Redemption Deduction applicable to the redeemed Units) is generally limited to 2% of aggregate NAV per calendar month of all Parallel Entities and the ECRED Aggregator (measured using the aggregate NAV as of the end of the immediately preceding month) and 5% of such aggregate NAV per calendar quarter (measured using the average of such aggregate NAV as of the end of the immediately preceding three months), except in the event of exceptional circumstances described below.

In exceptional circumstances and not on a systematic basis, ECRED Master FCP may make exceptions to, modify or suspend, in whole or in part, the redemption program if in the Investment Manager’s reasonable judgment it deems such action to be in ECRED’s best interest and the best interest of ECRED’s investors, such as when redemptions of Units would place an undue burden on ECRED’s liquidity, adversely affect ECRED’s operations, risk having an adverse impact on ECRED that would outweigh the benefit of redemptions of Units or as a result of legal or regulatory changes. Material modifications, including any amendment to the 2% monthly or 5% quarterly limitations on redemptions and suspensions of the redemption program will be promptly disclosed to Unitholders on ECRED’s website. If the redemption program is suspended, the Investment Manager will be required to evaluate on a monthly basis whether the continued suspension of the redemption program is in ECRED’s best interest and the best interest of ECRED’s investors.

In the event that, pursuant to the limitations above, not all of the Units submitted for redemption during a given month are to be accepted for redemption by ECRED Master FCP, Units submitted for redemption during such month will be redeemed on a *pro rata* basis (measured on an aggregate basis (without duplication) across ECRED if applicable). All unsatisfied Redemption Requests will be automatically resubmitted for the next available Redemption Date, unless such a Redemption Request is withdrawn or revoked by a Unitholder before such Redemption Date in the manner as described above in Section V: “Subscriptions, Redemptions and Other Transactions—Redemption of Units”. Settlements of any redemptions will generally be made within 60 calendar days from the Redemption Date. As a result you will experience significant delays in realizing liquidity even when your redemption is accepted.

The vast majority of ECRED’s assets are expected to consist of Investments that cannot generally be readily liquidated without impacting ECRED’s ability to realize full value upon their disposition. Therefore, ECRED may not always have a sufficient amount of cash to immediately satisfy Redemption Requests. As a result, your ability to have your Units redeemed by ECRED may be limited and at times you may not be able to liquidate your investment. See Section V: “Subscriptions, Redemptions and Other Transactions—Redemption of Units.”

***Effect of Redemption Requests.*** Economic events affecting the European economy could cause Unitholders to seek to sell their Units to ECRED pursuant to ECRED’s redemption program at a time when such events are adversely affecting the performance of ECRED’s assets. Even if the Sponsor decides to satisfy all resulting Redemption Requests, ECRED’s cash flow could be materially adversely affected. In addition, if ECRED determines to sell assets to satisfy Redemption Requests, it may not be able to realize the return on such assets that it may have been able to achieve had it sold at a more favorable time, and ECRED’s results of operations and financial condition, including, without limitation, breadth of its portfolio by property type and location, could be materially adversely affected.

***Mandatory Withdrawal.*** The Sponsor may require the withdrawal of all or any part of the Units of any Unitholder from ECRED at any time and for any reason, regardless of any outstanding withdrawal requests and any priority given thereto. Any such mandatory withdrawals will generally be subject to the same terms as voluntary withdrawals of Unitholders (including the limitations imposed thereon), unless otherwise determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion.

***Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) Matters.*** BXCI maintains an ESG policy and intends to apply that policy to ECRED investment activities. Depending on the investment, certain ESG factors could have a material effect on the return and risk of the investment. The Sponsor endeavors to consider material ESG factors in connection with its investment activities. However, the act of selecting and evaluating material ESG factors is subjective by nature, and there is no guarantee that the criteria utilized or judgment exercised by the Sponsor or a third-party ESG advisor or any judgment exercised by the Sponsor will reflect the beliefs or values of any particular Unitholder or align with the practices of other asset managers or with market trends. Considering ESG factors when evaluating an investment may cause ECRED not to make an investment that it would have made in the absence of such consideration. Additionally, ESG factors are only some of the many factors the Sponsor may consider in making an investment, and there is no guarantee that the Sponsor will make investments in companies that create positive ESG impact or that consideration of ESG factors will enhance long-term Unitholder value and financial returns. Although the Sponsor believes its ESG policy will enhance the performance of the Portfolio Entities in which ECRED invests over the long-term while also having a beneficial impact on the environment, the Sponsor cannot guarantee that its ESG program will positively impact the financial or ESG performance of any individual Investment or ECRED as a whole. Similarly, to the extent the Sponsor or a third-party ESG advisor engages with Portfolio Entities on ESG-related practices and potential enhancements thereto, there is no guarantee that such engagements will



improve the financial or ESG performance of the investment. Successful engagement efforts on the part of the Sponsor or a third-party ESG advisor will depend on the Sponsor's skill in properly identifying and analyzing material ESG and other factors and their value, and there can be no assurance that the strategy or techniques employed will be successful. In addition, the Sponsor's ESG programs and policies may change over time. It is possible that market dynamics or other factors will make it impractical, inadvisable or impossible for the Sponsor to adhere to all elements of ECRED investment strategy, including ESG considerations, whether with respect to one or more individual investments or to ECRED portfolio generally. Similarly, in evaluating a company, the Sponsor often depends upon information and data provided by the company or obtained via third-party reporting or advisors, which may be incomplete or inaccurate and could cause the Sponsor to incorrectly assess the company's ESG practices and/or related risks and opportunities.

Finally, there is also growing regulatory interest, particularly in the U.S., UK, and EU (which may be looked to as models in growth markets), in improving transparency around how asset managers define and measure ESG performance, in order to allow investors to validate and better understand sustainability claims. Blackstone's ESG program could become subject to additional regulation in the future, and Blackstone cannot guarantee that its current approach will meet future regulatory requirements.

***Weather and Climate Risk.*** Global climate change is widely considered to be a significant threat to the global economy. Portfolio Entities may face risks from the physical effects of climate change, such as risks posed by increasing frequency or severity of extreme weather events and rising sea levels and temperatures. Also, the performance of certain Portfolio Entities is dependent on weather conditions, which could shift as a result of global climate change. Additionally, the Paris Agreement and other initiatives by international, federal, state, and regional policymakers and regulatory authorities as well as private actors seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions may expose certain Portfolio Entities to so-called "transition risks" in addition to physical risks, such as: (i) political and policy risks (e.g., changing regulatory incentives and legal requirements, including with respect to greenhouse gas emissions, that could result in increased costs or changes in business operations), (ii) regulatory and litigation risk (e.g., changing legal requirements that could result in increased permitting and compliance costs, changes in business operations, or the discontinuance of certain operations, and litigation seeking monetary or injunctive relief related to climate impacts), (iii) technology and market risks (e.g., declining market for products and services seen as greenhouse gas intensive or less effective than alternatives in reducing greenhouse gas emissions); and (iv) reputational risks (e.g., risks tied to changing customer or community perceptions of an asset's relative contribution to greenhouse gas emissions). The Sponsor cannot rule out the possibility that climate risks, including changes in weather and climate patterns, could result in unanticipated delays or expenses and, under certain circumstances, could prevent completion of investment activities once undertaken, any of which could have a material adverse effect on an investment, a Portfolio Entity or ECRED.

## POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

*BXCI has conflicts of interest, or conflicting loyalties, as a result of the numerous activities and relationships between and among BXCI, Blackstone, the Sponsor, ECRED, the Other BXCI Clients, the Other Clients, the Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Clients and affiliates, partners, members, shareholders, officers, directors and employees of the foregoing, some of which are described herein. In addition, as a consequence of Blackstone holding a controlling interest in the Sponsor and Blackstone's status as a public company, the officers, directors, members, managers and employees of BXCI will take into account certain additional considerations and other factors in connection with the management of the business and affairs of ECRED and its affiliates that would not necessarily be taken into account if Blackstone were not a public company. Not all potential, apparent and actual conflicts of interest are included in this Prospectus, and additional conflicts of interest could arise as a result of new activities, transactions or relationships commenced in the future. Potential Unitholders should review this section and the Sponsor's Form ADV carefully before making an investment decision. Blackstone and its personnel may in the future engage in further activities that may result in additional conflicts of interest not addressed below.*

*Any references to BXCI, Blackstone, the Sponsor, the AIFM, and the Investment Managers in this section will be deemed to include their respective affiliates, partners, members, shareholders, officers, directors and employees, except that portfolio companies of managed clients shall only be included to the extent the context shall require and references to BXCI affiliates shall only be to affiliates operating as a part of Blackstone's credit and insurance focused business group. Any references to ECRED or the "Fund" in this Section XVI will be deemed to include ECRED Master FCP, any sub-fund of ECRED Master FCP, the ECRED Aggregator, the Parallel Entities, the ECRED Aggregator Parallel Vehicles, and any alternative investment vehicles thereof, any references to the "**Management Regulations**" or "**Prospectus**" in this Section XVI will be deemed to include the Articles of incorporation or prospectus (or other governing or offering document) of such Vehicles, and any references to "**Unitholders**" in this Section XVI will be deemed to include shareholders (or other investors) of such vehicles in each case unless the context otherwise requires.*

*If any matter arises that the Sponsor and its affiliates (including BXCI and the Investment Managers) determines in its good faith judgment constitutes an actual and material conflict of interest, the Sponsor and relevant affiliates will take the actions they determine in good faith may be necessary or appropriate to mitigate and/or disclose the conflict, which will be deemed to fully satisfy any fiduciary duties they may have to ECRED or the Unitholders. Upon taking such actions, the Sponsor and relevant affiliates will be relieved of any liability related to such conflict to the fullest extent permitted by law and shall be deemed to have satisfied applicable fiduciary duties related thereto to the fullest extent permitted by law.*

*Actions that could be taken by the Sponsor or its affiliates to mitigate a conflict include, by way of example and without limitation, (i) if applicable, handling the conflict as described in this Prospectus, (ii) obtaining from the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV (or the non-affiliated members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV) advice, waiver or consent as to the conflict, or acting in accordance with standards or procedures approved by the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV to address the conflict, (iii) disposing of the investment or security giving rise to the conflict of interest, (iv) disclosing the conflict to the non-affiliated members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, including non-affiliated members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, as applicable, or Unitholders (including, without limitation, in distribution notices, financial statements, letters to Unitholders or other communications), (v) appointing an independent representative to act or provide consent with respect to the matter giving rise to the conflict of interest, (vi) validating the arms length nature of the transaction by referencing participation by unaffiliated third parties, (vii) in the case of conflicts among clients, creating groups of personnel within Blackstone separated by information barriers (which can be expected to be*

temporary and limited purpose in nature), each of which would advise or represent one of the clients that has a conflicting position with other clients, (viii) implementing policies and procedures reasonably designed to mitigate the conflict of interest, or (ix) otherwise handling the conflict as determined appropriate by the Sponsor in its good faith reasonable discretion.

ECRED is subject to certain conflicts of interest arising out of ECRED's relationship with Blackstone, including the Sponsor and its affiliates. Members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV are also executives of Blackstone and/or one or more of its affiliates. There is no guarantee that the policies and procedures adopted by ECRED, the terms of the Management Regulations and the Articles of association governing ECRED Feeder SICAV, the terms and conditions of the Investment Management Agreement, that the policies and procedures adopted by the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV the Sponsor, the AIFM, Blackstone and their affiliates, will enable ECRED to identify, adequately address or mitigate these conflicts of interest, or that the Sponsor will identify or resolve all conflicts of interest in a manner that is favorable to ECRED.

By executing a relevant subscription document with respect to ECRED, each Unitholder acknowledges and consents to the existence of all actual, apparent and potential conflicts of interest described herein, acknowledges and consents to any actions, policies and procedures for handling them described herein, acknowledges and consents that these conflicts will not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED and/or its Unitholders, agrees that Unitholders will not be entitled to receive notice or disclosure of the occurrence of these conflicts or have any right to consent to them, and waives any claim against Blackstone or its affiliates and releases each of them from any liability arising from the existence of such conflicts of interest. The foregoing is applicable to all conflicts of interests described, implied or alluded to herein.

For purposes of this discussion and ease of reference, the following terms shall have the meanings as set forth below:

**"Other BXCI Clients"** means, collectively, the investment funds, client accounts (including managed accounts) and proprietary accounts and/or other similar arrangements (including such arrangements in which ECRED or one or more Other BXCI Clients own interests) that BXCI may establish, advise or sub-advise from time to time and to which BXCI provides investment management or sub-advisory services (other than ECRED and any such funds and accounts in which ECRED has an interest), in each case including any alternative investment vehicles and additional capital vehicles relating thereto and any vehicles established by BXCI to exercise its side-by-side or other general partner investment rights as set forth in their respective governing documents; provided, that for the avoidance of doubt, "Other BXCI Clients" shall not include BXCI in its role as principal of any account, including any accounts for which BXCI or an affiliate thereof acts as an advisor.

**"Blackstone Clients"** means, collectively, the investment funds, client accounts (including managed accounts) and proprietary accounts and/or other similar arrangements (including such arrangements in which ECRED or one or more Blackstone Clients own interests) that Blackstone may establish, advise or sub-advise from time to time and to which Blackstone provides investment management or sub-advisory services (other than ECRED, any such funds and accounts in which ECRED has an interest and Other BXCI Clients), in each case including any alternative investment vehicles and additional capital vehicles relating thereto and any vehicles established by Blackstone to exercise its side-by-side or other general partner investment rights as set forth in their respective governing documents; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, **"Blackstone Clients"** shall not include Blackstone in its role as principal of any account, including any accounts for which Blackstone or an affiliate thereof acts as an advisor.

**"Other Clients"** means, collectively, Other BXCI Clients and Blackstone Clients.

“**BXCI Overflow Clients**” means, in respect of ECRED and any Other BXCI Clients and any investment opportunity, those Other BXCI Clients to the extent established to generally receive an allocation of such investment opportunity only to the extent that the amount of such investment opportunity exceeds the amount of the investment required to be made available or otherwise deemed appropriate for the relevant BXCI Primary Clients, as determined by BXCI in its sole discretion.

“**BXCI Primary Clients**” means, in respect of ECRED or any Other BXCI Client and any investment opportunity, ECRED or those Other BXCI Clients, as applicable, to the extent established to generally receive a primary allocation of such investment opportunity, as determined by BXCI in its sole discretion.

**Performance-Based Compensation.** The Performance Participation Allocation creates a greater incentive for the Sponsor to make more speculative investments on behalf of ECRED or time the purchase or sale of investments in a manner motivated by the personal interests of BXCI and/or Blackstone personnel, in each case, than if such performance-based compensation did not exist, as the Sponsor receives a disproportionate share of profits above the preferred return hurdle. In addition, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“**Tax Reform Bill**”) provides for a lower capital gains tax rate on performance-based compensation from Investments held for at least three years, which may incentivize the Sponsor to hold Investments longer to ensure long-term capital gains treatment or dispose of Investments prior to any change in law that would result in a higher effective income tax rate on the Performance Participation Allocation. However, the fact that the hurdle rate for the Performance Participation Allocation based on income is calculated on an aggregate basis each quarter and that realized and unrealized losses are netted against realized gains for the incentive fee based on capital gains should reduce the incentives for the Sponsor to make more speculative investments or otherwise time the purchase or sale of investments. In addition, the manner in which the Recipient’s entitlement to the Performance Participation Allocation is determined may result in a conflict between its interests and the interests of shareholders with respect to the sequence and timing of disposals of investments, as the Sponsor may want to dispose of lower yielding investments in favor of higher yielding ones. With respect to the Recipient’s entitlement to the Performance Participation Allocation on capital gains, the Sponsor may be incentivized to realize capital gains prior to a year end if such gains, net of realized and unrealized losses, would result in an incentive fee on capital gain. Because of the structure of the Performance Participation Allocation, it is possible that the Recipient is entitled to an incentive fee in a calendar quarter in which ECRED incurs an overall loss taking into account capital account losses. For example, if the Recipient receives the Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns in excess of the quarterly hurdle rate, the Recipient will be entitled to a Performance Participation Allocation even though ECRED has incurred a loss in that calendar quarter due to realized and unrealized capital losses. Performance Participation Allocation paid to the Recipient in respect of an Investment is not subject to clawback notwithstanding the performance of an Investment after such Performance Participation Allocation is paid (including, for the avoidance of doubt, where Unitholders realize an overall loss in respect of such Investment).

In addition, in consideration for their services: (i) the AIFM will be paid an AIFM Fee; and (ii) the Investment Manager will be paid a Management Fee, in each case, based on ECRED’s NAV, which will be calculated by the Central Administration, based on valuations provided by the AIFM. In addition, the distributions to be received by the Recipient with respect to its performance participation interest in the ECRED Aggregator will be based in part upon the ECRED Aggregator’s net assets (which is a component of ECRED’s NAV) and the ECRED Aggregator’s net investment income returns as calculated pursuant to this Prospectus which differs from ECRED Master FCP’s NAV and returns. The calculation of ECRED’s NAV includes certain subjective judgments with respect to estimating, for example, the value of ECRED’s portfolio and its accrued expenses, net portfolio income and liabilities (e.g., exclusion of potentially subjective or contingent liabilities that may arise on or subsequent to the sale of an investment), and therefore, ECRED’s NAV may not correspond to realizable value upon a sale of those assets. The Investment Manager may

benefit from ECRED retaining ownership of its assets at times when Unitholders may be better served by the sale or disposition of ECRED's assets in order to avoid a reduction in its NAV. If ECRED's NAV is calculated in a way that is not reflective of its actual NAV, then the purchase price of Units or the price paid for the redemption of your Units on a given date may not accurately reflect the value of ECRED's portfolio, and your Units may be worth less than the purchase price or more than the redemption price.

**Other Fees.** Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor are expected to earn origination, directors', topping, break-up, transaction, commitment, closing, amendment, monitoring, exit or other disposition fees, and other similar fees in connection with the provision of capital to a Portfolio Entity or a Prospective Portfolio Entity (collectively "**Other Fees**"). Other Fees paid for the benefit of ECRED and received by ECRED, will count as "income" for the purposes of the calculation of the Pre-Performance Participation Allocation Net Investment Income Returns herein (collectively "**Income Fees**") and will therefore be included within the calculation of the Performance Participation Allocation to be paid to the Recipient. Other Fees do not include fees for the following: financing, divestment and other similar fees, financial and other advisory fees (including underwriting fees), organization fees, fees for asset services and similar fees for arranging acquisitions and other major financial restructurings, referral fees, data management servicing fees and/or payments, operations fees, fees for services related to group purchasing, healthcare consulting/brokerage, investment banking, title insurance, capital markets (including with respect to syndications or placements of debt and/or equity securities or instruments issued by portfolio companies or entities formed to invest therein), loan and other servicing fees, and/or other types of insurance, management consulting and other similar operational and financial matters (whether in cash or in kind) and other similar fees. Unitholders will not receive the benefit (e.g., through an offset to the management fee, being deemed as Income Fees, or otherwise) of such fees or other compensation received by Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor (including those specifically described as such herein) in connection with the provision of services by Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor to ECRED, its Portfolio Entities or third parties ("**Excluded Fees**").

For greater certainty, the Investment Manager engages and retains Senior and Other Advisors (as defined below), including through Platform Arrangements, who are not employees or affiliates of the Investment Manager and who will, from time to time, receive payments from, or allocations with respect to, Portfolio Entities. Any Income Fees, only apply to the extent that such fees are paid as part of ECRED's investment in such Portfolio Entity. As a result, in the case of directors' fees, these will not be deemed to be Income Fees to the extent any of the Investment Manager or Blackstone employees or professionals (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Senior and Other Advisors) receive directors' fees relating to continued director service after ECRED has exited the Portfolio Entity and/or following the termination of such employee's employment with the Investment Manager or Blackstone, as the case may be. In addition, the Sponsor is permitted to receive fees associated with capital invested by co-investors relating to investments in which ECRED participates. In such circumstances, such amounts will not be deemed paid to or received by the Investment Manager in connection with the provision of capital to Portfolio Entities by ECRED and such amounts will not be deemed to be Income Fees.

With respect to ECRED's investments in Portfolio Entities, transaction and monitoring fees are often established upon the initial consummation of an Investment. The terms of such monitoring fee agreements often provide for an annual fee tied to the earnings of the company, and under certain circumstances (i.e., an initial public offering or strategic exit), the Investment Manager or its affiliates is entitled to a termination fee with respect to such arrangements. In many cases with respect to the implementation of such arrangements, an independent third party is not involved on behalf of the relevant Portfolio Entity. Therefore, a conflict of interest can be expected to exist in the determination of any such transaction, monitoring or termination fees and other related terms in the applicable agreement with the Portfolio Entity. Additionally, Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor reserves the right to receive fees from portfolio companies as compensation for capital markets transactions and advice, investment advisory, real estate

advisory, and other services.

Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor and their respective affiliates and their personnel and related parties will receive fees attributable to Other Clients (including co-investment vehicles) and third parties and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the amount of such fees allocable to Other Clients (including co-investment vehicles, permanent capital vehicles, accounts and/or third parties) will not result in an offset of the management fees payable by Unitholders or otherwise be shared with ECRED, its Portfolio Entities or the Unitholders including by being deemed to be Income Fees, even if (i) such Other Clients (including co-investment vehicles, permanent capital vehicles, accounts and/or third parties) provide for lower or no management fees for the investors or participants therein (such as the vehicles established in connection with Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor's side-by-side co-investment rights, which generally do not pay a management fee or carried interest) or (ii) such fees result in an offset to management fees or carried interest payable by any of such Other Clients (including co-investment vehicles, permanent capital vehicles, accounts and/or third parties). As noted in "Co-Investment" above, this creates an incentive for Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor to offer co-investment opportunities and may result in other fees being received more frequently (or exclusively) with Investments that involve co-investment.

ECRED will bear the cost of fund administration and other services provided by BXCI, Blackstone, Other Clients, portfolio companies of Other Clients and/or their respective employees and/or affiliates, including the allocation of their compensation otherwise payable by BXCI, Blackstone and/or portfolio companies of Other Clients (including, for example, the salary and compensation of personnel of any Luxembourg entities formed in connection with ECRED's activities and costs associated with the leasing of office space in Luxembourg (including, without limitation, rent and refurbishment costs)), and, except in certain limited circumstances, such amounts will not offset the management fee. Such allocations require judgments as to methodology that BXCI and/or Blackstone will make in its sole discretion. Such methodologies can include, (i) requiring personnel to periodically record or allocate their historical time with respect to ECRED, (ii) the Sponsor, BXCI and/or Blackstone approximating the proportion of certain personnel's time spent on particular funds, (iii) the assessment of an overall dollar amount (based on a fixed fee or percentage of assets under management) that the Sponsor, BXCI and/or Blackstone believes represents a fair recoupment of expenses and market rate for such services or (iv) any other similar methodology determined by the Sponsor, BXCI and/or Blackstone to be appropriate under the circumstances. Any such methodology (including the choice thereof) involves inherent conflicts and may not result in perfect or consistent attribution and allocation of expenses. These expenses will be borne by ECRED and will not result in any offset to the management fee.

In addition, to the extent Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor receives any of the fees described above in kind, instead of in cash, in whole or in part, the recipient would in certain circumstances elect to become a co-investor (or otherwise hold an interest) in such Investments alongside ECRED and/or Other Clients, which may give rise to potential or actual conflicts of interest, including with respect to the timing and manner of sale by Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor, on the one hand, and other participating funds, including ECRED, on the other hand. Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor's receipt of such interests in kind generally would not be at the same time or on substantially the same terms, price and conditions as ECRED and/or the Other Clients, as applicable. With respect to any dispositions of securities or investments held by Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor resulting from receiving such fees in kind, since ECRED and/or Other Clients, as applicable, are not similarly situated and may have different terms affecting the timing of their respective dispositions, there may be certain situations where Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor would not dispose of its securities or interests at the same time and/or on substantially the same terms, price and conditions as such other funds, which would be evaluated by Blackstone, BXCI and/or the Sponsor on a case-by-case basis taking into account the circumstances at the relevant time. There can be no assurance that any actual or perceived conflicts will be resolved in favor of ECRED or the

Unitholders.

**Broad and Wide-Ranging Activities.** Blackstone engages in a broad spectrum of activities. In the ordinary course of its business activities, Blackstone will engage in activities where the interests of certain divisions of Blackstone or the interests of its clients will conflict with the interests of the shareholders in ECRED. Other present and future activities of Blackstone will give rise to additional conflicts of interest. In the event that a conflict of interest arises, the AIFM will attempt to resolve such conflict in a fair and equitable manner. Subject to applicable law, including the Investment Company Act, the Sponsor will have the power to resolve, or consent to the resolution of, conflicts of interest on behalf of ECRED. Investors should be aware that conflicts will not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED's interests. In addition, the Sponsor may in certain situations choose to consult with or obtain the consent of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV (or the non-affiliated members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV) with respect to any specific conflict of interest, including with respect to the approvals required under the Investment Company Act, the Advisers Act and other applicable law. Subject to applicable law and BXCI's Exemptive Order (as defined below), ECRED may enter into joint transactions or cross-trades with clients or affiliates of the AIFM. Subject to the limitations set out in the Management Regulations and applicable laws and regulations, ECRED may invest in loans or securities, the proceeds of which may refinance, realize or otherwise repay loans or securities of companies whose loans or securities are owned by Other Blackstone Accounts. In addition ECRED Master FCP may invest in loans or securities in companies whose loans, securities, economic ownership interests and voting rights are owned by Other Blackstone Accounts. See Section XVI: "Risk Factors, Potential Conflicts and Other Considerations - Other Affiliate Transactions and Investments in Different Levels of Capital Structure" in this Prospectus for further information).

**Allocation of Personnel.** The Sponsor, the AIFM and their respective members, officers and employees will devote as much of their time to the activities of ECRED as they deem necessary to conduct their business affairs in an appropriate manner. By the terms of the Management Regulations, Blackstone is not restricted from forming additional investment funds, from entering into other investment advisory relationships or from engaging in other business activities, even though such activities may be in competition with ECRED and/or involve substantial time and resources of the AIFM and/or the Investment Managers. Blackstone personnel, including members of the ECRED Investment Committee, will work on other projects, serve on other committees (including boards of directors) and source potential investments for and otherwise assist the investment programs of Other Clients and their portfolio companies, including other investment programs to be developed in the future. Certain members of BXCI's investment team are also members of Other Clients' investment teams and will continue to serve in those roles (which could be their primary responsibility) and as a result, not all of their business time will be devoted to Blackstone or ECRED. Certain non-investment professionals are not dedicated solely to ECRED and are permitted to perform work for Other Clients which is expected to detract from the time such persons devote to ECRED. These activities could be viewed as creating a conflict of interest in that the time and effort of the members of the Sponsor and its members, officers and employees will not be devoted exclusively to the business of ECRED, but will be allocated between the business of ECRED and the management of the monies of such other advisees of the Sponsor. Time spent on these other initiatives diverts attention from the activities of ECRED, which could negatively impact Unitholders. Furthermore, BXCI and BXCI personnel derive financial benefit from these other activities, including fees and performance-based compensation. Blackstone personnel outside of BXCI may share in the fees and performance-based compensation from ECRED; similarly, BXCI personnel may share in the fees and performance-based compensation generated by Other Clients. These and other factors create conflicts of interest in the allocation of time by Blackstone personnel. BXCI's determination of the amount of time necessary to conduct ECRED's activities will be conclusive, and Unitholders rely on BXCI's judgment in this regard.

***Outside Activities of Principals and Other Personnel and their Related Parties.*** Certain personnel of Blackstone will, in certain circumstances, be subject to a variety of conflicts of interest relating to their responsibilities to ECRED. Other Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities, and their outside personal or business activities, including as members of investment or advisory committees or boards of directors of or advisors to investment funds, corporations, foundations or other organizations. Such positions create a conflict if such other entities have interests that are adverse to those of ECRED, including if such other entities compete with ECRED for investment opportunities or other resources. The other managed accounts and/or investment funds in which such individuals may become involved will have investment objectives that overlap with ECRED. Furthermore, certain Blackstone principals and employees may have a greater financial interest in the performance of such other entities than the performance of ECRED. Such involvement may create conflicts of interest in making investments on behalf of ECRED and such other funds, accounts and other entities. Although the Sponsor will generally seek to minimize the impact of any such conflicts, there can be no assurance they will be resolved favorably for ECRED. Also, Blackstone personnel and employees, including employees of the AIFM and the Investment Managers, are generally permitted to invest in alternative investment funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, hedge funds and other investment vehicles, as well as engage in other personal trading activities relating to companies, assets, securities or instruments (subject to Blackstone's Code of Ethics requirements), some of which will involve conflicts of interests. Such personal securities transactions will, in certain circumstances, relate to securities or instruments which can be expected to also be held or acquired by Other Clients, ECRED, or otherwise relate to Portfolio Entities in which ECRED has or acquired a different principal investment (including, for example, with respect to seniority). There can be no assurance that conflicts of interest arising out of such activities will be resolved in favor of ECRED. Unitholders will not receive any benefit from any such investments, and the financial incentives of Blackstone personnel in such other investments could be greater than their financial incentives in relation to ECRED.

Additionally, certain personnel and other professionals of Blackstone have family members or relatives that are actively involved in industries and sectors in which ECRED invests, and/or have business, financial, personal or other relationships with companies in such industries and sectors (including the advisors and service providers described above) or other industries, which gives rise to potential or actual conflicts of interest. For example, such family members or relatives might be employees, officers, directors, personnel, or owners of companies or assets that are actual or potential investments of ECRED or other counterparties of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities and/or assets. Moreover, in certain instances, ECRED or its Portfolio Entities can be expected to issue loans to or acquire securities from, or otherwise transact with, companies that are owned by such family members or relatives or in respect of which such family members or relatives have other involvement. These relationships have the potential to influence Blackstone, the Sponsor, ECRED and/or BXCI in deciding whether to select or recommend or create such service providers to perform services for ECRED or its Portfolio Entities (the cost of which will generally be borne directly or indirectly by ECRED or such Portfolio Entities, as applicable) and to incentivize Blackstone to engage such service provider over a third party. The fees for services provided by such service providers may or may not be at the same rate charged by other third parties and Blackstone undertakes no obligations to select service providers who may have lower rates. Blackstone undertakes no minimum amount of benchmarking. To the extent Blackstone does engage in benchmarking, it cannot be assured that such benchmarking will be accurate, comparable, or relate specifically to the assets or services to which such rates or terms relate. Whether or not Blackstone has a relationship or receives financial or other benefit from recommending a particular service provider, there can be no assurance that no other service provider is more qualified to provide the applicable services or could provide such services at lesser cost. In most such circumstances, this Prospectus and the Management Regulations will not preclude ECRED from undertaking any of these investment activities or transactions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, investment transactions relating to ECRED that require the use of a service provider will



generally be allocated to service providers on the basis of best execution, the evaluation of which includes, among other considerations, such service provider's provision of certain investment-related services and research that the Sponsor believes to be of benefit to ECRED. To the extent that Blackstone determines appropriate, conflict mitigation strategies can be expected to be put in place with respect to a particular circumstance, such as internal information barriers or recusal, disclosure or other steps determined appropriate by the Sponsor. The Unitholders rely on the Sponsor to manage these conflicts in its sole discretion.

**Secondments and Internships.** Certain personnel of Blackstone, including consultants, will, in certain circumstances, be seconded to one or more Portfolio Entities, vendors, service providers and vendors or Shareholders of ECRED and Other Clients to provide finance, accounting, operation support, data management and other similar services, including the sourcing of investments for ECRED or other parties. The salaries, benefits, overhead and other similar expenses for such personnel during the secondment could be borne by Blackstone or the organization for which the personnel are working or both. In addition, personnel of Portfolio Entities, vendors and service providers (including law firms and accounting firms) and Shareholders of ECRED and Other Clients will, in certain circumstances, be seconded to, serve internships at or otherwise provide consulting services to, Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients and Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Clients. While often ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities are the beneficiaries of these types of arrangements, Blackstone is from time to time a beneficiary of these arrangements as well, including in circumstances where the vendor, personnel or service provider or otherwise also provides services to ECRED, Other Clients, their Portfolio Entities or Blackstone in the ordinary course. Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients or their respective portfolio companies may or may not pay salary or cover expenses associated with such secondees and interns, and if a portfolio company pays the cost it will be borne directly or indirectly by ECRED, Blackstone, Other Clients or their portfolio companies. If Blackstone pays salaries or covers expenses associated with such secondees and interns, it may seek reimbursement from ECRED for such amounts. Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients or their portfolio entities could receive benefits from these arrangements at no cost, or alternatively could pay all or a portion of the fees, compensation or other expenses in respect of these arrangements and if a Portfolio Entity pays the cost or Blackstone seeks reimbursement from ECRED or its Portfolio Entities for such secondment costs, it could be borne directly or indirectly by ECRED. To the extent such fees, compensation or other expenses are borne by ECRED, including indirectly through Portfolio Entities or reimbursement of Blackstone for such costs, Fund Fees will not be offset or reduced as a result of these arrangements or any fees, expense reimbursements or other costs related thereto and ECRED may not receive any benefit as a result of these arrangements. The personnel described above may provide services in respect of multiple matters, including in respect of matters related to Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients, Portfolio Entities, each of their respective affiliates and related parties, and any costs of such personnel may be allocated accordingly, Blackstone will endeavor in good faith to allocate the costs of these arrangements, if any, to Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients, Portfolio Entities and other parties based on time spent by the personnel or another methodology Blackstone deems appropriate in a particular circumstance.

**Other Benefits.** BXCI and its personnel and related parties will receive intangible and other benefits, discounts and perquisites arising or resulting from their activities on behalf of ECRED the value of which will not offset or reduce Fund Fees or otherwise be shared with ECRED, its Portfolio Entities or the Shareholders. For example, airline travel or hotel stays incurred as Fund Expenses may result in "miles" or "points" or credit in loyalty or status programs, and certain purchases made by credit card will result in "credit card points", "cash back" or rebates in addition to such loyalty or status program miles or points. Such benefits and/or amounts will, whether or not de minimis or difficult to value, inure exclusively to the benefit of BXCI, its affiliates or their personnel (and not ECRED and/or Portfolio Entities) even though the cost of the underlying service is borne by ECRED as Fund Expenses or by its Portfolio Entities. (See also

“— *Service Providers, Vendors and Other Counterparties Generally*” herein.) Similarly, BXCI, its affiliates and their personnel and related parties, and third parties designated by the foregoing, also receive discounts on products and services provided by Portfolio Entities and customers or suppliers of such Portfolio Entities. Such other benefits or fees may give rise to conflicts of interest in connection with ECRED’s investment activities, and while BXCI will seek to resolve any such conflicts in a fair and equitable manner, there is no assurance that any such conflicts will be resolved in favor of ECRED. (See also “*Portfolio Entity Service Providers and Vendors*” and “*Portfolio Entity Relationships Generally*” below). The Shareholders consent to the existence of these arrangements and benefits.

**Senior Advisors, Industry Experts and Operating Partners.** BXCI is expected to engage and retain strategic advisers, consultants, senior advisers, executive advisers, industry experts, operating partners, deal sourcers and/or other similar professionals (which may include current and former employees, executives or other personnel of Blackstone and/or BXCI and Portfolio Entities) (“**Senior and Other Advisors**”), as well as consultants, and other similar professionals who are not employees or affiliates of BXCI, including through joint ventures, investment platforms, other entities or similar arrangements, and who will, from time to time, receive payments from, or allocations of a profits interest with respect to, Portfolio Entities (as well as from BXCI or ECRED). In particular, in some cases, Senior and Other Advisors, including those with a “Senior Advisor” title, have been and will be engaged with the responsibility to source and recommend transactions to BXCI or to undertake a build-up strategy to acquire and develop assets and businesses in a particular sector or involving a particular strategy, potentially on a full-time and/or exclusive basis, and notwithstanding any overlap with the responsibilities of BXCI under the AIFM Agreement or the Investment Management Agreement, the compensation to such Senior and Other Advisors is expected to be borne fully by ECRED, Other Clients and/or portfolio companies (with no reduction or offset to Fund Fees payable by ECRED) and not BXCI. Similarly, ECRED, Other Clients and their portfolio companies are expected to retain and pay compensation to Senior and Other Advisors to provide services.

Any amounts paid by ECRED or a Portfolio Entity to Senior and Other Advisors in connection with the above services, including cash fees, profits, or equity interests in a Portfolio Entity, discretionary bonus awards, performance-based compensation (e.g., promote), sourcing fees, retainers and expense reimbursements, will be treated as Fund Expenses or expenses of the Portfolio Entity, as the case may be, and will not, even if they have the effect of reducing any retainers or minimum amounts otherwise payable by BXCI, be chargeable to BXCI or be deemed paid to or received by BXCI, and such amounts can be expected to increase the overall costs and expenses borne indirectly by investors in ECRED. Amounts charged by Senior and Other Advisors will not necessarily be confirmed as being comparable to market rates for such services.

These Senior and Other Advisors often have the right or could be offered the ability to (i) co-invest alongside ECRED, including in the specific investments in which they are involved (and for which they may be entitled to receive performance-related incentive fees, which will reduce ECRED’s returns), (ii) otherwise participate in equity plans for management of any such Portfolio Entity or (iii) invest directly in ECRED or in a vehicle controlled by ECRED subject to reduced or waived Fund Fees, Surviving Fees and/or incentive fees, including after the termination of their engagement by or other status with Blackstone. Such co-investment and/or participation (which generally will result in ECRED being allocated a smaller share of the applicable Investment) will not be considered as part of Blackstone’s side-by-side co-investment rights. Such co-investment and/or participation may vary by transaction (and such participation may, depending on its structure, reduce ECRED’s returns). Additionally, and notwithstanding the foregoing, these Senior and Other Advisors, as well as other Blackstone Clients, may be (or have the preferred right to be) investors in BXCI’s Portfolio Entities (which, in some cases, may involve agreements to pay performance fees or allocate profits interests to such persons in connection with ECRED’s

investment therein, which will reduce ECRED's returns) and/or Other Clients. Such Senior and Other Advisors, as well as other Blackstone Clients, may also be permitted to participate in Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment right, which rights are generally offered on a no-fee/no-carried interest basis and generally result in ECRED being allocated a smaller share of an Investment than would otherwise be the case in the absence of such side-by-side participation. Senior and Other Advisors' benefits described in this paragraph will, in certain circumstances, continue after termination of status as a Senior and Other Advisor.

The time, dedication and scope of work of, and the nature of the relationship with each of the Senior and Other Advisors vary considerably. In certain cases, they could advise the Sponsor on transactions, provide the Sponsor and/or BXCI with industry-specific insights and feedback on investment themes, assist in transaction due diligence, or make introductions to and provide reference checks on management teams. In other cases, they take on more extensive roles (and may be exclusive service providers to BXCI) and serve as executives or directors on the boards of Portfolio Entities or contribute to the identification and origination of new investment opportunities. ECRED may rely on these Senior and Other Advisors to recommend BXCI as a preferred investment partner, identify investments, source opportunities, and otherwise carry out its investment program, but there is no assurance that these advisers will continue to be involved with ECRED for any length of time. In certain instances, BXCI has formal arrangements with these Senior and Other Advisors (which may or may not be terminable upon notice by any party), and in other cases the relationships are more informal. They are either compensated (including pursuant to retainers and expense reimbursement, and, in any event, pursuant to negotiated arrangements that will not be confirmed as being comparable to the market rates for such services) by BXCI, ECRED, and/or Portfolio Entities or otherwise uncompensated or entitled to deferred compensation until occurrence of a future event, such as commencement of a formal engagement. In certain cases, they have certain attributes of BXCI "employees" (e.g., they can be expected to have dedicated offices at BXCI, receive administrative support from BXCI personnel, participate in general meetings and events for BXCI personnel, work on BXCI matters as their primary or sole business activity, service BXCI exclusively, have BXCI-related e-mail addresses and/or business cards and participate in certain benefit arrangements typically reserved for BXCI employees, etc.) even though they are not considered BXCI employees, affiliates or personnel for purposes of this Prospectus and the Management Regulations. Some Senior and Other Advisors work only for ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, while others may have other clients. The determination of whether a particular party is a Senior and Other Advisor will be made by BXCI, in its sole discretion. Over time, certain existing and former employees of Blackstone (including senior personnel) may transition to a Senior and Other Advisor role, which shifts the burden of compensating such persons from Blackstone to ECRED, Other Clients and/or their portfolio companies, and any compensation received by such persons will not reduce any management fees. Senior and Other Advisors could have conflicts of interest between their work for ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and themselves or other clients, on the other hand, and BXCI is limited in its ability to monitor and mitigate these conflicts. BXCI expects, where applicable, to allocate the costs of such Senior and Other Advisors to ECRED and/or applicable Portfolio Entities, and to the extent any such costs are allocated to ECRED, they would be treated as Fund Expenses. Payments or allocations to Senior and Other Advisors will not reduce or offset Fund Fees, and can be expected to increase the overall costs and expenses borne indirectly by investors in ECRED. There can be no assurance that any of the Senior and Other Advisors, to the extent engaged, will continue to serve in such roles and/or continue their arrangements with BXCI, ECRED and/or any Portfolio Entities for the duration of the relevant investments or throughout the term of ECRED. Additionally, from time to time, Senior and Other Advisors provide services on behalf of both ECRED and Other Clients, and any work performed by Senior and Other Advisors retained on behalf of ECRED could benefit the Other Clients (and alternatively, work performed by Senior and Other Advisors on behalf of Other Clients may benefit ECRED), and BXCI shall have no obligation to allocate any portion

of the costs to be borne by ECRED in respect of such Senior and Other Advisors to the Other Clients, except as described below.

As an example of the foregoing, in certain Investments including involving a “platform company,” ECRED will, in certain circumstances, enter into an arrangement with one or more individuals (who may be former personnel of Blackstone or current or former personnel of Portfolio Entities or Other Clients, may have experience or capability in sourcing or managing investments, and may form a management team) to undertake a build-up strategy to acquire and develop assets and businesses in a particular sector or involving a particular strategy. The services provided by such individuals or relevant portfolio company, as the case may be, could include the following with respect to investments: origination or sourcing, due diligence, evaluation, negotiation, servicing, development, management (including turnaround) and disposition. The individuals or relevant Portfolio Entity could be compensated with a salary and equity incentive plan, including a portion of profits derived from ECRED or a Portfolio Entity or asset of ECRED, or other long-term incentive plans. Compensation could also be based on assets under management, a waterfall similar to a carried interest, respectively, or other similar metric. ECRED could initially bear the cost of overhead (including rent, utilities, benefits, salary or retainers for the individuals or their affiliated entities) and the sourcing, diligence and analysis of investments, as well as the compensation for the individuals and entity undertaking the build-up strategy. Such expenses could be borne directly by ECRED as Fund Expenses (or Broken Deal Expenses, if applicable) or indirectly through expenditures by a Portfolio Entity. None of such Portfolio Entities or Senior and Other Advisors will be treated as affiliates of the Sponsor for purposes of this Prospectus and none of the fees, costs or expenses described above will reduce or offset Fund Fees.

In addition, the Sponsor will, in certain circumstances, engage third parties as Senior and Other Advisors (or in another similar capacity) in order to advise it with respect to existing investments, specific investment opportunities, and economic and industry trends. Such Senior and Other Advisors may receive reimbursement of reasonable related expenses by Portfolio Entities or ECRED and may have the opportunity to invest in a portion of the equity and/or debt available to ECRED for investment that would otherwise be taken by the Sponsor and its affiliates. If such Senior and Other Advisors generate investment opportunities on ECRED’s behalf, such Senior and Other Advisors may receive special additional fees or allocations comparable to those received by a third party in an arm’s length transaction and such additional fees or allocations would be borne fully by ECRED and/or Portfolio Entities (with no reduction or offset to Fund Fees) and not BXCI.

**Minority Investments in Asset Management Firms.** Blackstone and Other Clients, including Blackstone Strategic Capital Holdings (“BSCH”) and its related parties, regularly make minority investments in alternative asset management firms that are not affiliated with Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities, and which may from time to time engage in similar investment transactions, including with respect to purchase and sale of investments, with these asset management firms and their sponsored funds and Portfolio Entities. Typically, the Blackstone related party with an interest in the asset management firm would be entitled to receive a share of carried interest/performance based incentive compensation and net fee income or revenue share generated by the various products, vehicles, funds and accounts managed by that third party asset management firm that are included in the transaction or activities of the third party asset management firm, or a subset of such activities such as transactions with a Blackstone related party. In addition, while such minority investments are generally structured so that Blackstone does not “control” such third party asset management firms, Blackstone may nonetheless be afforded certain governance rights in relation to such investments (typically in the nature of “protective” rights, negative control rights or anti-dilution arrangements, as well as certain reporting and consultation rights) that afford Blackstone the ability to influence the firm. Although Blackstone and Other Clients, including BSCH, do not intend to control such third party asset management firms, there can be no

assurance that all third parties will similarly conclude that such investments are non-control investments or that, due to the provisions of the governing documents of such third party asset management firms or the interpretation of applicable law or regulations, investments by Blackstone and Other Clients, including BSCH, will not be deemed to have control elements for certain contractual, regulatory or other purposes. While such third party asset managers may not be deemed “affiliates” of Blackstone under this Prospectus or for any other purpose, Blackstone may, under certain circumstances, be in a position to influence the management and operations of such asset managers and the existence of its economic/ revenue sharing interest therein may give rise to conflicts of interest. ECRED may from time to time participate in such investments alongside Other Clients, including BSCH. Participation rights in a third party asset management firm (or other similar business), negotiated governance arrangements and/or the interpretation of applicable law or regulations could expose the investments of ECRED to claims by third parties in connection with such investments (as indirect owners of such asset management firms or similar businesses) that may have an adverse financial or reputational impact on the performance of ECRED. ECRED, its affiliates and their respective Portfolio Entities may from time to time engage in transactions with, and buy and sell investments from, any such third party asset managers and their sponsored funds, and make investments in vehicles sponsored by such third party asset managers, which may result in the Blackstone-related party earning carried interest/performance-based incentive compensation and/or fee income in respect of any such transactions. Such transactions and other commercial arrangements between ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and such third party asset managers, on the other hand, are not subject to approval by the AIFM. There can be no assurance that the terms of these transactions between parties related to Blackstone, on the one hand, and ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, on the other hand, will be at arm’s length or that Blackstone will not receive a benefit from such transactions, which can be expected to incentivize Blackstone to cause these transactions to occur. Such conflicts related to investments in and arrangements with other asset management firms will not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED. Unitholders will not be entitled to receive notice or disclosure of the terms or occurrence of either the investments in alternative asset management firms or transactions therewith and will not receive any benefit from such transactions. By executing a subscription document with respect to ECRED, each Unitholder acknowledges these conflicts related to investments in and arrangements with other asset management firms, acknowledges that these conflicts will not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED, agrees that Unitholders will not be entitled to receive notice or disclosure of the terms or occurrence of either the investments in alternative asset management firms or transactions therewith, otherwise understands that Unitholders will not receive any benefit from such transactions, consents to all such transactions and arrangements to the fullest extent permitted by law, and waives any claim against Blackstone and releases Blackstone from any liability arising from the existence of any such conflict of interest.

In addition, from time to time, certain advisors and service providers (including law firms) temporarily provide their personnel to Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients or their Portfolio Entities pursuant to various arrangements including at cost or at no cost. (See also “—Secondments and Internships” herein.) While often ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities are the beneficiaries of these types of arrangements, Blackstone is from time to time a beneficiary of these arrangements as well, including in circumstances where the advisor or service provider also provides services to ECRED, Other Clients or Blackstone in the ordinary course. Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients or their Portfolio Entities could receive benefits from these arrangements at no cost, or alternatively could pay all or a portion of the fees, compensation or other expenses in respect of these arrangements. The Management Fee will not be offset or reduced as a result of these arrangements or any fees, expense reimbursements or other costs related thereto. The personnel described above may provide services in respect of multiple matters, including in respect of matters related to Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients, Portfolio Entities, each of their respective affiliates and related parties, and Blackstone will endeavor in good faith to allocate the costs of these

arrangements, if any, to Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients, Portfolio Entities and other parties based on time spent by the personnel or another methodology Blackstone deems appropriate in a particular circumstance.

***Blackstone Policies and Procedures; Information Walls.*** Blackstone has implemented policies and procedures to address conflicts that arise as a result of its various activities, as well as regulatory and other legal considerations. Some of these policies and procedures, such as Blackstone's information wall policy, implemented by Blackstone to mitigate potential conflicts of interest and address certain regulatory requirements and contractual restrictions will reduce the synergies and collaboration across Blackstone's various businesses that ECRED expects to draw on for purposes of identifying, pursuing and managing attractive investment opportunities. Because Blackstone has many different asset management and advisory businesses, including private equity, growth equity, a credit business, a hedge fund business, a capital markets group, a life sciences business and a real estate advisory business, it is subject to a number of actual and potential conflicts of interest, greater regulatory oversight and more legal and contractual restrictions than that to which it would otherwise be subject if it had just one line of business. In addressing these conflicts and regulatory, legal and contractual requirements across its various businesses and to protect against the inappropriate sharing and/or use of information between ECRED and the other business units at Blackstone, Blackstone has implemented certain policies and procedures (e.g., Blackstone's information wall policy) regarding the sharing of information that have the potential to reduce the positive synergies and collaborations that ECRED could otherwise expect to utilize for purposes of identifying and managing attractive investments. For example, Blackstone will from time to time come into possession of material non-public information with respect to companies in which Other Clients may be considering making an investment or companies that are clients of Blackstone. As a consequence, that information, which could be of benefit to ECRED, might become restricted to those other respective businesses and otherwise be unavailable to ECRED. There can be no assurance, however, that any such policies and/or procedures will be effective in accomplishing their stated purpose and/or that they will not otherwise adversely affect the ability of ECRED to effectively achieve its investment objective by unduly limiting the investment flexibility of ECRED and/or the flow of otherwise appropriate information between BXCI and other business units at Blackstone. For example, in some instances, personnel of Blackstone would be unable to assist with the activities of ECRED as a result of these walls. There can be no assurance that additional restrictions will not be imposed that would further limit the ability of Blackstone to share information internally. In addition, due to these restrictions, ECRED may not be able to initiate a transaction that it otherwise might have initiated and may not be able to purchase or sell an investment that it otherwise might purchase or sold, which could negatively affect its operations.

In addition, to the extent that Blackstone is in possession of material non-public information or is otherwise restricted from trading in certain securities, ECRED and the Sponsor would also be deemed to be in possession of such information or otherwise restricted. Additionally, the terms of confidentiality or other agreements with or related to companies in which any Blackstone fund has or has considered making an investment or which is otherwise a client of Blackstone will from time to time restrict or otherwise limit the ability of ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities and their affiliates to make investments in or otherwise engage in businesses or activities competitive with such companies. Blackstone has in the past entered into, and reserves the right to enter into in the future, one or more strategic relationships in certain regions or with respect to certain types of investments that, although intended to provide greater opportunities for ECRED, require ECRED to share such opportunities or otherwise limit the amount of an opportunity ECRED can otherwise take.

***Data.*** Blackstone receives, generates or obtains various kinds of data and information from ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities, including but not limited to data and information relating to business operations, financial information results, trends, budgets, energy usage, plans, ESG, carbon emissions

and related metrics, customer and user data, employee and contractor data, supplier and cost data, and other related data and information, some of which is sometimes referred to as alternative data or “big data.” Blackstone can be expected to be better able to anticipate macroeconomic and other trends, and otherwise develop investment themes or identify specific investment, trading or business opportunities, as a result of its access to (and rights regarding) this data and information from ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities. Blackstone has entered and will continue to enter into information sharing and use, measurement and other arrangements, which will give the Firm access to (and rights regarding, including ownership, use, distribution and derived works rights over) data that it would not otherwise obtain in the ordinary course, with ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities, related parties and service providers. Although Blackstone believes that these activities improve Blackstone’s investment management activities on behalf of ECRED and Other Clients, information obtained from ECRED and its Portfolio Entities also provides material benefits to Blackstone, BXCI or Other Clients without compensation or other benefit accruing to ECRED or Shareholders. For example, information from a Portfolio Entity in which ECRED holds an interest may enable Blackstone to better understand a particular industry and execute trading and investment strategies in reliance on that understanding for Blackstone, BXCI and Other Clients that do not own an interest in the Portfolio Entity, typically without compensation or benefit to ECRED or its Portfolio Entities. Further, data is expected to be aggregated across ECRED, Other Clients and their respective portfolio companies and, in connection therewith, Blackstone would serve as the repository for such data, including with ownership and use rights therein.

Furthermore, except for contractual obligations to third parties to maintain confidentiality of certain information or otherwise limit the scope and purpose of its use or distribution, and regulatory limitations on the use of material nonpublic information, Blackstone is generally free to use and distribute data and information from ECRED’s activities to assist in the pursuit of Blackstone’s various other activities, including but not limited to trading activities for the benefit of Blackstone and/or an Other Client. Any confidentiality obligations in the Articles or this Prospectus do not limit Blackstone’s ability to do so. For example, Blackstone’s ability to trade in securities of an issuer relating to a specific industry may, subject to applicable law, be enhanced by information of a Portfolio Entity in the same or related industry. Such trading or other business activities can be expected to provide a material benefit to Blackstone without compensation or other benefit to ECRED or Shareholders. The sharing and use of “big data” and other information presents potential conflicts of interest and the Unitholders acknowledge and agree that any benefits received by Blackstone or its personnel (including fees (in cash or in kind), costs and expenses) will not reduce or offset Fund Fees or otherwise be shared with ECRED or Unitholders. As a result, the Sponsor has an incentive to pursue investments that have data and information that can be utilized in a manner that benefits Blackstone or Other Clients. (See also “—Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers” and “Data Management Services” herein).

**Data Management Services.** Blackstone or an affiliate of Blackstone formed in the future may provide Data Management Services (as defined below) to Portfolio Entities and may also provide such services directly to ECRED and Other Clients (collectively, “**Data Holders**”). Such services may include assistance with obtaining, analyzing, curating, processing, packaging, distributing, organizing, mapping, holding, transforming, enhancing, marketing and selling such data (among other related data management and consulting services) for monetization through licensing or sale arrangements with third parties and, subject to applicable law and any other applicable contractual limitations, with ECRED, Other Clients, Portfolio Entities and other Blackstone affiliates and associated entities (including funds in which Blackstone and Other Clients make investments, and Portfolio Entities thereof) (the “**Data Management Services**”). If Blackstone enters into data services arrangements with Portfolio Entities and receives compensation from such Portfolio Entities for such data services, ECRED will indirectly bear its share of such compensation based on its pro rata ownership of such Portfolio Entities. Where Blackstone believes appropriate, data from one Data Holder may be aggregated or pooled with data from other Data Holders. Any revenues

arising from such aggregated or pooled data sets would be allocated between applicable Data Holders on a fair and reasonable basis as determined by BXCI in its sole discretion, with BXCI able to make corrective allocations should it determine subsequently that such corrections were necessary or advisable. Blackstone is expected to receive compensation for such Data Management Services, which may include a percentage of the revenues generated through any licensing or sale arrangements with respect to the relevant data, and which compensation is expected to include fees, royalties and cost and expense reimbursement (including start-up costs and allocable overhead associated with personnel working on relevant matters (including salaries, benefits and other similar expenses)). Additionally, Blackstone is expected to share and distribute the products from such Data Management Services within Blackstone or its affiliates (including Other Clients or their portfolio companies) at no charge and, in such cases, the Data Holders may not receive any financial or other benefit from having provided such data to Blackstone. The potential receipt of such compensation by Blackstone may create incentives for Blackstone to cause ECRED to invest in Portfolio Entities with a significant amount of data that it might not otherwise have invested in or on terms less favorable than it otherwise would have sought to obtain.

***Blackstone and BXCI Strategic Relationships.*** Blackstone and BXCI have entered, and it can be expected that Blackstone and BXCI in the future will enter, into strategic relationships with investors (and/or one or more of their affiliates) that involve an overall relationship with Blackstone or BXCI that could incorporate one or more strategies (including, but not limited to, a different sector and/or geographical focus) in addition to ECRED's strategy ("**Strategic Relationships**"), with terms and conditions applicable solely to such investor and its investment in multiple Blackstone or BXCI strategies that would not apply to any other investor's investment in ECRED. A Strategic Relationship often involves an investor agreeing to make a capital commitment to or investment in (as applicable) multiple Blackstone or BXCI funds, one of which may include ECRED. Unitholders will not receive a copy of any agreement memorializing such a Strategic Relationship program (even if in the form of a side letter) and will be unable to elect in the "most-favored nations" election process any rights or benefits afforded through a Strategic Relationship. Specific examples of such additional rights and benefits include, among others, specialized reporting, discounts or reductions on and/or reimbursements or rebates of management fees or carried interest, secondment of personnel from the investor to Blackstone or BXCI (or vice versa), rights to participate in the investment review and evaluation process, as well as priority rights or targeted amounts for co-investments alongside BXCI or Blackstone funds (including, without limitation, preferential or favorable allocation of co-investment and preferential terms and conditions related to co-investment or other participation in Blackstone or BXCI funds (including in respect of any carried interest and/ or management fees to be charged with respect thereto, as well as any additional discounts, reductions, reimbursements or rebates with respect thereto or other penalties that may result if certain target co-investment allocations or other conditions under such arrangements are not achieved)). The co-investment that is part of a Strategic Relationship may include co-investment in investments made by ECRED. Blackstone, including its personnel (including BXCI personnel), may receive compensation from Strategic Relationships and may be incentivized to allocate investment opportunities away from ECRED to or source investment opportunities for Strategic Relationships. Strategic Relationships may therefore result in fewer co-investment opportunities (or reduced or no allocations) being made available to Unitholders. (See also "—Additional Potential Conflicts of Interest with respect to Co-Investment; Strategic Relationships Involving Co-Investment" herein).

***Blackstone Value Creation.*** Blackstone Value Creation is a global platform that is part of Blackstone's Portfolio Operations group (the "**Portfolio Operations Group**") and seeks to provide access to a range of cost-saving, revenue-generating and best-practice sharing opportunities for BXCI Portfolio Entities. The Portfolio Operations Group is organized into seven functional areas, across geographic regions and industry verticals:

*Procurement.* Blackstone's Group Purchasing program harnesses spending from portfolio companies



across more than 75 categories, including IT hardware and software, office supplies, shipping, energy and telecommunications.

*Healthcare Cost Containment:* Blackstone's Equity Healthcare team partners with portfolio companies to optimize the strategy and value of healthcare spending by reducing cost and improving the quality of healthcare services received by employees and their dependents. Equity Healthcare is one of the largest private sector purchasers of healthcare services in the United States and has helped drive cumulative healthcare cost savings to Portfolio Entities and strengthened Portfolio Entities ability to attract and retain talent.

*Lean Process:* The lean process team seeks to drive transformational improvements focused on material and information flows by reducing waste and non-value add activities across manufacturing functions. It develops prescriptive solutions for Portfolio Entities and aligns with senior leadership to support tailored strategies and guide management teams in executing and sustaining improved workflow processes.

*Leadership and Talent:* The Portfolio Operations Group employs the following strategies to optimize leadership and organizational performance: (i) delivering fit-for-purpose resources to Portfolio Entities, which include non-executive chairpersons, board members, advisors, and operating specialists, (ii) strengthening company teams and organizational practices through assisting with restructuring, integrations and growth actions, and (iii) convening conferences for Portfolio Entity executives to share best practices and improve alignment to Blackstone.

*Sustainability:* By improving the operation and maintenance of mechanical systems, the Portfolio Operations Group seeks to reduce energy spend while improving productivity, safety, and environmental performance.

*Technology / BPO:* Blackstone's Technology / BPO team helps the portfolio management teams recruit/upgrade their information technology leadership teams; import contemporary operating systems and application software to address their respective business priorities; leverage portfolio investments in technology companies to promote and serve the overall portfolio interests; and evaluate and negotiate preferred partnerships with digital/technology suppliers, advisors, and consultants from around the world.

*Data Science:* Blackstone has invested in a team of data scientists and engineers to help the Portfolio Entities realize operational efficiencies and drive new revenue through data and analytics. This team focuses on (i) building predictive models to enhance decision making; (ii) leveraging big data within operations; (iii) data visualization to democratize access to information; and (iv) data monetization.

Members of Blackstone's Portfolio Operations Group (including Blackstone Value Creation), who are Blackstone employees, are permitted to provide services to ECRED's Portfolio Entities, including without limitation those related to the functional areas described above and other similar management consulting, operational and financial matters and are permitted to participate in Blackstone co-investment rights. Any payments made or fees paid (which fees or payments may also in certain instances be structured as a reimbursement of internal compensation costs for time spent) by such Portfolio Entities to Blackstone for services rendered to such Portfolio Entities will generally be no greater than what would be paid in an arm's-length transaction for similar overall services, as determined by the Sponsor in good faith, and such payments or fees received by Blackstone will not reduce or offset Fund Fees. As a result, Blackstone may be incentivized to cause members of the Portfolio Operations Group to spend more time on ECRED's Portfolio Entities as compared to Portfolio Entities of Other Clients that do reduce or fee offset applicable management fees and/or other fees or allocations as a consequence of such payments. There can be no assurance that members of the Portfolio Operations Group will be able to provide their services to Portfolio Entities and/or that any individuals within the Portfolio Operations Group will remain employed by

Blackstone. The level of involvement and role of Blackstone's Portfolio Operations Group within each part of Blackstone with respect to any of ECRED's Portfolio Entities may vary, including having no involvement or role at all. In addition, the Portfolio Operations Group will provide services to ECRED's Portfolio Entities as described in more detail in "—Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers", including facilitation of arrangements for Portfolio Entities relating to group procurement (such as the group purchasing organization) and other operational, administrative or management related matters from third parties or Blackstone affiliates, and other similar operational initiatives. These services may result in commissions or similar payments, including related to a portion of the savings achieved by the Portfolio Entities, and in each case payments made to Blackstone in connection therewith will not offset the Fund Fees. See also "Group Procurement; Discounts" and "Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers" for further information regarding such programs.

***Buying and Selling Investments or Assets from Certain Related Parties.*** From time to time, ECRED and its Portfolio Entities will be permitted to purchase Investments or assets from, or sell Investments or assets to, Unitholders, other Portfolio Entities of ECRED, portfolio entities of Other Clients, their investors or their respective related parties including parties which such Unitholders or portfolio entities, or Other Clients, own or have invested in. In certain circumstances, it can be expected that the proceeds received by a seller from ECRED in respect of an investment or asset will be distributed, in whole or in part, to a related party (i.e., a Unitholder, Other Clients and/or portfolio companies thereof) of ECRED when such related party indirectly holds interests in such underlying investment or asset through the seller (including, for example, in such related party's capacity as an investor in such seller). In such circumstances, Unitholders, Other Clients, portfolio companies of Other Clients or their respective related parties, may also have limited governance rights in respect of such seller or such investment or asset). Purchases and sales of Investments or assets between ECRED or its Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and Unitholders, other Portfolio Entities of ECRED, portfolio entities of Other Clients or their respective related parties, on the other hand, are not subject to the approval of the AIFM (or Independent Client Representative (if any) as applicable) or any Unitholder, except as expressly required under this Prospectus and the Management Regulations or unless otherwise required under the Advisers Act or other applicable laws or regulations. ECRED is permitted to originate or initially acquire an Investment (or portfolio of related Investments) in circumstances where it expects that certain portions or tranches thereof (which may be of different levels of seniority or credit quality) will be syndicated to one or more Other Clients as described above (in which case Blackstone will have conflicting duties in determining the tranching thereof). In addition, certain financings between ECRED and Blackstone affiliates could involve structuring that in form is a transaction between ECRED and an affiliate, but will not be treated as the sale of an Investment from or to ECRED from a Blackstone affiliate for purposes of this Prospectus and the Management Regulations, as determined by the Sponsor in good faith. These transactions involve conflicts of interest, as Blackstone may receive fees and other benefits, directly or indirectly, from or otherwise have interests in both parties to the transaction, including different financial incentives Blackstone may have with respect to the parties to the transaction. For example, there can be no assurance that any Investment or asset sold by ECRED to a Unitholder, other Portfolio Entities of ECRED, portfolio company of Other Clients or any of their respective related parties will not be valued or allocated a sale price that is lower than might otherwise have been the case if such asset were sold to a third party rather than to a Unitholder, portfolio company of Other Clients or any of their respective related parties. Blackstone will not be required to solicit third party bids or obtain a third party valuation prior to causing ECRED or any of its Portfolio Entities to purchase or sell any asset or Investment from or to a Unitholder, other Portfolio Entities of ECRED, portfolio companies of Other Clients or any of their respective related parties as provided above. For example, a bidder that is not or has otherwise chosen not to work with an Other Client for such financing, may perceive the process as favoring parties that are doing so. While Blackstone will seek to develop sale procedures that mitigate conflicts for ECRED, there can be no assurance that any bidding process will not be negatively impacted by the presence of any Other Clients. Further, a Portfolio Entity may sell its data to limited partners,

portfolio companies of Other Clients or Other Clients or their respective related parties (See also “Data Management Services”).

**Investments in BX-Managed CLOs.** ECRED is expected to invest in CLOs that are managed directly or indirectly by the Sponsor (each such CLO, a “**BX-Managed CLO**”). Such BX-Managed CLOs generally (i) pay (or require investors to pay) the Sponsor certain management and performance fees and (ii) bear certain costs and expenses. Such fees, costs and expenses are in addition to the fees and Fund Expenses paid by ECRED described below and therefore reduce the actual returns to ECRED. The Management Fee and Fund Expenses and the fees, costs and expenses of the CLOs that are managed directly or indirectly by the Sponsor in which ECRED invests will be paid regardless of whether ECRED or such entities produce positive investment returns. A BX-Managed CLO, like other investment products generally, may be more attractive to third-party investors if such CLO is composed of significant amounts of investor capital (e.g., capital invested by Other Clients, including, for this purpose, ECRED). Increased investment by third-party investors would be beneficial to the Sponsor as the amount of revenue generated by a BX-Managed CLO would generally increase as the capital invested in such CLO increases. Therefore, because the Sponsor shares in the revenue of a BX-Managed CLO, it may be incentivized not to reduce its investment in such CLO. Likewise, in certain circumstances, the Sponsor may be incentivized to increase ECRED’s investment in such BX-Managed CLO despite the fact that the increased amount of ECRED’s investment in the BX-Managed CLO may not be in the best interests of ECRED (e.g., ECRED may be investing in a BX-Managed CLO in lieu of investing in another third-party managed CLO with a more attractive track record, or ECRED may be investing in a BX-Managed CLO which would be unable to launch without ECRED’s investment).

ECRED is expected to invest a portion of its assets in: (i) CLOs in which the Sponsor or Other Clients have also invested, (ii) CLOs that the Sponsor has assisted in structuring but in respect of which it has chosen not to invest or (iii) CLOs in respect of which the Sponsor or other entities under its management may have invested in the past but no longer hold a position. In cases where ECRED invests in a CLO in which the Sponsor or another entity under its management also has an investment, the investment held by the Sponsor or such other entity may rank senior or junior to the investment owned by ECRED in the relevant entity or may, due to its size or nature, provide the holder of that other investment with greater or superior rights in relation to the relevant entity than ECRED possesses.

In addition, the Sponsor may be subject to certain conflicts of interest relating to ECRED’s investments in CLOs for which the Sponsor acts as the manager or collateral manager. ECRED will not have an active role in the day-to-day management of such CLOs and will not have the opportunity to evaluate the specific loan obligations underlying such CLOs. Situations may also arise in which the interests of ECRED, on the one hand, conflict with those of any such CLO, on the other hand. While the Sponsor will seek to resolve any conflicts in a fair and equitable manner, the Sponsor will not be required to take ECRED’s interests into account when making decisions on behalf of any such CLO. There can be no assurance that such conflicts, if resolved, will be resolved for the benefit of ECRED or the Unitholders.

**Allocation of Financing and Refinancing Opportunities.** ECRED may provide financing to a sponsor (including Blackstone or a third party) or its relevant acquisition vehicle or to another company that will result in the re-financing or realization of an Other Client’s investment in or acquisition of a Portfolio Entity or an interest in a portfolio entity of an Other Client. ECRED may also provide financing in connection with acquisitions by one or more Other Clients or their affiliates of assets, interests (and/or portfolios thereof) owned by a sponsor (including Blackstone or a third party). This may include making commitments to provide financing at, prior to or around the time any such purchaser commits to or makes such investments. Although not limited to such arrangements, this type of financing could for example be provided through pre-arranged “staple” financing packages arranged and offered by Blackstone to potential bidders for such investments. Blackstone will face conflicts of interest in relation to such transactions or arrangements. For

example, where ECRED provides acquisition financing to any such bidder, in particular in respect of its incentives to maximize profits on the sale of the relevant investment by the relevant Other Client (which may have a higher carried interest or other performance-based compensation payable to its Blackstone-affiliated general partner (or similar managing entity) than ECRED) or to otherwise induce such bidder to make such acquisition and facilitate an exit of the investment by the Other Client, by offering such financing on below-market pricing and/or other terms. Other Clients that also engage in financing activities (including proprietary Blackstone vehicles) are similarly generally not limited in their ability to provide financing to sponsors or its relevant acquisition vehicle or to another company and their relevant acquisition vehicles or to other companies as part of similar financing packages arranged and offered by Blackstone for the purposes of acquiring investments held by ECRED, in which case, similar conflicts of interest will arise. Furthermore, such transactions may involve the partial or complete payoff of loans (with related proceeds being received by the applicable Other Clients) and/or otherwise result in restructurings of terms and pricing relating to such existing loans with the borrower thereof in respect of which such Other Clients may receive refinancing proceeds and/or a retained interest in such loans in accordance with such restructuring arrangements. Additionally, in certain situations ECRED may not commit to provide financing until a third-party has committed to make a deposit in connection with the acquisition of an investment from an Other Client, which may result in ECRED being disadvantaged in the overall bid process or potentially not consummating the Investment.

In addition, ECRED may provide financing to a borrower, or debt or equity financing to a sponsor (including Blackstone or a third party) or other person which in turn will use such financing to provide financing to a borrower, for the purposes of refinancing or modifying an existing loan or other debt position in the relevant borrower held by an Other Client, or for the purpose of enabling the relevant borrower to repurchase or redeem equity interests in such borrower held by an Other Client, or otherwise for the purpose of providing liquidity to an Other Client that holds an interest in the relevant borrower. Such transactions may be consummated for the purpose of facilitating (or otherwise directly or indirectly enable) the relevant borrower to make dividend payments or grant other economic benefits to Other Clients that hold an equity interest in such borrower. To the extent such investment opportunities arise, Blackstone will face actual or apparent conflicts of interest, in particular the incentive to use financing provided directly or indirectly by ECRED to facilitate a successful exit of any such investment by the relevant Other Client. Moreover, nothing in this Prospectus or the Management Regulations prohibits an Other Client from refinancing or modifying loans or debt positions or from providing debt or equity financing to a sponsor (including Blackstone or a third party), which in turn will use such financing to refinance loans or debt positions held by ECRED in a borrower prior to their stated maturity. Such prepayments will generally result in ECRED receiving a lower than anticipated yield on such investments, which it cannot recoup through the redeployment of the relevant investment proceeds or otherwise mitigate through any early repayment penalties negotiated with the relevant borrower. ECRED may be required to pay pre-payment penalties to Other Clients or their Portfolio Entities (or vice versa). While not limited to such periods, debt refinancings are more likely to occur during periods of declining interest rates. To the extent that ECRED reinvest the proceeds of a prepayment in these circumstances, it will likely receive a rate of interest that is lower than the rate on the debt positions that were prepaid as a result of the refinancing. In considering such refinancing opportunities, Blackstone will face actual or apparent conflicts of interest, in particular in respect of its incentives to source attractive refinancing opportunities for the benefit of Other Clients. The pricing and terms of any of the foregoing refinancing transactions will, from time to time, be established solely by Blackstone without the involvement of an independent third party and may be above or below then current market expectations and the pricing and terms related to the prior financing. The refinancing party (and/or the original party to the loan) may ultimately benefit from (or be harmed by) the refinancing, and ECRED and Other Clients may consequently profit (including in relation to their incentive allocation calculations) or realize losses as a consequence thereof. It is possible that Blackstone will allocate the opportunity to

refinance the loan or other debt position held by ECRED in a different proportion (which can be higher or lower) to the proportion in which ECRED participated in the position being refinanced and, in certain circumstances, ECRED could have insufficient available capital or otherwise be unable to participate in such refinancing.

Similarly, ECRED may participate in a follow-on investment in an existing portfolio entity or other borrower in which ECRED and/or Other Clients or Blackstone proprietary vehicles or other persons hold a loan or other debt position, which follow-on investment could be protective or a “new money” investment in the relevant issuer, in a different proportion (which can be higher or lower) to the proportion in which it participated in the prior loan or other debt investment, and, in certain circumstances, the Sponsor in its sole discretion may determine that ECRED will not participate in such investments. Such follow-on investments could be senior to the prior loan or debt investment in the relevant issuer, which could give rise to conflicts of interest to the extent that the Sponsor in its sole discretion may determine that ECRED invests in a lower or higher proportion than its original investment (or does not participate in such investments), and which could otherwise disproportionately benefit Other Clients or Blackstone relative to ECRED, for example, where ECRED participates in a protective follow-on investment in a higher proportion than its participation in the original investment due to the inability of an Other Client to participate. Notwithstanding that the follow-on investment by ECRED could be senior to the original investment and therefore have structural priority relative to such original investment (and would therefore benefit ECRED in that regard), the original investment by such Other Client could nonetheless benefit on a “free-ride” basis from the subsequent protective investment by ECRED in the relevant portfolio entity and the return from such investment could ultimately be higher than would have been the case had ECRED not participated in such investment and the return on ECRED’s investment in such portfolio entity could be lower than would have been the case if it had participated in such follow-on investment in the same proportion as it participated in the original investment. The reverse will be the case to the extent ECRED did not participate in any such investment.

***Other Blackstone Businesses, Activities and Relationships.*** As part of its regular business, Blackstone provides a broad range of investment banking, advisory and other services. In addition, from time to time, Blackstone will provide services in the future beyond those currently provided. Unitholders will not receive any benefit from any fees relating to such services.

In the regular course of its capital markets, investment banking, real estate advisory and other businesses, Blackstone represents potential purchasers, sellers and other involved parties, including corporations, financial buyers, management, shareholders and institutions, with respect to transactions that could give rise to other transactions that are suitable for ECRED. In such a case, a Blackstone advisory client would typically require Blackstone to act exclusively on its behalf. Such advisory client requests may preclude all Blackstone-affiliated clients, including ECRED, from participating in related transactions that would otherwise be suitable. Blackstone will be under no obligation to decline any such engagements in order to make an investment opportunity available to ECRED. In connection with its capital markets, investment banking, advisory, real estate and other businesses, Blackstone comes into possession of information that limits its ability to engage in potential transactions. ECRED’s activities are expected to be constrained as a result of the inability of Blackstone personnel to use such information. For example, employees of Blackstone from time to time are prohibited by law or contract from sharing information with members of ECRED’s investment team. Additionally, there are expected to be circumstances in which one or more individuals associated with Blackstone affiliates (including clients) will be precluded from providing services related to ECRED’s activities because of certain confidential information available to those individuals or to other parts of Blackstone (e.g., trading may be restricted). Where Blackstone affiliates are engaged to find buyers or financing sources for potential sellers of assets, the seller may permit ECRED to act as a participant in such transactions (as a buyer or financing partner), which would raise certain conflicts of

interest inherent in such a situation (including as to the negotiation of the purchase price).

ECRED may invest in securities of the same issuers as Other Clients or other investment vehicles, accounts and clients of Blackstone and the Sponsor. To the extent that ECRED holds interests that are different (or more senior or junior) than those held by such Other Clients, BXCI may be presented with decisions involving circumstances where the interests of such Other Clients are in conflict with those of ECRED. Furthermore, it is possible ECRED's interest may be subordinated or otherwise adversely affected by virtue of such Other Clients' involvement and actions relating to its investment.

BXCI has received an Exemptive Order (as defined below) that permits certain funds, among other things, to co-invest with certain other persons, including certain affiliates of BXCI, and certain funds managed and controlled by BXCI and its affiliates subject to certain terms and conditions. In addition, other present and future activities of Blackstone and its affiliates (including BXCI and the Sponsor) will from time to time give rise to additional conflicts of interest relating to Blackstone and its investment activities. In the event that any such conflict of interest arises, the Sponsor will attempt to resolve such conflicts in a fair and equitable manner. Investors should be aware that, subject to applicable law, conflicts will not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED's interests. (See "*Other Blackstone and BXCI Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities*").

#### ***Transactions with Clients of Blackstone Insurance Solutions.***

Blackstone Insurance Solutions ("**BIS**") is a business unit of Blackstone that is comprised of two affiliated registered investment advisers. BIS provides investment advisory services to insurers, including, among others, (i) Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance Company and certain of its affiliates ("**FGL**"), (ii) Everlake Life Insurance Company and certain of its affiliates ("**Everlake**"), (iii) certain subsidiaries of Corebridge Financial, Inc. ("**Corebridge**") and (iv) certain subsidiaries of Resolution Life Group Holdings Ltd. ("**Resolution Life**"). Certain of the insurers for which BIS provides services are, or may be in the future, owned, directly or indirectly, by Blackstone, ECRED, or Other Clients, in whole or in part.

Actual or potential conflicts of interest may arise with respect to the relationship of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities with the funds, vehicles or accounts BIS advises or sub-advises, including accounts where an insurer (including, without limitation, each of FGL, Everlake, Corebridge and Resolution Life) participates in investments directly and there is no separate vehicle controlled by Blackstone (collectively, "**BIS Clients**"). BIS Clients have invested and are expected to continue investing in Other Clients. Certain BIS Clients have investment objectives that overlap with those of ECRED (and the Sponsor has entered into sub-management agreements with BIS to manage (for a fee, which such fees may be shared with BIS) the assets of certain such BIS Clients with respect to investments that overlap in part with the ECRED's investment directive) or its portfolio companies and such BIS Clients may invest alongside (or in lieu of) ECRED or such Portfolio Entities in certain investments, which will reduce the investment opportunities otherwise available to ECRED or such Portfolio Entities. BIS Clients will also participate in transactions related to ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities (e.g., as originators, co-originators, counterparties or otherwise). Other transactions in which BIS Clients will participate include, without limitation, investments in debt or other securities issued by Other Blackstone Clients or portfolio companies or other forms of financing to Other Blackstone Clients or Portfolio Entities (including special purpose vehicles established by ECRED or such Portfolio Entities). When investing alongside ECRED or its Portfolio Entities or in other transactions related to ECRED or its Portfolio Entities, BIS Clients may or may not invest or divest at the same time or on the same terms as ECRED or the applicable Portfolio Entities. BIS Clients may also from time to time acquire investments and Portfolio Entities directly or indirectly from ECRED. In circumstances where BXCI determines in good faith that the conflict of interest is mitigated in whole or in part through various measures that Blackstone, BXCI or the Sponsor implements, the Sponsor may determine to proceed with the applicable transaction (subject to oversight by the Board of Directors and the applicable

law to which ECRED is subject). In order to seek to mitigate any potential conflicts of interest with respect to such transactions (or other transactions involving BIS Clients), Blackstone may, in its discretion, involve independent members of the board of a Portfolio Entity or a third party stakeholder in the transaction to negotiate price and terms on behalf of the BIS Clients or otherwise cause the BIS Clients to “follow the vote” thereof, and/or cause an independent client representative or other third party to approve the investment or otherwise represent the interests of one or more of the parties to the transaction. In addition, Blackstone or the Sponsor may limit the percentage interest of the BIS Clients participating in such transaction, or obtain appropriate price quotes or other benchmarks, or, alternatively, a third-party price opinion or other document to support the reasonableness of the price and terms of the transaction. BIS may, but is not required to, from time to time require the applicable BIS Clients participating in a transaction to consent thereto (including in circumstances where the Sponsor does not seek the consent of the AIFM). There can be no assurance that any such measures or other measures that may be implemented by Blackstone will be effective at mitigating any actual or potential conflicts of interest. Moreover, under certain circumstances (e.g., where a BIS Client participates in a transaction directly (and not through a vehicle controlled by Blackstone) and independently consents to participating in a transaction), a BIS Client (or any Other Client participating via a similar arrangement) will not be considered an “affiliate” for purposes of the Management Regulations or this Prospectus nor subject to consent of the AIFM, in which case any limitations or obligations pursuant to this Prospectus and the Management Regulations with respect to transactions with affiliates will not apply.

**Allocation of Portfolios.** Blackstone will, in certain circumstances, have an opportunity to acquire (including through the use of certain warehousing arrangements, See also “Syndication; Warehousing and Related Transactions” above for further information) a portfolio or pool of assets, securities and instruments that it determines should be divided and allocated among ECRED and Other Clients. Such allocations generally would be based on Blackstone’s assessment of the expected returns and risk profile of each of the assets. For example, some of the assets in a pool may have a return profile appropriate for ECRED, while others may have a return profile not appropriate for ECRED but appropriate for Other Clients. Also, a pool may contain both debt and equity instruments that Blackstone determines should be allocated to different funds. In all of these situations, the combined purchase price paid to a seller would be allocated among the multiple assets, securities and instruments in the pool and therefore, subject to applicable law, among ECRED and Other Clients acquiring any of the assets, securities and instruments, although Blackstone could, in certain circumstances, allocate value to ECRED and such Other Blackstone Clients on a different basis than the contractual purchase price. Similarly, there will likely be circumstances in which ECRED and Other Clients will sell assets in a single or related transactions to a buyer. In some cases a counterparty will require an allocation of value in the purchase or sale contract, though Blackstone could determine such allocation of value is not accurate and should not be relied upon. Blackstone will generally rely upon internal analysis to determine the ultimate allocation of value, though it could also obtain third party valuation reports. Regardless of the methodology for allocating value, Blackstone will have conflicting duties to ECRED and Other Clients when they buy or sell assets together in a portfolio, including as a result of different financial incentives Blackstone has with respect to different vehicles, most clearly when the fees and compensation, including performance-based compensation, earned from the different vehicles differ. There can be no assurance that an investment will not be valued or allocated a purchase price that is higher or lower than it might otherwise have been allocated if such investment were acquired or sold independently rather than as a component of a portfolio shared with Other Clients. These conflicts related to allocation of portfolios will not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED, and Unitholders may not be entitled to receive notice or disclosure of the occurrence of these conflicts.

**Holding Entities and Tracking Interests.** Blackstone may determine that for legal, tax, regulatory, accounting, administrative or other reasons ECRED should hold an Investment (or a portion of a portfolio or pool of assets) through a single holding entity through which one or more Other Clients hold different

investments (or a different portion of such portfolio or pool of assets), including where such portfolio or pool has been divided and allocated among ECRED and such Other Clients in respect of which ECRED does not have the same economic rights, obligations or liabilities. In such circumstances, it is expected that the economic rights, liabilities and obligations in respect of the Investment (or portion of a portfolio or pool) that is indirectly held by ECRED would be specifically attributed to ECRED through tracking interests in such holding entity or back-to-back or other similar contribution or reimbursement agreements or other similar arrangements entered into with such Other Clients, and that ECRED would be deemed for purposes of the Prospectus to hold its Investment (or portion of a portfolio or pool) separately from, and not jointly with, such Other Clients (and vice versa in respect of the investments (or portion of a portfolio or pool) held indirectly through such holding entity by such Other Clients). Furthermore, certain holding structures may require a newly-established manager, advisor, service provider or other entity intended to address certain legal, tax, regulatory, accounting, administrative or other considerations applicable to ECRED and/or Other Clients. For example, due to rules, regulations and/or requirements in a particular jurisdiction (e.g., licensing requirements), it may be the case that in order to comply with the foregoing, one Blackstone entity serves a particular role for another Blackstone entity (e.g., as an administrator or other role requiring a license) that it otherwise would not but for the rules, regulations and/or requirements in such jurisdiction. It is possible that ECRED will be responsible for the costs and expenses of establishing such holding structure (including any such newly-established entities) prior to, and/or, in anticipation of, Other Clients participating through such structure for their investments and it is expected that such Other Clients reimburse ECRED for any such costs and expenses on a pro rata basis.

***Other Affiliate Transactions and Investments in Different Levels of Capital Structure.*** From time to time, ECRED and the Other Clients can be expected to make investments at different levels of an issuer's capital structure or otherwise in different classes of an issuer's securities or loans, subject to the limitations of the Investment Company Act. While less common, subject to applicable law, from time to time ECRED could hold an investment in a different layer of the capital structure than an investor or another party with which Blackstone has a material relationship, in which case Blackstone could have an incentive to cause ECRED or the Portfolio Entity to offer more favorable terms to such parties (including, for instance, financing arrangements). Such investments may inherently give rise to conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest between or among the various classes of securities or loans that may be held by such entities. To the extent ECRED holds securities or loans that are different (including with respect to their relative seniority) than those held by an Other Client, the Sponsor and its affiliates may be presented with decisions when the interests of the vehicles are in conflict (for example, voting on an amendment and/or waiver or other corporate action where ECRED and/or Other Clients hold in aggregate more than 50% of the voting rights). For example, conflicts could arise where ECRED lends funds to a Portfolio Entity while an Other Client invests in common and/or preferred equity securities of such Portfolio Entity. In this circumstance, for example, if such Portfolio Entity were to effect an amendment to or waiver to its finance documents and/or go into distress or bankruptcy, become insolvent or otherwise be unable to meet its payment obligations or comply with its debt covenants, conflicts of interest could arise between the holders of different types of securities or loans as to what actions the Portfolio Entity should take. Typically where: (i) Other Clients own 40% or less of the economic ownership interests and voting rights in an issuer, third party investors are expected to (without it being a requirement) acquire at least 20% of the tranche of loans or securities in which ECRED is investing; and (ii) Other Clients own greater than 40% of the economic ownership interests and voting rights in an issuer, third party investors are expected to (without it being a requirement) acquire at least 50.1% of the tranche of loans or securities in which ECRED is investing. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing set-out in the prior sentence will be deemed to limit the activities of ECRED and Other Clients, and ECRED and Other Clients may participate in Investments where the ownership thresholds differ from those set-out therein. In addition, purchases or sales of securities or loans for the account of ECRED (particularly marketable securities) will be bunched or aggregated with orders for Other



Clients, including other funds. It is frequently not possible to receive the same price or execution on the entire volume of securities sold, and the various prices may be averaged, which may be disadvantageous to ECRED. Further conflicts could arise after ECRED and Other Clients have made their respective initial investments. For example, if additional financing is necessary as a result of financial or other difficulties, it may not be in the best interests of ECRED to provide such additional financing. If the Other Clients were to lose their respective investments as a result of such difficulties, the ability of the Sponsor to recommend actions in the best interests of ECRED might be impaired. BXCI may in its discretion take steps to reduce the potential for adversity between ECRED and the Other Clients, including causing ECRED and/or such Other Clients to take certain actions that, in the absence of such conflict, it would not take. Such conflicts will be more difficult if ECRED and Other Clients hold significant or controlling interests in competing or different tranches of a Portfolio Entity's capital structure. Equity holders and debt holders have different (and often competing) motives, incentives, liquidity goals and other interests with respect to a Portfolio Entity. In addition, there may be circumstances where BXCI agrees to implement certain procedures to ameliorate conflicts of interest that may involve a forbearance of rights relating to ECRED or Other Clients, such as where BXCI may cause ECRED or Other Clients to decline to exercise certain control-and/or foreclosure-related rights with respect to a Portfolio Entity.

In addition, conflicts have the potential to arise in determining the amount of an investment, if any, to be allocated among potential investors and the respective terms thereof. There can be no assurance that any conflict will be resolved in favor of ECRED, and each Unitholder acknowledges and agrees that in some cases, subject to applicable law, a decision by BXCI to take any particular action could have the effect of benefiting an Other Client, BXCI and therefore will not always be in the best interests of, and will, at times, be adverse to, ECRED. There can be no assurance that the return on ECRED's investment will be equivalent to or better than the returns obtained by the Other Clients participating same or similar in the transactions. The Shareholders will not receive any benefit from fees paid to any affiliate of the Sponsor in respect of any Other Client's investment in a Portfolio Entity.

***Related Financing Counterparties.*** ECRED can be expected to invest in companies or other entities in which Other Clients make an investment in a different part of the capital structure (and vice versa). The Sponsor requests in the ordinary course proposals from lenders and other sources to provide financing to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities. BXCI takes into account various facts and circumstances it deems relevant in selecting financing sources, including whether a potential lender has expressed an interest in evaluating debt financing opportunities, whether a potential lender has a history of participating in debt financing opportunities generally and with Blackstone in particular, the size of the potential lender's loan amount, the timing of the relevant cash requirement, the availability of other sources of financing, the creditworthiness of the lender, whether the potential lender has demonstrated a long-term or continuing commitment to the success of Blackstone, BXCI and their funds, and such other factors that Blackstone and BXCI deem relevant under the circumstances. The cost of debt alone is not determinative.

Although ECRED will generally be providing secured financing to its Portfolio Entities, it is possible that Unitholders, Other Clients, their Portfolio Entities, co-investors and other parties with material relationships with Blackstone, such as shareholders of and lenders to Blackstone and lenders to Other Clients and investors therein and their Portfolio Entities (as well as Blackstone itself or a Warehousing Entity) (each, a "**Related Party**"), could provide additional debt and/or equity financing (including but not limited to preferred equity financing) to portfolio companies of ECRED. Furthermore, a Related Party may provide debt and/or equity financing (including but not limited to preferred equity financing) to ECRED. In connection thereof, Blackstone could have incentives to cause ECRED and its Portfolio Entities to accept less favorable financing terms from a Related Party than it would from a third party. If ECRED or a Portfolio Entity occupies a more senior position in the capital structure than a Related Party, Blackstone could have an incentive to cause ECRED or Portfolio Entity to offer more favorable financing terms to such parties. In

the case of a related party financing between ECRED or its Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and Blackstone or Other Clients' Portfolio Entities, on the other hand (including the refinancing by ECRED of indebtedness of a Portfolio Entity of an Other Client), the Sponsor could, but is not obligated to (subject to the approval of the AIFM), rely on a third party agent to confirm the terms offered by the counterparty are consistent with market terms, or the Sponsor could instead rely on its own internal analysis, which the Sponsor believes is often superior to third party analysis given Blackstone's scale in the market. If however any of Blackstone, ECRED, an Other Client or any of their Portfolio Entities delegates to a third party, such as another member of a financing syndicate or a joint venture partner, the negotiation of the terms of the financing, the transaction will be assumed to be conducted on an arms-length basis, even though the participation of Blackstone related vehicle impacts the market terms. For example, in the case of a loan extended to ECRED or a Portfolio Entity by a financing syndicate in which an Other Client has agreed to participate on terms negotiated by a third party participant in the syndicate, it may have been necessary to offer better terms to the financing provider to fully subscribe the syndicate if the Other Client had not participated. It is also possible that the frequent participation of Other Clients in such syndicates could dampen interest among other potential financing providers, thereby lowering demand to participate in the syndicate and increasing the financing costs to ECRED. The Sponsor does not believe either of these effects is significant, but no assurance can be given to Unitholders that these effects will not be significant in any circumstance. The Sponsor will not be required to obtain any consent or seek any approvals from Unitholders, the Independent Client Representative (if any) or the AIFM in the case of any of these conflicts, unless specifically stated.

Blackstone could cause actions adverse to ECRED to be taken for the benefit of Other Clients that have made an investment more senior or junior in the capital structure of a Portfolio Entity than ECRED (e.g., provide financing to a Portfolio Entity, the common or preferred equity of which is owned by ECRED) and, vice versa, actions will, in certain circumstances, be taken for the benefit of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities that are adverse to Other Clients. Blackstone could seek to implement procedures to mitigate conflicts of interest in these situations such as (i) a forbearance of rights, including some or all non-economic rights, by ECRED or relevant Other Client (or their respective Portfolio Entities, as the case may be) by, for example, agreeing to follow the vote of a third party in the same tranche of the capital structure, or otherwise deciding to recuse itself with respect to both normal course ongoing matters (such as consent rights with respect to loan modifications in intercreditor agreements) and also decisions on defaults, foreclosures, workouts, restructurings and other similar matters, (ii) causing ECRED or relevant Other Client (or their respective Portfolio Entities, as the case may be) to hold only a non-controlling interest in any such Portfolio Entity, (iii) retaining a third party loan servicer, administrative agent or other agent to make decisions on behalf of ECRED or relevant Other Client (or their respective Portfolio Entities, as the case may be), or (iv) create groups of personnel within Blackstone separated by information barriers (which can be expected to be temporary and limited purpose in nature), each of which would advise one of the clients that has a conflicting position with other clients. As an example, to the extent an Other Client holds an interest in a loan or security that is different (including with respect to relative seniority) than those held by ECRED or its Portfolio Entities, Blackstone may (but is not required to) decline to exercise, or delegate to a third party, certain control, foreclosure and other similar governance rights of the Other Client. In these cases, Blackstone would generally act on behalf of one of its clients, though the other client would generally retain certain control rights, such as the right to consent to certain actions taken by the trustee or administrative or other agent of the investment, including a release, waiver, forgiveness or reduction of any claim for principal or interest; extension of maturity date or due date of any payment of any principal or interest; release or substitution of any material collateral; release, waiver, termination or modification of any material provision of any guaranty or indemnity; subordination of any lien; and release, waiver or permission with respect to any covenants. The efficacy of following the vote of third-party creditors will be limited in circumstances where ECRED or Other Client acquires all or substantially all of a relevant

instrument, tranche or class of securities.

In connection with negotiating loans and bank financings in respect of BXCI-sponsored transactions, BXCI will generally obtain the right to participate (for its own account or an Other Client) in a portion of the financings with respect to such BXCI-sponsored transactions on the same terms negotiated by third parties with Blackstone or other terms the Sponsor determines to be consistent with the market. Although Blackstone could rely on third parties to verify market terms, Blackstone may nonetheless have influence on such third parties. No assurance can be given that negotiating with a third party, or verification of market terms by a third party, will ensure that ECRED and its Portfolio Entities receive market terms.

In addition, it is anticipated that in a bankruptcy proceeding ECRED's interests will likely be subordinated or otherwise adverse to the interests of Other Clients with ownership positions that are more senior to those of ECRED. For example, an Other Client that has provided debt financing to an investment of ECRED may take actions for its benefit, particularly if ECRED's Investment is in financial distress, which adversely impact the value of ECRED's subordinated interests.

Although Other Clients can be expected to provide financing to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, there can be no assurance that any Other Client will indeed provide any such financing with respect to any particular investment. Participation by Other Clients in some but not all financings of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities may adversely impact the ability of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities to obtain financing from third parties when Other Clients do not participate, as it may serve as a negative signal to market participants.

Any financing provided by a Unitholder or an affiliate to ECRED or a Portfolio Entity is not an investment in ECRED.

In addition, nothing in this Prospectus prevents the Sponsor or its affiliates (including a Warehousing Entity) from making, and the Sponsor or any of its affiliates (including a Warehousing Entity) may make short-term or long-term advances to ECRED or any Portfolio Entity (including but not limited to in the form of preferred equity financing), subject to compliance with the Leverage Limit. If the Sponsor or any of its affiliates (including a Warehousing Entity) lends funds to ECRED or any Portfolio Entity by way of debt and/or equity financing (including but not limited to preferred equity financing), (i) the terms of such financing will be disclosed to the AIFM (not including any advances for Fund Expenses, Initial Fund Expenses Support and Organizational and Offering Expenses) and (ii) such funds will be on terms as favorable to ECRED or such Portfolio Entity as the terms that could have been obtained at the time of such financing to ECRED or such Portfolio Entity from a person that was not the Sponsor or an affiliate of the Sponsor, as determined by the Sponsor. Although these conditions will apply, potential or actual conflicts may arise in connection with any such lending including, without limitation, in determining comparable terms.

***Conflicting Fiduciary Duties to Debt Funds.*** Other Clients include funds and accounts that make investments in senior secured loans, distressed debt, subordinated debt, high-yield securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities (“**CMBS**”) and other debt instruments. As discussed above, it is expected that these Other Clients or investors therein will be offered the opportunity to provide financing with respect to investments made by ECRED and its Portfolio Entities. Blackstone owes a fiduciary duty and/or other obligations to these Other Clients as well as to ECRED and will encounter conflicts in the exercise of these duties and/or other obligations. For example, if an Other Client purchases high-yield securities or other debt instruments of a portfolio company of ECRED, or otherwise occupies a senior (or other different) position in the capital structure of an investment relative to ECRED, Blackstone will encounter conflicts in providing advice to ECRED and to these Other Clients with regard to appropriate terms of such high-yield securities or other instruments, the enforcement of covenants, the terms of recapitalizations and the resolution of workouts or bankruptcies, among other matters. For example, in a bankruptcy proceeding,

in circumstances where ECRED holds an equity investment in a Portfolio Entity, the holders of such Portfolio Entity's debt instruments (which may include one or more Other Clients) may take actions for their benefit (particularly in circumstances where such Portfolio Entity faces financial difficulties or distress) that subordinate or adversely impact the value of the ECRED's investment in such Portfolio Entity. More commonly, ECRED could hold an Investment that is senior in the capital structure, such as a debt instrument, to an Other Client. Although measures described above in "Related Financing Counterparties" above can mitigate these conflicts, they cannot completely eliminate them.

Similarly, certain Other Clients can be expected to invest in securities of publicly traded companies that are actual or potential investments of ECRED or its Portfolio Entities. The trading activities of those vehicles may differ from or be inconsistent with activities that are undertaken for the account of ECRED or its Portfolio Entities in any such securities or related securities. In addition, ECRED may not pursue an investment in a Portfolio Entity otherwise within the investment mandate of ECRED as a result of such trading activities by Other Clients.

**Other Blackstone and BXCI Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities.** Certain inherent conflicts of interest arise from the fact that the Sponsor, BXCI and Blackstone provide investment management, advisory and sub-advisory services to ECRED and Other Clients.

The respective investment programs of ECRED and the Other Clients may or may not be substantially similar. BXCI and/or Blackstone may give advice to, and recommend securities for, Other Clients that may differ from advice given to, or securities recommended or bought for, ECRED, even though their investment objectives may be the same as or similar to those of ECRED.

Each Unitholder acknowledges that Blackstone currently invests third-party capital in a wide variety of investment opportunities on a global basis through its various investment funds (including Other Clients), some of which may have investment objectives or guidelines in common with those of ECRED. To the extent any Other Clients have investment objectives or guidelines in common with those of ECRED in any respect, then investment opportunities and sale opportunities which are within such common objectives and guidelines shall be allocated between ECRED, on the one hand, and such Other Clients, on the other hand, by Blackstone on a basis that Blackstone believes in good faith to be fair and reasonable (which may result in ECRED not participating in all or a portion of any such investment opportunity or in a larger portion of any such investment opportunity), including without limitation *pro rata* based on available capital. Therefore, the share of investment opportunities allocated to ECRED will decrease in the event of the formation of one or more such Other Clients that results in additional available capital for the same investment opportunities. The available capital of such Other Clients may be determined on a transaction-by-transaction basis (or on a periodic basis in a manner believed reasonable by BXCI in its discretion). In addition, to the extent that any such Other Client is not subject to limitations on recycling and reinvestment similar to those which may apply to ECRED from time to time (including with respect to the Distribution Sub-Class Units), the available capital of such Other Client may increase, and the available capital of ECRED will decrease, over time during the life of each of ECRED and such Other Client, notwithstanding that ECRED and such Other Client may otherwise invest on a *pari passu* basis. As a result, ECRED's share of investment opportunities compared to such Other Client's will change (including both increasing and decreasing) over time and from time to time.

While BXCI will seek to manage potential conflicts of interest in a fair and equitable manner, the portfolio strategies employed by BXCI and Blackstone in managing their respective Other Clients are likely to conflict from time to time with the transactions and strategies employed by the Sponsor in managing ECRED, and may affect the prices and availability of the securities and instruments in which ECRED invests. In addition, certain investment opportunities that fall within ECRED's investment objectives or strategy may be allocated in whole or in part (a) to Blackstone or BXCI itself, such as strategic investments

made by Blackstone or BXCI itself (whether in financial institutions or otherwise), or (b) to Other Clients, such as Other Clients that have investment objectives or guidelines similar to or overlapping, in whole or in part, with ECRED to some extent, or pursue similar returns as ECRED but have a different investment strategy or objective.

ECRED is considered a BXCI Primary Client in respect of investments within its investment strategy, and BXCI is permitted to establish one or more BXCI Overflow Clients to receive an allocation of any such investment that exceeds the amount required to be made available or otherwise deemed appropriate for ECRED, as determined by BXCI in its sole discretion. BXCI Overflow Clients may not always participate in opportunities allocated to investment funds that constitute BXCI Primary Clients, though such opportunities may be allocated to BXCI Overflow Clients.

With respect to (A) any investment opportunity in the energy industry ("**Energy Opportunities**") and (B) any investment opportunity in Portfolio Entities and assets focused on renewable energy, climate change solutions, infrastructure, energy transition, sustainability, and related sectors, including but not limited to those which relate to decarbonization projects, the transition to lower carbon fuels, renewable energy infrastructure and emissions reductions technology ("**Sustainable Resources Opportunities**"), each as determined in BXCI's sole discretion, such opportunity shall first be offered to certain Other BXCI Clients (including any Other Clients whose investment objective is focused primarily on Energy Opportunities and/or Sustainable Resources Opportunities) in such amounts as BXCI determines appropriate in its sole discretion, and thereafter, to ECRED, any applicable Other BXCI Clients and any third-party co-investors may be offered any excess of Energy Opportunities and/or Sustainable Resources Opportunities as determined appropriate in BXCI's sole discretion.

#### Shared Investments

The primary investment objective of ECRED is to invest in Private Credit. See Section I: "Description / Overview of Blackstone, BXCI, ECRED and ECRED Feeder SICAV" of this Prospectus. ECRED will generally be offered investments within ECRED's investment strategy, in such amounts as will be determined in BXCI's discretion, up to ECRED's targeted investment size. However, certain Other Clients may have allocation priority over ECRED with respect to investments within ECRED's investment strategy, with the result that ECRED may not be offered the opportunity to participate certain investments that are within its investment strategy. Certain investments that are within ECRED's investment strategy will be shared with Other Clients, including with the Other BXCI Clients. As part of its overall portfolio construction, ECRED may elect to participate in such investments in smaller portfolio percentages, may elect not to participate in such investments that are below a de minimis threshold or may decline other investments that fall within its investment strategy.

Investment opportunities in mezzanine debt, with such characterization being determined in BXCI's discretion ("**Mezzanine Debt Investment Opportunities**") will be allocated in priority to Other BXCI Clients who have Mezzanine Debt Investment Opportunities as their primary investment objective and ECRED will be considered as a BXCI Overflow Client in respect of Mezzanine Debt Investment Opportunities.

BXCI provides investment management services to Other BXCI Clients. In addition, Blackstone provides investment management services to Blackstone Clients. BXCI will share appropriate investment opportunities (and sale opportunities) with Other Clients (including BXCI Overflow Clients) and ECRED in accordance with Blackstone-wide allocation policies. Secondary market transactions and certain syndicated primary issuance transactions (which generally will not be originated investments) that are within ECRED's investment strategy will generally be shared *pro rata* based on targeted acquisition size (generally based on available capacity) or targeted sale size (or, in some sales cases, *pro rata* based on the aggregate positions held by ECRED and the applicable Other Clients), taking into account any actual

and anticipated redemption/withdrawal requests, anticipated future subscriptions and available cash, actual and anticipated available leverage amounts and the relative capital of ECRED and the applicable Other Clients and such other factors as the Sponsor determines in good faith to be appropriate.

To the extent an opportunity is shared with one or more Other BXCI Clients, BXCI expects that such Other BXCI Clients generally will invest on substantially the same economic terms available to ECRED (including sharing of transaction fees and expenses) and generally will exit Investments at the same time and on substantially the same economic terms as ECRED, and on a *pro rata* basis with ECRED subject to legal, tax, regulatory, accounting or applicable considerations (including the terms of the governing agreements of, or portfolio management considerations applicable to, ECRED or such Other BXCI Clients); provided that ECRED may syndicate a portion of an investment where Other BXCI Clients do not also syndicate a portion of the investment, and vice versa.

It is also possible that ECRED and one or more Other Clients will buy certain investments or assets at or about the same time that one or more Other Clients are selling the same or related investments or assets. Such circumstances can be expected to arise from time to time for a number of reasons and may depend on various factors including the respective amounts of available capital, expiration dates, investment objectives and/or return profiles of ECRED or one or more Other Clients. None of the Board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, the AIFM or the Investment Manager will be required to provide notice or disclosure of the terms or occurrence of any such transactions to Unitholders or to obtain any consent or approval from the applicable Unitholders and there can be no assurance that conflicts of interest arising out of such transactions will be resolved in favor of ECRED.

By executing a Subscription Agreement with respect to ECRED, the Unitholders will be deemed to have acknowledged that, from time to time, investment opportunities that are appropriate for ECRED may not be allocated to ECRED in whole or in part and that Other Clients will from time to time make or receive priority allocations of certain investments that are appropriate for ECRED and will from time to time participate in investments alongside ECRED. Furthermore, Unitholders will be deemed to have acknowledged that there is no guarantee that ECRED will acquire in whole or in part a shared investment opportunity previously allocated to ECRED. For example such shared investment may be warehoused for the benefit of ECRED and an Other Client (See also “Syndication; Warehousing and Related Transactions” above for further information), where such investment is ultimately transferred to the Other Client and not ECRED.

#### Allocation Methodology Considerations

BXCI will share any investment and sale opportunities with such Other Clients and ECRED in accordance with applicable law (including but not limited to the Investment Company Act and Exemptive Order as described below) and Blackstone-wide confidential allocation policies.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, BXCI may also consider the following factors in making any allocation determinations, and such factors may result in a different allocation of investment and/or sale opportunities: (i) the risk-return and target return profile of the proposed investment relative to ECRED’s and the Other Clients’ current risk profiles; (ii) ECRED’s and/or the Other Clients’ investment guidelines, restrictions, terms and objectives, including whether such objectives are considered solely in light of the specific investment under consideration or in the context of the respective portfolios’ overall holdings and minimum investment allocation amounts with respect to such Other Clients; (iii) the need to re-size risk in ECRED’s or the Other Clients’ portfolios (including the potential for the proposed investment to create an industry, sector or issuer imbalance in ECRED’s and Other Clients’ portfolios, as applicable) and taking into account any existing non-*pro rata* investment positions in the portfolio of ECRED and Other Clients; (iv) liquidity considerations of ECRED and the Other Clients, including during a ramp-up or wind-down of one or more

of ECRED or such Other Clients, proximity to the end of ECRED's or Other Clients' specified term or investment period, any actual and anticipated redemption/withdrawal requests, anticipated future subscriptions and available cash; (v) legal, tax, accounting and other consequences; (vi) regulatory or contractual restrictions or consequences (including, without limitation, requirements under the Investment Company Act and any related rules, orders, guidance or other authority applicable to ECRED or Other BXCI Clients); (vii) avoiding a de minimis or odd lot allocation; (viii) actual and anticipated available leverage amounts and any requirements or other terms of any existing leverage facilities; (ix) ECRED's or Other Clients' investment focus on a classification attributable to an investment or issuer of an investment, including investment strategy, geography, industry or business sector; (x) the nature and extent of involvement in the transaction on the part of the respective teams of investment professionals dedicated to ECRED or such Other Clients; (xi) the management of any actual or potential conflict of interest; (xii) with respect to investments that are made available to BXCI by counterparties pursuant to negotiated trading platforms (e.g., ISDA contracts), the absence of such relationships which may not be available to ECRED and all Other Clients; (xiii) available capital of ECRED and the Other Clients, (xiv) primary and permitted investment strategies, guidelines, liquidity positions and requirements, and objectives of ECRED and the Other Clients, including, without limitation, with respect to Other Clients that expect to invest in or alongside other funds or across asset classes based on expected return (such as certain managed accounts with similar investment strategies and objectives), (xv) sourcing of the investment, (xvi) the specific nature (including size, type, amount, liquidity, holding period, anticipated maturity and minimum investment criteria) of the investment, (xvii) expected investment return, (xviii) expected cash characteristics (such as cash-on-cash yield, distribution rates or volatility of cash flows), (xix) capital expenditure required as part of the investment, (xx) portfolio diversification and concentration concerns (including, but not limited to, whether a particular fund already has its desired exposure to the investment, sector, industry, geographic region or markets in question), (xxi) relation to existing investments in a fund, if applicable (e.g., "follow on" to existing investment, joint venture or other partner to existing investment, or same security as existing investment), and (xxii) timing expected to be necessary to execute an investment, (xxiii) whether BXCI believes that allocating investment opportunities to an investor will help establish, recognize, strengthen and/or cultivate relationships that may provide indirectly longer-term benefits (including strategic, sourcing or similar benefits) to ECRED and/or BXCI, (xxiv) legal, commercial or other restrictions (including, for the avoidance of doubt, resulting from a declined conflicts consent) limiting the ability for certain ECRED vehicles or investors to participate in a proposed investment and (xxv) any other considerations deemed relevant by BXCI in good faith.

BXCI shall not have any obligation to present any investment opportunity (or portion of any investment opportunity) to ECRED if BXCI determines in good faith that such opportunity (or portion thereof) should not be presented to ECRED for any one or a combination of the reasons specified above, or if BXCI is otherwise restricted from presenting such investment opportunity to ECRED.

In addition, BXCI has received an Exemptive Order from the SEC (the "**Exemptive Order**") that permits certain existing and future funds regulated under the Investment Company Act (each, a "**Regulated Fund**") that are Other BXCI Clients, including BCRED, among other things, to co-invest with certain other persons, including certain affiliates of BXCI, and certain funds managed and controlled by BXCI and its affiliates, including ECRED and Other BXCI Clients, subject to certain terms and conditions. For so long as any privately negotiated investment opportunity falls within certain established investment criteria of one or more Regulated Fund, such investment opportunity shall also be offered to such Regulated Fund(s). In the event that the aggregate targeted investment sizes of ECRED, such Other BXCI Clients and such Regulated Fund(s) that are allocated an investment opportunity exceed the amount of such investment opportunity, allocation of such investment opportunity to each of ECRED, such Other BXCI Clients and Regulated Fund(s) will be reduced proportionately based on their respective "available capital" as defined in the Exemptive Order, which may result in allocation to ECRED in an amount less than what it would

otherwise have been if such Regulated Fund(s) did not participate in such investment opportunity. The Exemptive Order also restricts the ability of ECRED (or any such Other BXCI Client) from investing in any privately negotiated investment opportunity alongside a Regulated Fund except at the same time and on same terms, as described in the Exemptive Order. As a result, ECRED may be unable to make investments in different parts of the capital structure of the same issuer in which a Regulated Fund has invested or seeks to invest, and Regulated Funds may be unable to make investments in different parts of the capital structure of the same issuer in which ECRED has invested or seeks to invest. Relevant Investment Company Act restrictions and related guidance from the SEC and/or the Exemptive Order, or other similar or related considerations, also may restrict the ability of ECRED to participate in certain transactions or take certain actions relating to investments in portfolio companies in which a Regulated Fund has also invested (whether before or after the ECRED's investment therein), including but not limited to declining to vote or exercise its rights with respect to any such investment (which may result in ECRED foregoing a consent fee or similar compensation), declining to participate in a follow-on investment or selling an investment to avoid potential violations of the Investment Company Act and/or related rules thereunder. Any such determination will be made by the Investment Manager in its discretion and there can be no assurance that any such determination will be resolved in favor of the ECRED's interests. The rules promulgated by the SEC under the Investment Company Act, as well as any related guidance from the SEC and/or the terms of the Exemptive Order itself, are subject to change, and BXCI could undertake to amend the Exemptive Order (subject to SEC approval), obtain additional exemptive relief, or otherwise be subject to other requirements in respect of co-investments involving ECRED, any Other BXCI Client and any Regulated Funds, any of which may impact the amount of any allocation made available to Regulated Funds and thereby affect (and potentially decrease) the allocation made to ECRED.

Moreover, with respect to BXCI's ability to allocate investment opportunities, including where such opportunities are within the common objectives and guidelines of ECRED and one or more Other Clients (which allocations are to be made on a basis that BXCI believes in good faith to be fair and reasonable), BXCI and Blackstone have established general guidelines and policies, which it may update from time to time, for determining how such allocations are to be made, which, among other things, set forth principles regarding what constitutes "debt" or "debt-like" investments, criteria for defining "control-oriented equity" or "infrastructure" investments, guidance regarding allocation for certain types of investments (e.g., distressed energy) and other matters. In addition, certain Other Clients may receive certain priority or other allocation rights with respect to certain investments, including minimum investment allocation amounts, subject to various conditions set forth in such Other Clients' respective governing agreements. The application of those guidelines and conditions may result in ECRED or Other Clients not participating (and/or not participating to the same extent) in certain investment opportunities in which they would have otherwise participated had the related allocations been determined without regard to such guidelines and conditions and based only on the circumstances of those particular investments. Additionally, investment opportunities sourced by BXCI will be allocated in accordance with Blackstone's and BXCI's allocation policies, which may provide that investment opportunities will be allocated in whole or in part to other business units of Blackstone on a basis that Blackstone and BXCI believe in good faith to be fair and reasonable, based on various factors, including the involvement of the respective teams from BXCI and such other business units. It should also be noted that investment opportunities sourced by business units of Blackstone other than BXCI will be allocated in accordance with such business units' allocation policies, which will result in such investment opportunities being allocated, in whole or in part, away from BXCI, ECRED and Other BXCI Clients. In addition, BXCI expects to offer investment opportunities appropriate for ECRED to subsidiaries of ECRED not wholly owned by ECRED, which will result in ECRED having less exposure to such assets than it otherwise would have, had the investment opportunities been allocated to ECRED itself. For example, BXCI may offer a potential investment opportunity to an ECRED subsidiary or entity in which ECRED invests, but does not wholly own or only owns a minority of, in order



to obtain leverage for the investment or to warehouse such investment on behalf of ECRED and/or Other BXCI Clients.

When BXCI determines not to pursue some or all of an investment opportunity for ECRED that would otherwise be within ECRED's objectives and strategies, and Blackstone or BXCI provides the opportunity or offers the opportunity to Other Clients, Blackstone or BXCI, including their personnel (including BXCI personnel), can be expected to receive compensation from the Other Clients, whether or not in respect of a particular investment, including an allocation of carried interest or referral fees, and any such compensation could be greater than amounts paid by ECRED to BXCI. As a result, BXCI (including BXCI personnel who receive such compensation) could be incentivized to allocate investment opportunities away from ECRED to or source investment opportunities for Other Clients. In addition, in some cases Blackstone or BXCI can be expected to earn greater fees when Other Clients participate alongside or instead of ECRED in an investment.

BXCI makes good faith determinations for allocation decisions based on expectations that may prove inaccurate. Information unavailable to BXCI, or circumstances not foreseen by BXCI at the time of allocation, may cause an investment opportunity to yield a different return than expected. Conversely, an investment that BXCI expects to be consistent with ECRED's return objectives may fail to achieve them.

The Sponsor may, but will be under no obligation to, provide co-investment opportunities relating to investments made by ECRED to Unitholders, Other Clients, investors of such Other Clients or other third parties. No Unitholder shall have a right to any such co-investment opportunities, and such co-investment opportunities may be offered to such parties in the Sponsor's discretion, including but not limited to one or more Unitholders to the exclusion of other Unitholders, or to one or more third parties in addition to or to the exclusion of any Unitholders. From time to time, BXCI may form one or more funds or accounts, including BXCI Overflow Clients described above, to co-invest in transactions with ECRED (or transactions alongside any of ECRED and one or more Other Clients). Furthermore, for the avoidance of doubt, to the extent that ECRED has received its target amount in respect of an investment opportunity, any remaining portion of such investment opportunity initially allocated to ECRED may be allocated to Other Clients or to co-investors in BXCI's discretion.

Orders may be combined for ECRED and all other participating Other Clients, and if any order is not filled at the same price, they may be allocated on an average price basis. Similarly, if an order on behalf of more than one account cannot be fully executed under prevailing market conditions, securities may be allocated among the different accounts on a basis that BXCI or its affiliates consider equitable.

BXCI and Blackstone (which for purposes of this provision may include participation by BXCI and Blackstone professionals and employees, Other Clients and other key advisers/relationships of BXCI and Blackstone) will be permitted to elect annually to invest in Investments an amount equal to a certain specified percentage, the "**Blackstone Co-Investment Percentage**", not to exceed 10% of the amount otherwise available to ECRED for investment on an annual basis. Any such side-by-side investment will generally be made on the same basis and terms as ECRED's investment therein (except that the Sponsor may determine, in its discretion, not to charge Fund Fees, Servicing Fees or other fees with respect to all or a portion of the Blackstone Co-Investment Percentage). The Blackstone Co-Investment Percentage, to the extent it exceeds zero in relation to ECRED, will be determined by the Sponsor with written notice to the Unitholders on or around February 1st of each year with respect to the following twelve-month period and may be adjusted by the Sponsor in its sole discretion.

There may be circumstances, including in the case where there is a seller who is seeking to dispose of a pool or combination of assets, properties, securities or instruments, where ECRED and Other Clients participate in a single or related transactions with a particular seller where certain of such assets,

properties, securities or instruments are specifically allocated (in whole or in part) to any of ECRED and such Other Clients. The allocation of such specific items generally would be based on the Sponsor's determination of, among other things, the expected returns for such items, and in any such case the combined purchase price paid to a seller would be allocated among the multiple assets, properties, securities or instruments based on a determination by the seller, by a third-party valuation firm and/or by the Sponsor and its affiliates. Additionally, it can be expected that Blackstone will, from time to time, enter into arrangements or strategic relationships with third parties, including other asset managers, financial firms or other businesses or companies, that, among other things, provide for referral, sourcing or sharing of investment opportunities. Blackstone or BXCI may, in certain circumstances, pay management fees and performance-based compensation in connection with such arrangements. Blackstone or BXCI may also provide for or receive reimbursement of certain expenses incurred or received in connection with these arrangements, including diligence expenses and general overhead, administrative, deal sourcing and related corporate expenses. The amount of such reimbursements may relate to allocations of co-investment opportunities and increase if certain co-investment allocations are not made. While it is possible that ECRED will, along with Blackstone itself, benefit from the existence of those arrangements and/or relationships, it is also possible that investment opportunities that would otherwise be presented to or made by ECRED would instead be referred (in whole or in part) to such third party, or, as indicated above, to other third parties, either as a contractual obligation or otherwise, resulting in fewer opportunities (or reduced allocations) being made available to ECRED and/or Unitholders. This means that co-investment opportunities that are sourced by ECRED may be allocated to investors that are not Unitholders. For example, a firm with which Blackstone has entered into a strategic relationship may be afforded with "first-call" rights on a particular category of investment opportunities, although there is not expected to be substantial overlap in the investment strategies and/or objectives between ECRED and any such firm.

Investment opportunities that Blackstone makes a good faith determination are not expected to yield ECRED's targeted return profile or are otherwise inappropriate for ECRED given considerations described in this Prospectus and the Management Regulations or as otherwise determined by Blackstone will generally not be allocated to ECRED.

Blackstone has also adopted "first-call" guidelines in connection with determining allocations of investment opportunities among its business groups. The "first-call" guidelines are non-exclusive. Blackstone has set forth priorities and presumptions regarding what constitutes "debt" investments, "control oriented equity" investments, risk and return characteristics for defining "core" or "core+" investments and "infrastructure", presumptions regarding allocation for certain types of investments (e.g., distressed investments) and other matters. The application of such guidelines may result in ECRED not participating, or not participating to the same extent, in investment opportunities in which it would have otherwise participated had the guidelines not existed.

***Certain Investments Inside ECRED's Mandate that are not Pursued by ECRED.*** Under certain circumstances, Blackstone or BXCI may determine not to pursue some or all of an investment opportunity within ECRED's mandate, including without limitation, as a result of business, reputational or other reasons applicable to ECRED, Other Clients, their respective portfolio companies or Blackstone. In addition, BXCI may determine that ECRED should not pursue some or all of an investment opportunity, including, by way of example and without limitation, because ECRED has already invested sufficient capital in the investment, sector, industry, geographic region or markets in question, as determined by BXCI in its good faith discretion, or the investment is not appropriate for ECRED for other reasons as determined by BXCI in its good faith reasonable sole discretion. In any such case Blackstone or BXCI could, thereafter, offer such opportunity to other parties, including Other Clients or Portfolio Entities or limited partners, unitholders or shareholders of ECRED or Other Clients, joint venture partners, related parties or third parties. Any such Other Clients may be advised by a different Blackstone or BXCI business group with a different

investment committee, which could determine an investment opportunity to be more attractive than BXCI believes to be the case. In any event, there can be no assurance that BXCI's assessment will prove correct or that the performance of any investments actually pursued by ECRED will be comparable to any investment opportunities that are not pursued by ECRED. Blackstone and BXCI, including their personnel, may receive compensation from any such party that makes the investment, including an allocation of carried interest or referral fees, and any such compensation could be greater than amounts paid by ECRED to BXCI. In some cases, Blackstone or BXCI earns greater fees when Other Clients participate alongside or instead of ECRED in an investment.

**Cross Transactions.** Situations may arise where certain assets held by ECRED may be transferred to Other Clients and vice versa. Such transactions will be conducted in accordance with, and subject to, the Sponsor's contractual obligations to ECRED and applicable law, including the Investment Company Act (to the extent applicable) and in accordance with the practices set out in "Other Conflicts" herein.

**Co-Investment.** ECRED will co-invest with its Unitholders, limited partners and/or shareholders of the Other Clients, Blackstone's affiliates and other parties with whom BXCI has a material relationship. The allocation of co-investment opportunities is entirely and solely in the discretion of BXCI. In addition to participation by Senior and Other Advisors in specific transactions or investment opportunities, in some instances, Senior and Other Advisors and/or other Blackstone employees may be permitted to participate in Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment rights. Such rights generally do not provide for a management fee or carried interest (or similar) payable by participants therein and generally result in ECRED being allocated a smaller share of an investment than would otherwise be the case in the absence of such side-by-side. Furthermore, Other Clients will be permitted (or have a preferred right) to participate in Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment rights. In particular, funds, vehicles, accounts and other similar arrangements managed by Blackstone Multi-Asset Advisors L.L.C., which co-invest with multiple Blackstone funds, are expected to participate in investments alongside ECRED pursuant to Blackstone's side-by-side investment rights. In such cases, Blackstone would be eligible to receive fees and carried interest. (See also "Other Blackstone and BXCI Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities" above.)

In certain circumstances, BXCI will determine that a co-investment opportunity should be offered to one or more third parties (such investors, "**Co-Investors**") and will maintain sole discretion with respect to which Co-Investors are offered any such opportunity. It is expected that many investors who may have expressed an interest in co-investment opportunities will not be allocated any co-investment opportunities (notwithstanding any agreement by ECRED to consider a Unitholder for co-investment opportunities) or may receive a smaller amount of co-investment opportunities than the amount requested. Furthermore, co-investment offered by BXCI will be on such terms and conditions (including with respect to management fees, performance-based compensation and related arrangements and/or other fees applicable to co-investors) as BXCI determines to be appropriate in its sole discretion on a case-by-case basis, which may differ amongst co-investors with respect to the same co-investment. In addition, the performance of Other Clients co-investing with ECRED is not considered for purposes of calculating the Performance Participation Allocation payable by ECRED to the Sponsor. Furthermore, ECRED and co-investors will often have different investment objectives and limitations, such as return objectives, leverage limitations and maximum hold periods. BXCI, as a result of the foregoing, will have conflicting incentives in making decisions with respect to such opportunities. Even if ECRED and any such parties invest in the same securities on similar terms, conflicts of interest will still arise as a result of differing investment profiles of the investors, among other items.

Blackstone reserves the right to establish in the future co-investment limited partnerships and/or any other investment vehicles managed or advised by Blackstone to facilitate the participation of third-party co-investors (who may or may not be Unitholders, limited partners and/or shareholders of ECRED and/or

Other Clients and/or Other Clients) alongside ECRED in any available co-investment opportunities, including “standing,” dedicated or committed co-investment vehicles (the “**Co-Invest Vehicles**”), which may or may not be subject to more favorable rights and/or terms than ECRED. Certain Co-Invest Vehicles may be fully committed and provide the investors therein with no discretion regarding the deployment of capital. The use of such vehicles could have the impact of blending the investor’s effective management fee rate (and/or carried interest rate) down and Blackstone may be incentivized to allocate co-investment opportunities to discretionary vehicles with higher effective fees, carried interest or other performance-based compensation rates. Blackstone also reserves the right to provide certain Co-Invest Vehicles with priority rights to participate in co-investment opportunities alongside ECRED, or Blackstone may agree to allocate co-investment opportunities to one or more Co-Invest Vehicles in a programmatic manner. The amount and frequency of co-investment by any Co-Invest Vehicles would be at the discretion of Blackstone. It is possible that the existence of any Co-Invest Vehicles established by Blackstone would result in fewer co-investment opportunities to investors who do not participate therein and allocations to the Co-Invest Vehicles may result in ECRED investing less than it would have in the related investments. Furthermore, to the extent that Blackstone establishes any Co-Invest Vehicles, it has the potential to result in fewer investment opportunities for ECRED and fewer co-investment opportunities being made available to the Unitholder. The number of co-investment opportunities made available to the Unitholders (if any) may be higher or lower than those made available to the Co-Invest Vehicles.

- General Co-Investment Considerations: There are expected to be circumstances where an amount that would otherwise have been invested by ECRED is instead allocated to co-investors (who may or may not be unitholders or shareholders of ECRED or limited partners of Other Clients) or supplemental capital vehicles, and there is no guarantee that any Unitholders will be offered any particular co-investment opportunity. Each co-investment opportunity (should any exist) is likely to be different, and allocation of each such opportunity will depend on the facts and circumstances specific to that unique situation (e.g., timing, industry, size, geography, asset class, projected holding period, exit strategy and counterparty). As a general matter, the allocation of co-investment opportunities is entirely discretionary on the part of the Sponsor and it is expected that many investors who may have expressed an interest in co-investment opportunities will not be allocated any co-investment opportunities or may receive a smaller amount of co-investment opportunities than the amount requested. Different situations will require that the various facts and circumstances of each opportunity be weighted differently, as BXCI deems relevant to such opportunity. Such factors are likely to include, among others, whether a co-investor adds strategic value, industry expertise or other similar synergies; whether a potential co-investor has expressed an interest in evaluating co-investment opportunities; whether a potential co-investor has an overall strategic relationship with Blackstone that provides it with more favorable rights with respect to co-investment opportunities; whether a potential co-investor has demonstrated a long-term and/or continuing commitment to the potential success of Blackstone, BXCI, ECRED, Other Clients or other co-investments (including whether a potential co-investor will help establish, recognize, strengthen and/or cultivate relationships that may provide indirectly longer-term benefits to ECRED or Other Clients and their respective underlying Portfolio Entities, or whether the potential co-investor has significant capital under management by Blackstone or intends to increase such amount); the ability of a potential co-investor to commit to a co-investment opportunity within the required timeframe of the particular transaction; BXCI’s assessment of a potential co-investor’s ability to invest an amount of capital that fits the needs of the investment (taking into account the amount of capital needed as well as the maximum number of investors that can realistically participate in the transaction); whether the potential co-investor has an overall strategic relationship (including Strategic Relationship) with Blackstone and/or BXCI that provides it with more favorable rights with respect to co-investment opportunities; whether the potential co-investor is considered “strategic” to the investment because it is able to offer ECRED certain benefits, including but not limited to, the ability to help consummate the investment, the ability to aid in operating or monitoring

the portfolio company or the possession of certain expertise; the transparency, speed and predictability of the potential co-investor's investment process; the ability of a potential co-investor to hold investments for longer periods of time or indefinitely; any concerns or issues the potential co-investor may have with respect to governance rights; whether Blackstone has previously expressed a general intention to seek to offer co-investment opportunities to such potential co-investor; whether a potential co-investor has the financial and operational resources and other relevant wherewithal to evaluate and participate in a co-investment opportunity; the familiarity Blackstone has with the personnel and professionals of the investor in working together in investment contexts (which may include such potential co-investor's history of investment in other Blackstone co-investment opportunities); the extent to which a potential co-investor has committed to an Other Client; the size of such potential co-investor's interest to be held in the underlying portfolio company as a result of ECRED's investment (which is likely to be based on the size of the potential co-investor's investment in ECRED); the size of the potential co-investor's investments in ECRED, Other Clients and strategic third-party investors; the extent to which a potential co-investor has been provided a greater amount of co-investment opportunities relative to others; the ability of a potential co-investor to invest in potential add-on acquisitions for the portfolio company or participate in defensive investments; the likelihood that the potential co-investor would require governance rights that would complicate or jeopardize the transaction (or, alternatively, whether the investor would be willing to defer to Blackstone and assume a more passive role in governing the portfolio company); any interests a potential co-investor may have in any competitors of the underlying Portfolio Entity; the tax profile of the potential co-investor and the tax characteristics of the investment (including whether the potential co-investor would require particular structuring implementation or covenants that would not otherwise be required but for its participation or whether such co-investor's participation is beneficial to the overall structuring of the investment); whether a potential co-investor's participation in the transaction would subject ECRED and/or the Portfolio Entity to additional regulatory requirements, review and/or scrutiny, including any necessary governmental approvals required to consummate the investment; the potential co-investor's interaction with the potential management team of the portfolio company; whether the potential co-investor has any existing positions in the portfolio company (whether in the same security in which ECRED is investing or otherwise); whether there is any evidence to suggest that there is a heightened risk with respect to the potential co-investor maintaining confidentiality; whether the potential co-investor has demonstrated a long-term and/or continuing commitment to the potential success of ECRED, other affiliated funds and/or other co-investments, including the size of such commitment; whether the potential co-investor has any known investment policies and restrictions, guideline limitations or investment objectives that are relevant to the transaction, including the need for distributions; whether the expected holding period and risk-return profile of the investment is consistent with the stated goals of the potential co-investor and the expected underwriting of the investment; and such other factors as the Sponsor deems relevant and believes to be appropriate under the circumstances. Furthermore, in connection with any such co-investment by third-party co-investors, the Sponsor may establish one or more investment vehicles managed or advised by Blackstone to facilitate such co-investors' investment alongside ECRED. The factors listed in the foregoing sentence are neither presented in order of importance nor weighted, except that BXCI has historically primarily relied upon the following two factors in making the determination to offer co-investment opportunities to co-investors: (i) whether the potential co-investor has demonstrated a long-term and/or continuing commitment to the potential success of ECRED (including whether a potential co-investor will help establish, recognize, strengthen and/or cultivate relationships that may provide indirectly longer-term benefits to ECRED or Other Clients and their respective underlying portfolio companies), other affiliated funds, and/or other co-investments, including the size of any such commitment and fee revenue or profits generated for the benefit of BXCI or Blackstone as a result thereof and (ii) the ability of a potential co-investor to process a co-investment decision within the required timeline of the particular transaction. Except as otherwise described herein, co-investors generally will not share Broken Deal Expenses with ECRED and Other Clients, with the result that ECRED and such Other Clients will bear all such Broken

Deal Expenses, and such expenses may be significant.

However, the Sponsor does not intend to offer any such co-investment opportunities to Unitholders in their capacity as Unitholders. BXCI is permitted (but is not required) to establish co-investment vehicles (including dedicated or “standing” co-investment vehicles) for one or more investors (including third party investors and investors in ECRED) to co-invest alongside ECRED in one or more future investments. Such co-investment vehicles may include dedicated or “standing” co-investment vehicles, which include both “opt-out” or “opt-in” vehicles where the co-investor determines whether to participate in co-investment opportunities presented to it either through affirmative or negative consent as well as committed vehicles where Blackstone (in some or all circumstances), and not the co-investor, has discretion in determining whether the co-investment vehicle will participate in co-investment opportunities). These co-investment vehicles may nevertheless only participate in co-investment opportunities after the initial acquisition of an Investment. The existence of these vehicles could reduce the opportunity for other shareholders to receive allocations of co-investment. The Sponsor and/or its affiliates may also offer certain potential co-investors the opportunity to co-invest with more favorable rights or on pre-negotiated, more favorable terms as compared to other co-investors with respect to co-investment opportunities, including with respect to discounts or rebates of performance-based compensation or management fees. The amount and frequency of co-investment by any such co-investment vehicles would be at the discretion of Blackstone. To the extent any such arrangements are entered into, they can be expected to result in fewer co-investment opportunities being made available to the Unitholders. In addition, the allocation of investments to Other Clients, including as described under “Other Blackstone and BXCI Clients; Allocation of Investment Opportunities” herein, can be expected to result in fewer co-investment opportunities (or reduced allocations) being made available to Unitholders. The amount and frequency of co-investment by any co-investment vehicle is at the discretion of the Sponsor. In the event BXCI establishes one or more investment vehicles managed or advised by BXCI to facilitate such co-investors’ investment alongside ECRED, such co-investment vehicles will result in fewer co-investment opportunities to investors who do not participate therein.

- Additional Potential Conflicts of Interest with respect to Co-Investment; Strategic Relationships Involving Co-Investment: In addition, the Sponsor and/or its affiliates will in certain circumstances be incentivized to offer certain potential co-investors (including, by way of example, as a part of an overall strategic relationship with Blackstone (including a Strategic Relationship with Blackstone)) opportunities to co-invest in priority and/or on more favorable terms as compared to other potential co-investors because the extent to which any such co-investor participates in (or is offered) co-investment opportunities may impact the amount of performance-based compensation and/or management fees or other fees paid by the co-investor receiving the priority allocation or better terms (as well as any additional discounts or rebates thereof that could result if certain target co-investment allocations or other conditions under such arrangements are not achieved) to which the Sponsor and/or its affiliates are entitled under the arrangements with such co-investor with respect to such co-investor’s participation in one or more Other Clients (including ECRED and/or any Other BXCI Clients), investments and/or otherwise in connection with such co-investor’s relationship with Blackstone. The amount of carried interest or expenses charged and/or management fees paid by ECRED may be less than or exceed such amounts charged or paid by co-investment vehicles pursuant to the terms of such vehicles’ partnership agreements and/or other agreements with co-investors, and such variation in the amount of fees and expenses can be expected to create an economic incentive for BXCI to allocate a greater or lesser percentage of an investment opportunity to ECRED or such co-investment vehicles or co-investors, as the case may be. In addition, other terms of existing and future co-investment vehicles may differ materially, and in certain circumstances can be expected to be more favorable to BXCI, than the terms of ECRED, and such different terms can be expected to create an incentive for BXCI to allocate a greater or lesser percentage of an investment opportunity to ECRED or such co-investment vehicles, as the case may be. Such incentives

will from time to time give rise to conflicts of interest, and there can be no assurance that such conflicts of interest will be resolved in favor of ECRED. In circumstances where ECRED is investing alongside Other Clients, Blackstone and its affiliates could be incentivized to cause ECRED, on the one hand, or such Other Clients, on the other hand, to offer co-investment opportunities depending on the economic and other terms each may be permitted to offer co-investors. Accordingly, any investment opportunities that would have otherwise been offered or allocated, in whole or in part, to ECRED may be reduced and made available to co-investment vehicles. Co-investments may be offered by the Sponsor on such terms and conditions (including with respect to Fund Fees, Servicing Fees, carried interest and related arrangements) as the Sponsor determines in its discretion on a case-by-case basis. Certain co-investment vehicles or investments will generally not bear broken deal expenses unless the Sponsor determines otherwise in its discretion or as may be set forth in this Prospectus. Such determinations will be made on a case by case basis by the Sponsor Partner and may result in differing treatment of co-investment vehicles under certain circumstances. The foregoing will under certain circumstances result in ECRED bearing more than its *pro rata* share of such expenses. This has the potential to give rise to conflicts of interest in connection with ECRED's investment activities, and while Blackstone will seek to resolve any such conflicts in a fair and equitable manner, there is no assurance that any such conflicts will be resolved in favor of ECRED.

**Syndication of Co-Investments.** ECRED reserves the right to initially consummate an Investment intended as a co-investment as described herein and thereafter syndicate such co-investment or a portion thereof to certain persons at a price equal to the sum of: (i) at least ECRED's acquisition cost for the transferred portion of such co-investment, including any allocable expenses relating thereto (based on the syndicated portion of Investment relative to the portion thereof retained by ECRED) and (ii) interest on such amount from the date of such Investment through the transfer date at a rate equal to at least ECRED's cost of funds; provided, that the Sponsor may determine, in its discretion, to waive such interest. By executing a Subscription Agreement for Units, a Unitholder consents to all such transactions to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**Investments in Portfolio Entities Alongside Other Clients.** From time to time, ECRED will co-invest with Other Clients (including co-investment or other vehicles in which Blackstone or its personnel invest and that co-invest with such Other Clients) in investments that are suitable for both ECRED and such Other Clients. Even if ECRED and any such Other Clients and/or co-investment or other vehicles invest in the same securities or loans, conflicts of interest may still arise (and in certain circumstances, the Sponsor will be unaware of an Other Client's participation, as a result of information walls or otherwise). For example, it is possible that as a result of legal, tax, regulatory, accounting or other considerations, the terms of such investment (and divestment thereof) (including with respect to price and timing) for ECRED and such other funds and vehicles may not be the same. Additionally, ECRED and such Other Clients and/or vehicles will generally have different investment periods and/or investment objectives (including return profiles) and BXCI, as a result, may have conflicting goals with respect to the price and timing of disposition opportunities and such differences have the potential to also impact the allocation of investment opportunities. Such Other Clients may also have certain governance rights for legal, regulatory or other reasons that ECRED will not have. As such, ECRED and/or such Other Clients may dispose of any such shared investment at different times and on different terms.

At times, a transaction counterparty will, in certain circumstances, require facing only one fund entity, which can be expected to result in, (i) if ECRED is a direct counterparty to a transaction, ECRED being solely liable with respect to its own share as well as Other Clients' shares of any applicable obligations, or (ii) if ECRED is not the direct counterparty, ECRED having a contribution obligation to the relevant Other Clients. Alternatively, a counterparty may agree to face multiple funds, which could result in ECRED being jointly and severally liable alongside Other Clients for the full amount of the applicable obligations.

Similarly, there may be transactions with respect to which, to address legal, tax, regulatory, administrative or other commercial considerations – including, for example, compliance with cash confirmation requirements under the U.K. Takeover Code in connection with the financing of a U.K. take-private transaction – Blackstone determines to utilize ECRED to make an investment commitment for a proposed investment on behalf of itself and one or more Other Clients (or vice versa) with the expectation that such Other Client (or ECRED, as applicable) assumes its share of the relevant funding obligation prior to closing. In cases in which ECRED could be responsible for the liability of an Other Client, or vice versa, the applicable parties would generally enter into a back-to-back or other similar contribution or reimbursement agreement.

Likewise, for certain Investment-related hedging transactions, it can be expected to be advantageous for counterparties to trade solely with ECRED or the relevant Other Client. For these transactions, it is anticipated that ECRED or the relevant Other Client would then enter into back-to-back trade confirmations or other similar arrangements with the relevant Other Clients. The party owing under such an arrangement may not have resources to pay its liability, however, in which case the other party will bear more than its *pro rata* share of the relevant loss. It is not expected that ECRED or Other Clients will be compensated for agreeing to be primarily liable vis-à-vis a third party counterparty. Moreover, in connection with the divestment of all or part of a Portfolio Entity (e.g., an initial public offering), Blackstone will seek to track the ownership interests, liabilities and obligations of ECRED and/or any Other Clients owning an interest in the Portfolio Entity comprising such operating business, but it is possible that ECRED and applicable Other Clients will, in certain circumstances, incur shared, disproportionate or crossed liabilities. Furthermore, depending on various factors including the relative assets, expiration dates, investment objectives and return profiles of each of ECRED and such Other Clients, it is possible that one or more of them will have greater exposure to legal claims and that they will have conflicting goals with respect to the price, timing and manner of disposition opportunities. Finally, in certain circumstances, if ECRED is participating in an investment alongside an Other Client (including a co-investment vehicle), ECRED could also bear more than its *pro rata* share of expenses relating to such investment if such Other Client does not have resources to bear such expenses (including, but not limited to, as a result of insufficient reserves and/or the inability to call capital contributions to cover such expenses).

Additionally, in connection with seeking financing or refinancing of Portfolio Entities and their assets, it may be the case that better financing terms are available when more than one Portfolio Entity provides collateral, particularly in circumstances where the assets of each Portfolio Entity are similar in nature. As such, rather than seeking such financing or refinancing on its own, a Portfolio Entity may enter into cross collateralization arrangements with another Portfolio Entity or portfolio companies of one or more Other Clients. While Blackstone would expect any such financing arrangements to generally be non-recourse to ECRED and the Other Clients, as a result of any cross-collateralization, ECRED could also lose its interests in otherwise performing Investments due to poorly performing or non-performing investments of the Other Clients.

**Rated Note Vehicles.** Blackstone can be expected to form one or more Other Clients that are designed to accommodate certain investors (including, without limitation, insurance companies and/or Blackstone affiliates) that wish to structure their fund investment in a manner that is intended to optimize regulatory capital treatment or help such investors meet certain regulatory capital and/or other requirements to which they are subject (any such vehicle, a “**Rated Note Vehicle**”). The terms (including fees and other economic terms), objectives, structuring and returns of a Rated Note Vehicle can be expected to differ materially from those of ECRED. For example, all or a portion of an investor’s interest in a Rated Note Vehicle will generally consist of senior and/or subordinated notes or other debt instruments, rather than equity interests such as those held by Shareholders in ECRED. Other investors, including Other Clients and/or Blackstone affiliates, may participate in such Rated Note Vehicles with respect to the equity and/or the debt thereof.



In addition, certain investors in a Rated Note Vehicle that hold equity interests of such vehicle can be expected to bear lower management and/or performance fees with respect to their interests in the Rated Note Vehicle and/or ECRED than Shareholders of ECRED and certain investors (including, without limitation, investors that are Other Clients) will not bear any management and/or performance fees in respect of their interest in the Rated Note Vehicle. Certain investors in a Rated Note Vehicle (which may include Other Clients) can also be expected to have approval, veto or other governance rights with respect to actual or proposed investments (which may include investments in which ECRED is also participating) by the Rated Note Vehicle, which Shareholders in ECRED will not have. ECRED and a Rated Note Vehicle will also have different investment periods, investment objectives, return profiles, liquidity needs, investment and leverage limitations, diversification requirements and/or other terms or objectives. These and other considerations can be expected to give rise to conflicts of interest, particularly when a Rated Note Vehicle invests in or alongside ECRED. For example, as a result of the terms or other features of a Rated Note Vehicle, Blackstone may be incentivized to make decisions with respect to ECRED's actual or proposed investments for the benefit of a Rated Note Vehicle or the equity or debt investors therein, which decisions may not be in the best interests of ECRED or the Shareholders. Similarly, all or a greater portion of certain investment opportunities may be allocated to a Rated Note Vehicle in light of such Rated Note Vehicle's diversification, fees and other economic terms, liquidity or other terms and/or objectives, in which case ECRED would generally be allocated a smaller share of, or not participate at all in, such investment opportunity. There can be no assurance that any such conflicts of interest will be resolved in favor of ECRED or the Shareholders, or that the establishment or investment activities of a Rated Note Vehicle will not adversely affect ECRED or its Investments.

***Debt Financings and Investments in connection with Acquisitions and Dispositions/Refinancings.***

ECRED may from time to time, to make investments that involve financing provided: (1) as part of a third party purchaser's bid for, or acquisition of, a portfolio entity or the underlying assets thereof owned by one or more Other Clients; (2) in connection with a proposed acquisition or investment by one or more Other Clients or affiliates of a Portfolio Entity and/or its underlying assets; and/or (3) to refinance an Other Client investment not in connection with an acquisition (e.g., a dividend recapitalization transaction). This generally would include the circumstance where ECRED is making commitments to provide financing at or prior to the time such third party purchaser commits to purchase such investments or assets from one or more Other Clients. ECRED is also permitted to make investments and provide debt financing with respect to Portfolio Entities in which Other Clients and/or affiliates hold or propose to acquire an interest, including when such investments or debt financing would result in (x) facilitating the acquisition by one or more Other Clients of all or a portion of the economic ownership interests and voting rights in a Portfolio Entity or (y) paying a dividend to an Other Client. While the terms and conditions of any such arrangements will generally be at arm's length and negotiated on a case-by-case basis, the involvement of ECRED and/or such Other Clients or affiliates may affect the terms of such transactions or arrangements and/or may otherwise influence Blackstone's decisions with respect to the management of ECRED and/or such Other Clients or the relevant Portfolio Entity, as applicable which may give rise to potential or actual conflicts of interest and which could adversely impact ECRED.

***Blackstone Involvement in Financing of Third Party Dispositions by ECRED.*** ECRED is permitted from time to time dispose of all or a portion of an investment by way of accepting a third-party purchaser's bid where Blackstone or one or more Other Clients is providing financing as part of such bid or acquisition of the investment or underlying assets thereof. This generally would include the circumstance where Blackstone or one or more Other Clients is making commitments to provide financing at or prior to the time such third-party purchaser commits to purchase such investments or assets from ECRED. Such involvement of Blackstone or one or more Other Clients as such a provider of debt financing in connection with the potential acquisition of portfolio investments by third parties from ECRED may give rise to potential or actual conflicts of interest.

**Blackstone Europe.** Blackstone, BXCI and Other Clients may incorporate or otherwise organize, and one or more of its affiliates have incorporated or otherwise organized, one or more Luxembourg-based or Ireland-based entities (and in the future may organize other non-U.S. entities) that are the master holding companies or other structures through which ECRED and Other BXCI Clients may principally invest into European investments (any such structure, “**Blackstone Europe**”) and that may be utilized by BXCI. Blackstone Europe is expected to provide one or more of the following key service functions to ECRED and/or to the European-domiciled entities that are part of the investments of Other BXCI Clients and may also be owned, directly or indirectly, by Other Clients or their affiliates. The key service functions expected to be provided by Blackstone Europe and its employees include: (i) domiciliation, (ii) account management, (iii) administration, (iv) accounting, (v) tax, regulatory and organizational compliance, (vi) transaction support services and (vii) local office space, though other services may also be provided. Blackstone Europe is expected to receive fees for such services at no greater than market rates deemed competitive by Blackstone. Blackstone will endeavor to allocate fees and expenses associated with Blackstone Europe fairly and equitably, which allocation is expected to involve certain subjective assumptions based on actual data pertaining to the services provided. The Sponsor believes that this method will result in a fair and equitable allocation of expenses. Any such expenses attributable directly or indirectly to ECRED, including, without limitation, ECRED’s allocable portion of overhead expenses (including, for example, the salary and compensation of personnel of Blackstone Europe) and costs associated with the leasing of office space, will be treated as a Fund Expense and will not reduce the management fee or otherwise be shared with ECRED or the Unitholders.

**Outsourcing.** The Sponsor is expected to outsource to third parties many of the services performed for ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities, including services (such as administrative, legal, accounting, tax or other related services) that can be or historically have been performed in-house by Blackstone and its personnel. For certain third-party service providers, the fees, costs and expenses of such third-party service providers will be borne by ECRED as Fund Expenses. Outsourced services include certain services that often would be provided at BXCI’s expense if such services had been performed in-house by BXCI’s personnel. In such cases, the fees, costs and expenses associated with the provision of such services will be borne by ECRED instead of BXCI, thereby increasing Fund Expenses borne by the Unitholders. Outsourced services also include certain services (such as fund administration, transactional legal advice, tax planning and other related services) that may also be provided by BXCI in-house at ECRED’s expense. From time to time, BXCI may provide such services alongside (and/or supplement or monitor) a third-party service provider on the same matter or engagement and, in such cases, to the extent BXCI’s services are reimbursable under this Prospectus, the overall amount of Fund Expenses borne by the Unitholders will be greater than would the case if only BXCI or such third-party provided such services.

The decision to engage a third-party service provider and the terms (including economic terms) of any such engagement will be made by BXCI in its discretion, taking into account such factors as it deems relevant under the circumstances. Certain third-party service providers and/or their employees (and/or teams thereof) will dedicate substantially all of their business time to ECRED, Other Clients and/or their respective portfolio companies, while others will have other clients. In certain cases, third-party service providers and/or their employees (including full-time secondees to Blackstone) may spend some or all of their time at Blackstone offices, have dedicated office space at Blackstone, have Blackstone e-mail addresses, receive administrative support from Blackstone personnel or participate in meetings and events for Blackstone personnel, even though they are not Blackstone employees or affiliates. BXCI will have an incentive to outsource services to third parties due to a number of factors, including because the fees, costs and expenses of such service providers will be borne by ECRED as Fund Expenses (with no reduction or offset to Fund Fees) and retaining third parties will reduce BXCI’s internal overhead and compensation costs for employees who would otherwise perform such services in-house. Such incentives likely exist even with respect to services where internal overhead and compensation are chargeable to

ECRED. Moreover, the involvement of third-party service providers may present a number of risks due to, among other factors, BXCI's reduced control over the functions that are outsourced. There can be no assurances that BXCI will be able to identify, prevent or mitigate the risks of engaging third-party service providers. ECRED may suffer adverse consequences from actions, errors or failures to act by such third parties, and will have obligations, including indemnity obligations, and limited recourse against them.

Outsourcing may not occur uniformly for all Blackstone managed vehicles and accounts and the expenses that may be borne by such vehicles and accounts vary. Accordingly, certain costs may be incurred by (or allocated to) ECRED through the use of third-party (or internal) service providers that are not incurred by (or allocated to) certain Other Clients for similar services.

**Material, Non-Public Information.** BXCI will come into possession of confidential information with respect to an issuer and other actual or prospective Portfolio Entities. BXCI may be restricted from buying, originating or selling securities, loans, or derivatives on behalf of ECRED until such time as the information becomes public or is no longer deemed material such that it would preclude ECRED from participating in an investment. Disclosure of such information to the Sponsor's personnel responsible for the affairs of ECRED will be on a need-to-know basis only, and ECRED may not be free to act upon any such information. Therefore, ECRED may not have access to confidential information in the possession of BXCI that might be relevant to an investment decision to be made for ECRED. In addition, BXCI, in an effort to avoid buying or selling restrictions on behalf of ECRED or Other Clients, may choose to forego an opportunity to receive (or elect not to receive) information that other market participants or counterparties, including those with the same positions in the issuer as ECRED, are eligible to receive or have received, even if possession of such information would otherwise be advantageous to ECRED.

In addition, affiliates of BXCI within Blackstone frequently come into possession of confidential information with respect to an issuer. BXCI could be restricted from buying, originating or selling securities, loans of, or derivatives with respect to, the issuer on behalf of ECRED if Blackstone deemed such restriction appropriate. Disclosure of such information to the Sponsor's personnel responsible for the affairs of ECRED will be on a need-to-know basis only, and ECRED may not be free to act upon any such information. Therefore, ECRED will not always have access to confidential information in the possession of Blackstone that might be relevant to an investment decision to be made by ECRED. Accordingly, at times, ECRED would not be able to initiate a transaction that it otherwise might have initiated and would not be able to sell an investment that it otherwise might have sold.

**Break-up and other Similar Fees.** Break-up or topping fees with respect to ECRED's investments can be paid to BXCI. Alternatively, ECRED could receive the break-up or topping fees directly. Break-up or topping fees paid to BXCI or ECRED in connection with a transaction could be allocated, or not, to Other Clients or co-investment vehicles that invest (or are expected to invest) alongside ECRED, as determined by BXCI to be appropriate in the circumstances. Generally, BXCI would not allocate break-up or topping fees with respect to a potential investment to ECRED, an Other Client or co-investment vehicle unless such person would also share in Broken Deal Expenses related to the potential Investment. With respect to fees received by BXCI relating to ECRED's investments or from unconsummated transactions, Unitholders will not receive the benefit of any fees relating to ECRED's investments (including, without limitation, as described above). In the case of fees for services as a director of a portfolio company, Fund Fees will not be reduced to the extent any Blackstone personnel continues to serve as a director after ECRED has exited (or is in the process of exiting) the applicable Portfolio Entity and/or following the termination of such employee's employment with Blackstone. For the avoidance of doubt, although the financial advisory and restructuring business of Blackstone has been spun out, to the extent any investment banking fees, consulting (including management consulting) fees, syndication fees, capital markets syndication and advisory fees (including underwriting fees), origination fees, servicing fees,

healthcare consulting / brokerage fees, fees relating to group purchasing, financial advisory fees and similar fees for arranging acquisitions and other major financial restructurings, loan servicing and/or other types of insurance fees, operations fees, financing fees, fees for asset services, title insurance fees, data management and services fees or payments and other similar fees and annual retainers (whether in cash or in kind) are received by Blackstone, such fees will not be required to be shared with ECRED or the Unitholders and will not reduce or offset Fund Fees payable by ECRED.

**Broken Deal Expenses.** Any expenses that are expected to be incurred by ECRED for actual investments as described herein or in the Management Regulations may also be incurred by ECRED with respect to broken deals (i.e., investments or proposed dispositions that are not consummated, including but not limited to those investments which are intended to be warehoused for the benefit of ECRED). BXCI is not required to and in most circumstances will not seek reimbursement of Broken Deal Expenses (i.e., expenses incurred in pursuit of an investment that is not consummated) from third parties, including counterparties to the potential transaction or potential co-investors (including “standing” co-investment vehicles established to participate in co-investment opportunities alongside ECRED on a regular or periodic basis and/or as part of an overall co-investment program). Moreover, expenses related to the organization of co-investment vehicles formed for investments that subsequently become broken deals are expected to be borne by ECRED (and applicable Other Clients, if any), and not the proposed co-investors thereof. Examples of such Broken Deal Expenses include, but are not limited to, reverse termination fees, extraordinary expenses such as litigation costs and judgments, travel and entertainment expenses incurred, costs of negotiating co-investment documentation (including non-disclosure agreements with counterparties), commitment fees that become payable in connection with a proposed investment, legal, tax, accounting and consulting fees and expenses (including all expenses incurred in connection with any tax audit, investigation settlement or review of ECRED, and any expenses of ECRED’s partnership representative or its designated individual), printing expenses and, other due diligence and pursuit costs and expenses and broken deal expenses associated with services provided by Portfolio Entities, which may include expenses incurred prior to the commencement of ECRED’s initial investment date. Any such Broken Deal Expenses could, in the sole discretion of BXCI, be allocated solely to ECRED and not to Other Clients or co-investment vehicles (including standing co-investment vehicles) that could have made the investment, even when the Other Client or co-investment vehicle commonly invests alongside ECRED in its investments or Blackstone or Other Clients in their investments (including such standing co-investment vehicles). In such cases, ECRED’s shares of expenses would increase. In the event Broken Deal Expenses are allocated to an Other Client or a co-investment vehicle, BXCI or ECRED will, in certain circumstances, advance such fees and expenses without charging interest until paid by the Other Client or co-investment vehicle, as applicable. In addition, certain Portfolio Entities will provide transaction support and other services (including identifying potential investments) to ECRED, Other Clients and their respective portfolio companies in respect of certain investments that are not ultimately consummated. See also “—Portfolio Entity Service Providers and Vendors” herein. Blackstone will endeavor in good faith to allocate the costs of such services to ECRED and such Other Clients as it deems appropriate under the particular circumstances. Any methodology used to determine such allocation (including the choice thereof) involves inherent conflicts and will not always result in perfect attribution and allocation of such costs, and there can be no assurance that a different manner of allocation would result in ECRED and its Portfolio Entities bearing less or more of such costs. Further, any of the foregoing costs, although allocated in a particular period, could be allocated based on activities occurring outside such period. Additionally, the allocation of any of the foregoing costs can be expected to be based on any of a number of different methodologies, including, without limitation, the aggregate value or number of, or invested capital in, transactions consummated in the applicable prior quarter, and therefore ECRED could pay more than its *pro rata* portion of such cost based on its actual usage of such services.

**Other Blackstone Business Activities.** Blackstone, Other Clients, their portfolio companies, and

personnel and related parties of the foregoing will receive fees and compensation, including performance-based and other incentive fees, for products and services provided to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, such as fees for asset management (including, without limitation, management fees and carried interest/incentive arrangements), development and property management; portfolio operations support (such as those provided by Blackstone's Portfolio Operations Group); arranging, underwriting (including without limitation, evaluation regarding value creation opportunities and ESG risk mitigation); syndication or refinancing of a loan or investment (or other additional fees, including acquisition fees, loan modification or restructuring fees); servicing; loan servicing; special servicing; administrative services; advisory services on purchase or sale of an asset or company; advisory services; investment banking and capital markets services; treasury and valuation services; placement agent services; fund administration; internal legal and tax planning services; information technology products and services; insurance procurement; brokerage; solutions and risk management services; data extraction and management products and services; fees for monitoring and oversight of loans or title insurance provided to Portfolio Entities or third parties; and other products and services (including but not limited to restructuring, consulting, monitoring, commitment, syndication, origination, organization and financing, and divestment services). For example, Blackstone or Other Client may, directly or indirectly through a portfolio entity, from time to time acquire loans or other assets for the purpose of syndicating some or all the assets to ECRED and/or Other Clients, and may receive syndication or other fees in connection therewith. Such parties will also provide products and services for fees to Blackstone, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and their personnel and related parties, as applicable, as well as third parties. Further, such parties could provide products and services for fees to ECRED, Other Clients and their portfolio companies in circumstances where third-party service providers are concurrently providing similar services to ECRED, Other Clients and their portfolio companies. Through its Innovations group, Blackstone incubates businesses that can be expected to provide goods and services to ECRED and Other Clients and their portfolio companies, as well as other Blackstone-related parties and third parties. By contracting for a product or service from a business related to Blackstone, ECRED and its Portfolio Entities would provide not only current income to the business and its stakeholders, but could also create significant enterprise value in them, which would not be shared with ECRED or Unitholders and could benefit Blackstone directly and indirectly. Also, Blackstone, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and their personnel and related parties will, in certain circumstances, receive compensation or other benefits, such as through additional ownership interests or otherwise, directly related to the consumption of products and services by ECRED and its Portfolio Entities. ECRED and its Portfolio Entities will incur expense in negotiating for any such fees and services, which will be treated as Fund Expenses. In addition, Blackstone may receive fees associated with capital invested by co-investors relating to investments in which ECRED participates or otherwise, in connection with a joint venture in which ECRED participates or otherwise with respect to assets or other interests retained by a seller or other commercial counterparty with respect to which Blackstone performs services. Finally, Blackstone and its personnel and related parties will, in certain circumstances, also receive compensation in connection with origination activities, referrals and related activities of such business incubated by the Blackstone Innovations group, and unconsummated transactions.

ECRED will, as determined by BXCI and as permitted by the governing fund documents, bear the cost of fund administration, in-house attorneys and secondees to provide transactional legal advice (including, without limitation, services with respect to M&A, capital markets or financing transactions, tax structuring, supervision of external counsel and service providers, attending internal and external meetings (including investment committee meetings) and communicating with relevant internal and external parties), related tax advice, tax planning and other related services (including, without limitation, company organization, structuring, due diligence, document drafting and negotiation, closing preparation, post-closing activities (such as compliance with contractual terms and providing advice for investment-level matters with respect to fiduciary and other obligations and issues), litigation or regulatory matters, reviewing and structuring exit

opportunities) provided by Blackstone personnel and related parties (including, without limitation, Blackstone Europe Fund Management S.à r.l. to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, including the allocation of their compensation and related overhead otherwise payable by Blackstone, or pay for their services at market rates. Such allocations or charges can be based on any of the following methodologies: (i) requiring personnel to periodically record or allocate their historical time spent with respect to ECRED or Blackstone approximating the proportion of certain personnel's time spent with respect to ECRED, and in each case allocating their compensation and allocable overhead based on time spent, or charging their time spent at market rates, (ii) the assessment of an overall dollar amount (based on a fixed fee or percentage of assets under management) that Blackstone believes represents a fair recoupment of expenses and a market rate for such services or (iii) any other similar methodology determined by Blackstone to be appropriate under the circumstances. Certain Blackstone personnel will provide services to few, or only one, of ECRED and Other Clients, in which case Blackstone could rely upon rough approximations of time spent by the employee for purposes of allocating the salary and overhead of the person if the market rate for services is clearly higher than allocable salary and overhead. However, the provision of such services by Blackstone personnel and related parties and any such methodology (including the choice thereof and any benchmarking, verification or other analysis related thereto) involves inherent conflicts. Any amounts paid to Blackstone and/or its affiliates for such services, as well as the expenses, charges and costs of any benchmarking, verification or other analysis related thereto, will be borne by ECRED as Fund Expenses, will not result in any reduction or offset to Fund Fees and will, in certain circumstances, result in incurrence of greater expenses by ECRED and its Portfolio Entities than would be the case if such services were provided by third parties.

BXCI, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and their affiliates, personnel and related parties could continue to receive fees, including performance-based or incentive fees, for the services described in the preceding paragraphs with respect to investments sold by ECRED or a Portfolio Entity to a third party buyer after the sale is consummated. Such post-disposition involvement will give rise to potential or actual conflicts of interest, particularly in the sale process. Moreover, BXCI, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities, and their affiliates, personnel and related parties may acquire a stake in the relevant asset as part of the overall service relationship, at the time of the sale or thereafter.

BXCI does not have any obligation to ensure that fees for products and services contracted by ECRED or its portfolio companies are at market rates unless the counterparty is considered an affiliate of Blackstone and given the breadth of Blackstone's investments and activities BXCI may not be aware of every commercial arrangement between ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, on the one hand, and Blackstone, Other Clients and their portfolio companies, and personnel and related parties of the foregoing, on the other hand.

Except as set forth above, ECRED and Unitholders will not receive the benefit (e.g., through a reduction or offset to Fund Fees or otherwise) of any fees or other compensation or benefit received by BXCI, its affiliates or their personnel and related parties. (See also "Service Providers, Vendors and Other Counterparties Generally" and "Other Blackstone Business Activities").

**Securities and Lending Activities.** Blackstone, its affiliates and their related parties and personnel will from time to time participate in underwriting or lending syndicates with respect to current or potential Portfolio Entities, or may otherwise act as arrangers of financing, including with respect to the public offering and/or private placement of debt or equity securities issued by, or loan proceeds borrowed by ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, or otherwise in arranging financing (including loans) for such Portfolio Entities or advise on such transactions. Such underwritings, financings or engagements may be on a firm commitment basis or may be on an uncommitted "best efforts" basis or on an uncommitted, or "best efforts", basis, and the underwriting or financing parties are under no duty to provide any commitment

unless specifically set forth in the relevant contract. Blackstone can also be expected to also provide, either alone or alongside third parties performing similar services, placement, financial advisory or other similar services to purchasers or sellers of securities (including in connection with primary offerings, secondary transactions and/or transactions involving special purpose acquisition companies), including loans or instruments issued by Portfolio Entities. Blackstone's compensation for such services is expected to be paid by the applicable seller (including ECRED (for example, in the case of secondary sales by ECRED) and Portfolio Entities), one or more underwriters or financing parties (including amounts paid by an issuer and reimbursed by one or more underwriters) and/or other transaction parties. There may also be circumstances in which ECRED commits to purchase any portion of such issuance from the Portfolio Entity that a Blackstone broker-dealer intends to syndicate to third parties. As a result thereof, Blackstone may receive commissions or other compensation, thereby creating a potential conflict of interest. This could include, by way of example, fees and/ or commissions for equity syndications to co-investment vehicles. In certain cases, a Blackstone broker-dealer will from time to time act as the managing underwriter, or a member of the underwriting syndicate or broker for ECRED or its Portfolio Entities, or as dealer, broker or advisor to a counterparty to ECRED or a Portfolio Entity and purchase securities from or sell securities to ECRED, Other Clients or Portfolio Entities of ECRED or Other Clients or advise on such transactions. Blackstone will also from time to time, on behalf of ECRED or other parties to a transaction involving ECRED or its Portfolio Entities, effect transactions, including transactions in the secondary markets that result in commissions or other compensation paid to Blackstone by ECRED or its Portfolio Entities or the counterparty to the transaction, thereby creating a potential conflict of interest. This could include, by way of example, fees and/or commissions for equity syndications to co-investment vehicles. Subject to applicable law, Blackstone will from time to time receive underwriting fees, discounts, placement commissions, loan modification or restructuring fees, servicing fees, capital markets fees, advisory fees (including capital markets advisory fees), lending arrangement fees, asset/property management fees, insurance (including title insurance) fees and consulting fees, monitoring fees, commitment fees, syndication fees, origination fees, organizational fees, operational fees, loan servicing fees, and financing and divestment fees (or, in each case, rebates in lieu of any such fees, whether in the form of purchase price discounts or otherwise, even in cases where Blackstone, an Other Client or its Portfolio Entities are purchasing debt) or other compensation with respect to the foregoing activities, which are not required to be shared with ECRED or the Unitholders. In addition, Fund Fees with respect to a Unitholder generally will not be reduced by such amounts. Therefore, Blackstone will from time to time have a potential conflict of interest regarding ECRED and the other parties to those transactions to the extent it receives commissions, discounts or such other compensation from such other parties. The board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, in its sole discretion, will approve any transactions, in which a Blackstone broker-dealer acts as an underwriter, as broker for ECRED, or as dealer, broker or advisor, on the other side of a transaction with ECRED only where the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV believes in good faith that such transactions are appropriate for ECRED and, by executing a subscription document for Units in ECRED, a Unitholder consents to all such transactions, along with the other transactions involving conflicts of interest described herein, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Sales of loans or securities for the account of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities will from time to time be bunched or aggregated with orders for other accounts of Blackstone including Other Clients. It could be impossible, as determined by BXCI in its sole discretion, to receive the same price or execution on the entire volume of securities sold, and the various prices will, in certain circumstances, therefore be averaged which may be disadvantageous to ECRED.

When Blackstone serves as underwriter with respect to securities of ECRED or its Portfolio Entities, ECRED and such Portfolio Entities could from time to time be subject to a "lock-up" period following the offering under applicable regulations during which time ECRED or Portfolio Entity would be unable to sell any securities subject to the "lock-up" This may prejudice the ability of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities to

dispose of such securities at an opportune time. In addition, Blackstone Capital Markets may serve as underwriter in connection with the sale of securities by ECRED or its portfolio companies. Conflicts may arise because such engagement would result in Blackstone Capital Markets receiving selling commissions or other compensation in connection with such sale. (See also “Portfolio Entity Relationships Generally” below).

Blackstone and BXCI employees are generally permitted to invest in alternative investment funds, real estate funds, hedge funds or other investment vehicles, including potential competitors of ECRED. ECRED will not receive any benefit from any such investments.

**PJT.** On October 1, 2015, Blackstone spun off its financial and strategic advisory services, restructuring and reorganization advisory services, and its Park Hill fund placement businesses and combined these businesses with PJT Partners Inc. (“**PJT**”), an independent financial advisory firm founded by Paul J. Taubman. While the combined business operates independently from Blackstone and is not an affiliate thereof, it is expected that there will be substantial overlapping ownership between Blackstone and PJT for a considerable period of time going forward. Therefore, conflicts of interest will arise in connection with transactions between or involving ECRED and its portfolio companies, on the one hand, and PJT, on the other. The pre-existing relationship between Blackstone and its former personnel involved in financial and strategic advisory services at PJT, the overlapping ownership and co-investment and other continuing arrangements between PJT and Blackstone can be expected to influence BXCI to select or recommend PJT to perform services for ECRED or its portfolio companies, the cost of which will generally be borne directly or indirectly by ECRED. Given that PJT is no longer an affiliate of Blackstone, BXCI and its affiliates will be free to cause ECRED and portfolio companies to transact with PJT generally without restriction under the applicable governing documents, notwithstanding the relationship between Blackstone and PJT (See also “—Placement Agents” and “—Service Providers, Vendors and Other Counterparties Generally” herein.). In addition, one or more investment vehicles controlled by Blackstone may be established to facilitate participation in Blackstone’s side-by-side investment program by employees and/or partners of PJT.

**Portfolio Entity Relationships Generally.** ECRED’s Portfolio Entities, including special purpose vehicles that may be formed in connection with investments, are expected to be counterparties to or participants in agreements, transactions or other arrangements with Portfolio Entities of Other Clients or other Blackstone affiliates for the provision of goods and services, purchase and sale of assets and other matters. Although Blackstone may determine that such agreements, transactions or other arrangements are consistent with the requirements of such Other Clients’ offering and/or governing agreements, such agreements, transactions or other arrangements may not have otherwise been entered into but for the affiliation with BXCI and/or Blackstone. These agreements, transactions or other agreements involve fees, commissions, servicing payments and/or discounts to BXCI, any Blackstone affiliate (including personnel) or a portfolio company, none of which reduce or offset Fund Fees payable by ECRED. This may give rise to actual or potential conflicts of interest for the Sponsor, ECRED and/or their respective affiliates, as such agreements, transactions and arrangements may be more favorable for one portfolio company than another, thus benefiting ECRED or Other Clients at the expense of the other. For example, Blackstone may cause, or offer the opportunity to, Portfolio Entities to enter into agreements regarding group procurement (such as the group purchasing organization), benefits management, purchase of title and/or other insurance policies (which may be pooled across Portfolio Entities and discounted due to scale) and other operational, administrative or management related matters from a third party or a Blackstone affiliate, and other similar operational initiatives that may result in commissions or similar payments, including related to a portion of the savings achieved by the Portfolio Entity, and in each case payments made to Blackstone will not offset Fund Fees. Such agreements, transactions or other arrangements may be entered into without the consent or direct involvement of ECRED and/or such Other Client or the consent



of the Unitholders of ECRED or such Other Client (including, without limitation, in the case of minority and/or non-controlling investments by ECRED in such Portfolio Entities or the sale of assets from one Portfolio Entity to another) and/or such Other Client. This is because, among other considerations, Portfolio Entities of ECRED and portfolio companies of Other Clients are not considered affiliates of the Sponsor or ECRED. In any such case, ECRED may not be involved in the negotiation process, and there can be no assurance that the terms of any such agreement, transaction or other arrangement will be as favorable to ECRED as otherwise would be the case if the counterparty were not related to Blackstone.

In addition, it is possible that certain Portfolio Entities of Other Clients or Portfolio Entities in which Other Clients have an interest will compete with ECRED for one or more investment opportunities. It is also possible that certain portfolio entities of Other Clients will engage in activities that may have adverse consequences on ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities. As an example of the latter, the laws and regulations of certain jurisdictions (e.g., bankruptcy, environmental, consumer protection and/or labor laws) may not recognize the segregation of assets and liabilities as between separate entities and may permit recourse against the assets of not just the entity that has incurred the liabilities, but also the other entities that are under common control with, or part of the same economic group as, such entity. In such circumstances, the assets of ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities may be used to satisfy the obligations or liabilities of one or more Other Clients, their Portfolio Entities and/or affiliates.

In addition, from time to time, Blackstone and affiliates of Blackstone could also establish other investment products, vehicles and platforms focusing on specific asset classes or industry sectors that fall within ECRED's investment strategy, which may compete with ECRED for investment opportunities (it being understood that such arrangements may give rise to conflicts of interest that may not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED).

Certain Portfolio Entities may have established or invested in, or may in the future establish or invest in, vehicles that are managed exclusively by the Portfolio Entity (and not ECRED or Blackstone or any of its affiliates) and that invest in asset classes or industry sectors (such as cyber security) that fall within ECRED's investment strategy. Such vehicles, which would not be considered affiliates of Blackstone and would not be subject to Blackstone's policies and procedures, have the potential to compete with ECRED for investment opportunities. Portfolio Entities and affiliates of Blackstone may also establish other investment products, vehicles and platforms focusing on specific asset classes or industry sectors (such as reinsurance) that may compete with ECRED for investment opportunities (it being understood that such arrangements may give rise to conflicts of interest that may not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED). In addition, ECRED reserves the right to hold non-controlling interests in certain Portfolio Entities and, as a result, such Portfolio Entities could engage in activities outside of ECRED's control that may have adverse consequences on ECRED and/or its other Portfolio Entities.

Blackstone has also entered into certain investment management arrangements whereby it provides investment management services for compensation to insurance companies including (i) Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance Company (an indirect subsidiary of Fidelity National Financial Inc.), and certain of its affiliates ("**FGL**"), (ii) Everlake Life Insurance Company and certain of its affiliates ("**Everlake**"), (iii) certain subsidiaries of Corebridge Financial, Inc. ("**Corebridge**"), and (iv) certain subsidiaries of Resolution Life Group Holdings Ltd. ("**Resolution Life**"). As of the date of this Prospectus, Blackstone owns a 9.9% equity interest in the parent company of Everlake through an Other Client, and Blackstone owns a 9.9% equity interest in the parent company of Corebridge. The foregoing insurance company investment management arrangements will involve investments by such insurance company clients across a variety of asset classes (including investments that may otherwise be appropriate for ECRED). As a result, in addition to the compensation Blackstone receives for providing investment management services to insurance companies in which Blackstone or an Other Client owns an interest, in certain instances

Blackstone receives additional compensation in its capacity as an indirect owner of such insurance companies and/or Other Clients. In the future Blackstone will likely enter into similar arrangements with other portfolio entities of ECRED, Other Blackstone Clients or other insurance companies. Such arrangements may reduce the allocations of investments to ECRED, and Blackstone may be incentivized to allocate investments away from ECRED to such insurance company client under such investment management arrangements or other vehicles/accounts to the extent the economic arrangements related thereto are more favorable to Blackstone relative to the terms of ECRED.

Further, Portfolio Entities with respect to which ECRED may elect members of the Board of Directors or a managing member may, as a result, subject ECRED and/or such directors or a managing member to fiduciary obligations to make decisions that they believe to be in the best interests of any such Portfolio Entities. Although in most cases the interests of ECRED and any such portfolio company will be aligned, this may not always be the case. This has the potential to create conflicts of interest between the relevant director's or managing member's obligations to any such Portfolio Entity and its stakeholders, on the one hand, and the interests of ECRED, on the other hand. Although BXCI will generally seek to minimize the impact of any such conflicts, there can be no assurance they will be resolved favorably for ECRED. For instance, such positions could impair the ability of ECRED to sell the securities of an issuer in the event a director receives material non-public information by virtue of his or her role, which would have an adverse effect on ECRED. Furthermore, an employee of Blackstone serving as a director to a portfolio company owes a fiduciary duty and/or other obligations to the Portfolio Entity, on the one hand, and ECRED, on the other hand, and such employee may be in a position where they must make a decision that is either not in the best interest of ECRED, or is not in the best interest of the Portfolio Entity. Blackstone personnel serving as directors may make decisions for a Portfolio Entity that negatively impact returns received by ECRED as an investor in the Portfolio Entity. In addition, to the extent an employee serves as a director on the board of more than one Portfolio Entity, such employees' fiduciary duties among the two Portfolio Entities can be expected to create a conflict of interest. Certain decisions made by an investor, including claims of breach of duty of loyalty, securities claims and other director-related claims. In general, ECRED will indemnify the Sponsor and BXCI personnel from such claims.

**Portfolio Entity, Service Providers and Vendors.** ECRED, Other Clients, Portfolio Entities of each of the foregoing and BXCI can be expected to engage Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Clients to provide some or all of the following services: (a) corporate support services (including, without limitation, accounts payable, accounts receivable, accounting/audit (including valuation support services), account management, insurance, procurement, placement, brokerage and consulting services, cash management, accounts receivable financing, corporate secretarial services, domiciliation, data management, directorship services, finance/budget, human resources, information technology/systems support, internal compliance, know-your-client reviews and refreshes, judicial processes, legal, environmental due diligence support (e.g., review of property condition reports), operational coordination (*i.e.*, coordination with JV partners, property managers), risk management, reporting, such as tax reporting, debt reporting or other), tax and treasury, tax analysis and compliance (e.g., CIT and VAT compliance), transfer pricing and internal risk control, treasury and valuation services) and other services; (b) loan services (including, without limitation, monitoring, restructuring and work-out of performing, sub-performing and nonperforming loans, administrative services, and cash management); (c) management services (*i.e.*, management by a Portfolio Entity, Blackstone affiliate or third party (e.g., a third-party manager or operating partner) of operational services); (d) operational services (*i.e.*, general management of day to day operations); (e) risk management (tax and treasury); (f) insurance procurement, placement, brokerage and consulting services; and (g) other services. Similarly, BXCI, Other Blackstone Clients and their Portfolio Entities can be expected to engage Portfolio Entities of ECRED to provide some or all of these services. Some of the services performed by Portfolio Entity service providers could also be performed by the Sponsor or its affiliates from time to time and vice versa. Fees paid by ECRED or its Portfolio Entities to the other Portfolio

Entity service providers do not offset or reduce ECRED Fees payable by the Unitholders of ECRED and are not otherwise shared with ECRED. Portfolio Entity service providers described in this section are generally owned and controlled by one or more Other Clients. In certain instances, a similar company could be owned and controlled by Blackstone directly. Blackstone could cause a transfer of ownership of one of these service providers from ECRED to an Other Client, or from an Other Client to ECRED.

Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Clients some of which can be expected to provide services to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities include, without limitation, the following, and may include additional Portfolio Entities that may be formed or acquired in the future:

**BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg**. BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg (“**BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg**”) is a Luxembourg-based company established in 2018 to centralize various resources supporting the maintenance and day-to-day management and administration of certain Luxembourg holding companies (the “**BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg Luxcos**”) controlled by certain Other Clients. BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg is entirely owned by Other Clients. In certain cases, the funds which use BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg’s services may contribute capital to fund the costs of BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg. Key service functions provided by BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg include domiciliation, accounting, regulatory and tax reporting and compliance. All costs associated with BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg’s services and operations (including any BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg employee compensation and other general overhead) will be ultimately borne by the Other Clients (and, to the extent applicable, ECRED) that own or use BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg. These shared costs are intended to be allocated and charged on a cost sharing basis to the individual fund related entities utilizing the services of BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg based on the type and level of services provided and may include a mark-up though BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg is generally intended to operate on a nominal profit basis. The Sponsor endeavors to allocate fees and expenses associated with BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg fairly and equitably, which allocation involves certain methodologies based on actual data pertaining to the services provided. The Sponsor believes that these methodologies result in a fair and equitable allocation of expenses. To the extent ownership of BX Credit Fund Services Luxembourg is transferred between ECRED and the Other Clients, such transfer will generally be consummated for minimal or no consideration, and without obtaining any consent from the Unitholders of ECRED.

**BTIG**. BTIG, LLC (“**BTIG**”) is a global financial services firm in which certain Blackstone entities own a strategic minority investment. BTIG provides institutional trading, investment banking, research and related brokerage services and may provide goods and services for ECRED or its Portfolio Entities.

**Optiv**. Optiv Security, Inc. is a Portfolio Entity held by certain Blackstone private equity funds that provides a full slate of information security services and solutions and may provide goods and services for ECRED and its Portfolio Entities.

**PSAV**. PSAV, Inc. is a portfolio company held by certain Blackstone private equity funds that provides outsourced audiovisual services and event production and may provide goods and services for ECRED and its Portfolio Entities.

**Refinitiv**. On October 1, 2018, a consortium led by Blackstone announced that private equity funds managed by Blackstone had completed an acquisition of Thomson Reuters’ Financial & Risk business (“**Refinitiv**”). On January 29, 2021, Refinitiv was sold to London Stock Exchange Group (“**LSEG**”), with Blackstone private equity funds receiving a minority stake in LSEG. Refinitiv

operates a pricing service that provides valuation services and may provide goods and services for ECRED and its Portfolio Entities.

**Kryalos.** Blackstone through one or more of its funds has made a minority investment in Kryalos, an operating partner in certain real estate investments made by Other Blackstone Clients, and expects that Kryalos will perform services for ECRED and Other Blackstone Clients and receive compensation as described below.

**Peridot Financial Services (“Peridot”) and Global Supply Chain Finance (“GSCF”).** Blackstone through one or more of its funds, has made majority investments into Peridot and GSCF, which provide supply chain financing and accounts receivable services globally.

**RE Tech Advisors (“RE Tech”).** Blackstone through one or more of its funds, including certain Funds, has made a majority investment in RE Tech, an energy audit / consulting firm that identifies and implements energy efficiency programs, calculates return on investment and tracks performance post-completion. RE Tech is expected to perform services for ECRED, its Portfolio Entities and Other Blackstone Clients.

**Therma Holdings.** Therma Holdings LLC is a Portfolio Entity held by certain Blackstone private equity funds that provides carbon reduction and energy management services and may provide goods and services for ECRED and its Portfolio Entities.

**Peridot Financial Services (“Peridot”) and Global Supply Chain Finance (“GSCF”).** Blackstone through one or more of its funds has made majority investments into Peridot and GSCF, which provide supply chain financing and accounts receivable services globally.

**Revantage.** Revantage is a portfolio entity of certain Blackstone Clients that provides corporate support services, including, without limitation, accounting, legal, tax, treasury, information technology and human resources and operational services and management services.

**CoreTrust.** On September 30, 2022, BCP VIII and certain related entities closed the previously announced acquisition of a majority interest in CoreTrust (the "**CoreTrust Acquisition**"), a group purchasing organization that provides purchasing services to member companies, which includes Portfolio Entities owned, in whole or in part, by certain Blackstone-managed funds. CoreTrust is expected to provide group purchasing services to the ECRED, its Portfolio Entities, Other Blackstone Clients and Blackstone. Generally, CoreTrust generates revenue from vendors based on a percentage of the amount of products or services purchased by its member companies and benefit plans maintained by its member companies. As previously disclosed, CoreTrust has historically shared a portion of the revenue generated through purchases made by Blackstone Portfolio Entities and paid Blackstone a consulting fee. Blackstone stopped accepting such revenue sharing arrangements and consulting fee upon the closing of the CoreTrust Acquisition. However, Blackstone may in its sole discretion reinstitute such or similar revenue sharing arrangements with CoreTrust in the future. In addition, prior to the CoreTrust Acquisition, CoreTrust generated revenue in respect of certain Portfolio Entities (the "**Applicable Portfolio Entities**") from certain health and welfare benefit plan-related vendors (the "**Applicable Vendors**"). For legal and regulatory reasons, following the CoreTrust Acquisition, CoreTrust is limited in its ability to generate revenue from the Applicable Vendors in respect of Portfolio Entities' health benefit plans based on a percentage of the amount of products or services purchased by such plans. As a result, for Applicable Portfolio Entities and other Portfolio Entities that become CoreTrust members, CoreTrust intends to rebate all revenue received from Applicable Vendors to each such Portfolio Entity's applicable benefit plan. CoreTrust also intends to enter into with each

Applicable Portfolio Entity (and with other Portfolio Entities that become CoreTrust members) a separate agreement that will include the payment of an access fee in return for allowing such Portfolio Entities to use the goods and services provided by the Applicable Vendors through CoreTrust. The amount of the access fee has not yet been determined and may not be subject to benchmarking, and the access fee may be greater or less than the amount of the revenue that CoreTrust previously generated from Applicable Vendors.

ECRED and its Portfolio Entities will compensate one or more of these service providers and vendors owned by ECRED or Other Clients, including through incentive based compensation payable to their management teams and other related parties. The incentive based compensation paid with respect to a Portfolio Entity or asset of ECRED or Other Clients will vary from the incentive based compensation paid with respect to other Portfolio Entities and assets of ECRED and Other Clients; as a result the management team or other related parties can be expected to have greater incentives with respect to certain assets and Portfolio Entities relative to others, and the performance of certain assets and Portfolio Entities may provide incentives to retain management that also service other assets and Portfolio Entities. Some of these service providers and vendors owned or controlled by ECRED or Other Clients will charge ECRED and its Portfolio Entities for goods and services at rates generally consistent with those available in the market for similar goods and services. The discussion regarding the determination of market rates under “— Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers” herein applies equally in respect of the fees and expenses of the Portfolio Entity service providers, if charged at rates generally consistent with those available in the market. Other service providers and vendors owned and/or controlled by ECRED or Other Clients pass through expenses on a cost reimbursement, no-profit or break-even basis, in which case the service provider allocates costs and expenses directly associated with work performed for the benefit of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities to them, along with any related tax costs and an allocation of the service provider’s overhead, including any of the following: salaries, wages, benefits and travel expenses; marketing and advertising fees and expenses; legal, accounting and other professional fees and disbursements; office space (including, without limitation, rent and refurbishment costs and office space in Luxembourg) and equipment; insurance premiums; technology expenditures, including hardware and software costs; costs to engage recruitment firms to hire employees; due diligence expenses; one-time costs, including costs related to building-out and winding-down a Portfolio Entity; costs that are of a limited duration or non-recurring (such as start-up or technology build-up costs, one-time technology and systems implementation costs, employee on-boarding and severance payments, and readiness of initial public offerings and other infrastructure costs); taxes; and other operating and capital expenditures. Any of the foregoing costs, although allocated in a particular period, will, in certain circumstances, relate to activities occurring outside the period, and therefore ECRED could pay more than its *pro rata* portion of fees for services. The allocation of overhead among the entities and assets to which services are provided can be expected to be based on any of a number of different methodologies, including, without limitation, “cost” basis as described above, “time-allocation” basis, “per unit” basis, “per square footage” basis, or “fixed percentage” basis, and the particular methodology used to allocate such overhead among the entities and assets to which services are provided are expected to vary depending on the types of services provided and the applicable asset class involved. There can be no assurance that a different manner of allocation would result in ECRED and its Portfolio Entities bearing less or more costs and expenses. In certain instances, particularly where such service providers and vendors are located in Europe or Asia, such service providers and vendors will charge ECRED and its Portfolio Entities for goods and services at cost plus a percentage of cost for transfer pricing or other tax, legal, regulatory, accounting or other reasons. Further, ECRED and its Portfolio Entities will compensate one or more of these service providers and vendors owned by ECRED or Other Blackstone Clients through incentive based compensation payable to their management teams and other related parties. The incentive based compensation paid with respect to a Portfolio Entity or asset of ECRED or Other Blackstone Clients will vary from the incentive based

compensation paid with respect to other Portfolio Entities and assets of ECRED and Other Blackstone Clients; as a result the management team or other related parties can be expected to have greater incentives with respect to certain assets and Portfolio Entities relative to others, and the performance of certain assets and Portfolio Entities may provide incentives to retain management that also service other assets and Portfolio Entities. Blackstone is not expected to perform or obtain benchmarking analysis or third-party verification of expenses with respect to services provided on a cost reimbursement, no profit or break even basis, or in respect of incentive based compensation. There can be no assurances that amounts charged by Portfolio Entity service providers that are not controlled by ECRED or Other Clients will be consistent with market rates or that any benchmarking, verification or other analysis will be performed with respect to such charges. In addition, while it is expected that ECRED or Other Clients will engage in long-term or recurring contracts with Portfolio Entity service providers, the Sponsor may not seek to benchmark or otherwise renegotiate the original fee arrangement for a significant period of time. If benchmarking is performed, the related expenses will be borne by ECRED, Other Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities and will not reduce or offset ECRED Fees. In certain circumstances, ECRED and Other Clients will enter into fee arrangements with Portfolio Entity service providers (including instances where the fee is a cost-plus fee, i.e., is structured as the cost of services plus a fixed percentage). Where Portfolio Entity service providers have entered into such fee arrangements, there may be situations where the Portfolio Entity service provider's tax liabilities that are associated with the income received from ECRED and/or Other Clients could be passed along to ECRED such that ECRED would ultimately be responsible for bearing such expenses. Accordingly, the Sponsor may have an incentive to structure its fee arrangements with Portfolio Entity service providers in such a manner where ECRED or an Other Client may bear all or a portion of such Portfolio Entity service provider's tax liabilities. As further noted above, no fees charged by these service providers and vendors in the fee arrangement discussed in this paragraph will offset or reduce Management Fees, unless otherwise required by the Prospectus.

The transfer of a Portfolio Entity service provider between ECRED and/or Other Blackstone Clients (where ECRED may be a seller or a buyer in any such transfer) may be consummated for minimal or no consideration, and without obtaining any consent from the Board of Managers, the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV or the Unitholders. The Sponsor may, but is not required to, obtain a third party valuation confirming the same, and if they do, the Sponsor may rely on such valuation.

In the case of Investments of ECRED involving a "platform company," ECRED will from time to time enter into an arrangement with one or more Senior and Other Advisors to undertake a build-up strategy to acquire and develop assets and businesses in a particular sector or involving a particular strategy. The Senior and Other Advisors may be compensated with a salary and/or equity incentive plan. See also "Senior Advisors, Industry Experts and Operating Partners" herein.

**Loan Agency Activities.** In order to facilitate its business of originating and syndicating senior and other loans to corporate and other borrowers, Blackstone expects to establish an affiliated loan agency service provider that, subject to applicable legal, tax, regulatory and commercial considerations, is expected to act as administrative agent, collateral agent, loan servicer and/or related service provider (and potentially other services in the future) with respect to loans in which ECRED and Other Clients have invested or will invest (the "**Blackstone Administrative Agent**"). There can be no assurance that the Blackstone Administrative Agent will be successful in providing such services, that the quality of such services will be consistent with comparable services provided by established, unaffiliated third parties or that it will be more cost effective. Additionally there can be no assurance that the Blackstone Administrative Agent, once appointed as an administrative agent, collateral agent and/or related service provider with respect to a loan, will remain in such role and the Blackstone Administrative Agent may be permitted to, and may in certain circumstances, resign such role. Such a resignation may cause borrowers or lenders (including, indirectly, ECRED) to incur additional costs. While Blackstone believes that use of the Blackstone Administrative Agent will

provide competitive advantages to ECRED and Other Clients, as well as to Blackstone, this arrangement involves actual and potential conflicts of interest that will not always be resolved in favor of ECRED or Unitholders.

In addition to the disclosures set forth in “—Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers”, the use of the Blackstone Administrative Agent with respect to ECRED’s investments presents certain potential and actual conflicts of interest. For example, the Blackstone Administrative Agent may be subject to claims brought by underlying borrowers, lenders or other third parties in connection with services rendered by the Blackstone Administrative Agent and its defense against such claims could result in it taking actions in its own interests that are different than (or contrary to) the interests of the lenders (including ECRED). Additionally, the Blackstone Administrative Agent generally will be indemnified by the borrower and/or lenders (including ECRED Feeder SICAV and Other Clients) against losses it incurs unless it is grossly negligent. Moreover, the Blackstone Administrative Agent (and its sub-agent, if any, as further discussed below) will be paid its fees and expenses pursuant to the underlying lending documentation in priority to the payment of loan proceeds to the lenders. Accordingly, there could be circumstances in which, as a result of a payment default or other underperformance with respect to the underlying loan, the Blackstone Administrative Agent (and its sub-agent, if any, as further discussed below) would receive payment of its fees or expenses despite ECRED not being repaid its share of the applicable loan amount (in whole or in part). It should also be noted that, while actions taken by the Blackstone Administrative Agent will be non-fiduciary in nature, there could be circumstances in which the Blackstone Administrative Agent is obligated to take (or decline to take) certain actions at the direction of the financing syndicate or may in its discretion take (or decline to take) certain actions (including, without limitation, resigning as administrative or collateral agent), grant (or decline to grant) consents or make (or decline to make) certain judgments, in each case, which are adverse to the best interests of ECRED. For example, the Blackstone Administrative Agent may take (or decline to take) certain actions for the purpose of limiting potential financial or other liabilities, or other negative consequences, to the Blackstone Administrative Agent or Blackstone, which may include resigning as administrative agent or collateral agent. Additionally, BXCI is incentivized to cause ECRED to enter into investments where the Blackstone Administrative Agent will be utilized and decline investments where the Blackstone Administrative Agent will not be utilized as well as to cause the Blackstone Administrative Agent to be utilized when it otherwise may not have been. Finally, as a result of services provided by the Blackstone Administrative Agent, Blackstone may, from time to time, come into possession of information about certain markets and investments, which is material, non-public or confidential information of particular borrowers or the securities issued by such borrowers. Receipt of such material non-public information by the Blackstone Administrative Agent could, at times, limit the Investment Manager’s ability to dispose of, retain or increase interests in investments held by ECRED or acquire certain investments on behalf of ECRED, or make recommendations in respect of such investments, until the information has been publicly disclosed or is no longer deemed material. See also “—Related Financing Counterparties” and “—Other Blackstone Business Activities”.

In the future, it is expected that Blackstone Administrative Agent will receive compensation for its services described above, which generally is anticipated to be in the form of a flat fee, and which is generally expected to be determined with reference to market rates (as determined by the Investment Manager and its affiliates). However, there is no guarantee that rates paid to the Blackstone Administrative Agent (either individually or collectively with any fees paid to a sub-agent) will not be higher than they would be if an unaffiliated third party served in that role. Please see Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers” for further information regarding Blackstone policies addressing the benchmarking of market rates. In such case, any fees earned by the Blackstone Administrative Agent will not be shared with ECRED or the Unitholders and will not offset or reduce the Management Fee payable by the Unitholders. Further, the Blackstone Administrative Agent is expected to appoint an unaffiliated sub-agent and delegate to such sub-agent certain of its responsibilities for which it has been appointed as agent under the relevant transaction

documents, including disbursement of loan proceeds to borrowers, collection, calculation and disbursement of principal and interest payments to lenders (including ECRED), receiving and distributing notices from borrowers and other obligors, holding, perfecting and maintaining, and at times releasing, liens on collateral security the underlying loan obligations, among other customary or other obligations of an administrative agent. The conflicts of interest outlined above and in “—Service Providers, Vendors and other Counterparties Generally” are generally applicable with respect to the actions of any such sub-agent. Such sub-agent will be compensated by the borrower and/or lenders (which in some circumstances will include ECRED), or by the Blackstone Administrative Agent, in accordance with Blackstone’s policies as set forth in “—Service Providers, Vendors and other Counterparties Generally”, and such compensation will not benefit the ECRED or the Unitholders in any way (including through an offset of Management Fees). Additionally, while Unitholder information is not expected to be shared with such sub-agent, the sub-agent will be privy to information about the ECRED’s portfolio investments in relation to investments in which the services of the Blackstone Administrative Agent is utilized. The sub-agent will be contractually required to keep information confidential. However, the risk of improper use of confidential information is possible, which could result in litigation or serious financial harm, including limiting the ECRED’s business prospects or future activities. Finally, while a sub-agent generally will be under the supervision of the Blackstone Administrative Agent, none of the ECRED Master FCP, the AIFM or the Investment Manager will be in a position to verify the risk or reliability of such sub-agent. The ECRED Master FCP may suffer adverse consequences from actions, errors or failures to act by such sub-agent, and will have obligations, including indemnity obligations, and limited recourse against such sub-agent. Misconduct by such sub-agent could cause significant losses to ECRED – please see “—Misconduct by the AIFM Employees and ECRED Service Providers” for further information.

***Service Providers, Vendors and Other Counterparties Generally.*** Certain third party advisors and other service providers and vendors or their affiliates to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities (including accountants, administrators, paying agents, depositaries, lenders, bankers, brokers, attorneys, consultants, title agents and investment or commercial banking firms) are owned by Blackstone, ECRED or Other Clients or provide goods or services to, or have other business, personal, financial or other relationships with, Blackstone, the Other Clients (including co-investment vehicles, where applicable) and their respective Portfolio Entities and affiliates and personnel. Such advisors and service providers referred to above may be investors in ECRED, affiliates of the Sponsor, sources of financing and investment opportunities or co-investors or commercial counterparties or entities in which Blackstone and/or Other Clients have an investment, and payments by ECRED and/or such entities may indirectly benefit Blackstone, the Other Clients (including co-investment vehicles, where applicable) and their respective Portfolio Entities or any affiliates or personnel. Also, advisors, lenders, investors, commercial counterparties, vendors and service providers (including any of their affiliates or personnel) to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities could have other commercial or personal relationships with Blackstone, Other Clients (including co-investment vehicles, where applicable) and their respective Portfolio Entities, or any affiliates, personnel or family members of personnel of the foregoing. Although Blackstone selects service providers and vendors it believes are most appropriate in the circumstances based on its knowledge of such service providers and vendors (which knowledge is generally greater in the case of service providers and vendors that have other relationships to Blackstone), the relationship of service providers and vendors to Blackstone as described above will influence Blackstone in deciding whether to select, recommend or form such an advisor or service provider to perform services for ECRED, subject to applicable law, or a Portfolio Entity, the cost of which will generally be borne directly or indirectly by ECRED and can be expected to incentivize Blackstone to engage such service provider over a third party, utilize the services of such service providers and vendors more frequently than would be the case absent the conflict, or to pay such service providers and vendors higher fees or commissions, resulting in higher fees and expenses being borne by ECRED, than would be the case absent the conflict. The incentive could be created by current income and/or the



generation of enterprise value in a service provider or vendor; Blackstone can also be expected to also have an incentive to invest in or create service providers and vendors to realize on these opportunities. Furthermore, Blackstone will from time to time encourage third party service providers to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities to use other Blackstone-affiliated service providers and vendors in connection with the business of ECRED, Portfolio Entities, and unaffiliated entities, and Blackstone has an incentive to use third party services providers who do so as a result of the indirect benefit to Blackstone and additional business for the related service providers and vendors. Fees paid by ECRED or its Portfolio Entities to or value created in these service providers and vendors do not offset or reduce Fund Fees payable by the Unitholders and are not otherwise shared with ECRED. In the case of brokers, Blackstone has a best execution policy that it updates from time to time to comply with regulatory requirements in applicable jurisdictions.

Blackstone has a practice of not entering into any arrangements with advisors, vendors or service providers that provide lower rates or discounts to Blackstone itself compared to those it enters into on behalf of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities for the same services. However, legal fees for unconsummated transactions are often charged at a discounted rate, such that if ECRED and its portfolio companies consummate a higher percentage of transactions with a particular law firm than Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities, the Unitholders could indirectly pay a higher net effective rate for the services of that law firm than Blackstone, ECRED or Other Clients or their Portfolio Entities. Also, advisors, vendors and service providers often charge different rates or have different arrangements for different types of services. For example, advisors, vendors and service providers often charge fees based on the complexity of the matter as well as the expertise and time required to handle it. Therefore, to the extent the types of services used by ECRED and its Portfolio Entities are different from those used by Blackstone, Other Clients and their portfolio companies, and their affiliates and personnel, ECRED and its Portfolio Entities can be expected to pay different amounts or rates than those paid by such other persons. Similarly, Blackstone, ECRED, the Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities and affiliates can be expected to enter into agreements or other arrangements with vendors and other similar counterparties (whether such counterparties are affiliated or unaffiliated with Blackstone) from time to time whereby such counterparty will, in certain circumstances, charge lower rates (or no fee) or provide discounts or rebates for such counterparty's products or services depending on certain factors, including without limitation the volume of transactions entered into with such counterparty by Blackstone, ECRED and its investment and/or Portfolio Entities in the aggregate or other factors. (See also "Group Procurement; Discounts" and "Multiple Blackstone Business Lines" herein.)

ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities are expected to enter into joint ventures with third parties to which the service providers and vendors described above will, in certain circumstances, provide services. In some of these cases, the third party joint venture partner may negotiate to not pay its *pro rata* share of fees, costs and expenses to be allocated as described above, in which case ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities that also use the services of the Portfolio Entity service provider will, directly or indirectly, pay the difference, or the Portfolio Entity service provider will bear a loss equal to the difference.

Blackstone may, from time to time, encourage service providers to funds and investments to use, generally at market rates and/or on arm's length terms (and/or on the basis of best execution, if applicable), the Blackstone-affiliated service providers in connection with the business of ECRED, Portfolio Entities, and unaffiliated entities. This practice provides an indirect benefit to Blackstone in the form of added business for Blackstone-affiliated service providers.

Certain Portfolio Entities that provide services to ECRED, Other Clients and/or Portfolio Entities or assets of ECRED and/or Other Clients may be transferred between and among ECRED and/or Other Clients

(where ECRED may be a seller or a buyer in any such transfer) for minimal or no consideration (based on a third-party valuation confirming the same) and without the approval of the Independent Client Representative (if any), board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, or the Board of Managers. Such transfers may give rise to actual or potential conflicts of interest for BXCI.

**Global Distribution.** The global distributor for ECRED is the AIFM. The AIFM may utilize its affiliates to perform some of its functions. Any material adverse change to the ability of ECRED's Global Distributor to build and maintain a network of financial intermediaries (e.g., licensed securities financial intermediaries and other agents) could have a material adverse effect on ECRED's business and the offering. If the Global Distributor is unable to build and maintain a sufficient network of participating financial intermediaries to distribute Units in the offering, ECRED's ability to raise proceeds through the offering and implement ECRED's investment strategy may be adversely affected. In addition, the Global Distributor currently serves and may serve as dealer manager for other issuers. As a result, the Global Distributor may experience conflicts of interest in allocating its time between the offering and such other issuers, which could adversely affect ECRED's ability to raise proceeds through the offering and implement ECRED's investment strategy. Further, the participating financial intermediaries retained by the Global Distributor may have numerous competing investment products, some with similar or identical investment strategies and areas of focus as ECRED, which they may elect to emphasize to their retail clients.

**Charitable and Political Contributions.** To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Sponsor is permitted, from time to time, to require, cause or invite Blackstone and/or a Portfolio Entity to make contributions to charitable initiatives, or other non-profit organizations that the Sponsor believes could, directly or indirectly, enhance the value of ECRED's Investments, assist in completing an acquisition of a Portfolio Entity or other transaction (whether or not documented at the time of such acquisition or transaction) or otherwise serve a business purpose for, or be beneficial to, ECRED or its Portfolio Entities. Such contributions could be designed to benefit employees of a Portfolio Entity, the community in which a Portfolio Entity operates or a charitable cause essential to, or consistent with, the business purpose of a Portfolio Entity. In certain instances, such charitable initiatives could be sponsored by, affiliated with or related to current or former employees of Blackstone, portfolio company management teams, advisors, service providers, vendors, joint venture partners, and/or other persons or organizations associated with Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients or the Portfolio Entities. These relationships could influence the Sponsor's decision whether to require, cause or invite ECRED or Portfolio Entities to make charitable contributions. Further, from time to time, such charitable contributions by ECRED or the Portfolio Entities could supplement or replace charitable contributions that Blackstone would have otherwise made. Also, in certain instances, the Sponsor may, from time to time, select a service provider or other counterparty to ECRED or its Investments based, in part, on the charitable initiatives of such person where the Sponsor believes such charitable initiatives could, directly or indirectly, enhance the value of ECRED's Investments or otherwise be beneficial to the Portfolio Entities.

A Portfolio Entity and/or, less commonly, ECRED on behalf of a Portfolio Entity may, in the ordinary course of its business, make political contributions to elected officials, candidates for elected office or political organizations, hire lobbyists or engage in other permissible political activities in U.S. or non-U.S. jurisdictions with the intent of furthering its business interests or otherwise. Portfolio Entities are not subject to relevant policies of BXCI and such activities may be undertaken by a Portfolio Entity without the knowledge or direction of BXCI. In other circumstances, there may be initiatives where such activities are coordinated by Blackstone for the benefit of one or more Portfolio Entities. In certain circumstances, interests of a Portfolio Entity may not align with or be adverse to the interests of other Portfolio Entities, ECRED, Other Clients or the Unitholders. While the costs of such activities will typically be borne by the Portfolio Entity (and indirectly ECRED) undertaking such activities, such activities could also directly or indirectly benefit other Portfolio Entities, Other Clients or Blackstone.

Any such charitable contributions or political contributions made by ECRED or the Portfolio Entities, if material, could affect ECRED's performance in respect of the relevant Investment and will not offset management fees payable by ECRED. There can be no assurance that any such activities will actually be beneficial to or enhance the value of ECRED or the Portfolio Entities, or that BXCI will be able to resolve any associated conflict of interest in favor of ECRED.

**Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers.** Certain of ECRED's, Blackstone's and/or Portfolio Entities advisers and other service providers, or their affiliates (including accountants, administrators, lenders, bankers, brokers, attorneys, consultants, and investment or commercial banking firms) also provide goods or services to, or have business, personal, financial or other relationships with, Blackstone, its affiliates and portfolio companies. Such advisers and service providers (or their affiliates) may be investors in ECRED, affiliates of Blackstone, sources of investment opportunities, co-investors, commercial counterparties and/or portfolio companies in which Blackstone and/or ECRED has an investment. Accordingly, payments by ECRED and/or such entities may indirectly benefit ECRED and/or its affiliates, including Blackstone and Other Clients. No fees charged by these service providers and vendors will reduce or offset Fund Fees payable to the Sponsor. Furthermore, Blackstone, the Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities and their affiliates and related parties will use the services of these Blackstone affiliates, including at different rates. Although Blackstone believes the services provided by its affiliates are equal or better than those of third parties, Blackstone directly benefits from the engagement of these affiliates, and there is therefore an inherent conflict of interest such as those described above.

Because Blackstone has many different businesses, including the Blackstone Capital Markets Group, which Blackstone investment teams and portfolio companies may engage to provide underwriting and capital market advisory services, it is subject to a number of actual and potential conflicts of interest, greater regulatory oversight and more legal and contractual restrictions than that to which it would be subject if it had just one line of business. In most circumstances, this Prospectus will not preclude ECRED from undertaking any particular activity and/or transaction. To the extent Blackstone determines appropriate, conflict mitigation strategies can be expected to be put in place with respect to a particular circumstance, such as internal information barriers or recusal, disclosure or other steps determined appropriate by the Sponsor. Service providers affiliated with Blackstone, which are generally expected to receive competitive market rate fees (as determined by the Sponsor or its affiliates) with respect to certain investments, include:

- **BPM.** Blackstone Property Management is a Blackstone affiliate that may provide property management, leasing oversight, corporate services (including accounting and reporting), development and construction management and transaction support services to any of ECRED's investment properties primarily located in the United Kingdom and continental Europe.
- **Aquicore.** Aquicore is a cloud-based platform that tracks, analyzes and predicts key metrics in real estate, focused on the reduction of energy consumption. Blackstone holds a minority investment in Aquicore.
- **Equity Healthcare.** Equity Healthcare LLC ("Equity Healthcare") is a Blackstone affiliate that negotiates with providers of standard administrative services and insurance carriers for health benefit plans and other related services for cost discounts, quality of service monitoring, data services and clinical consulting. Because of the combined purchasing power of its client participants, which include unaffiliated third parties, Equity Healthcare is able to negotiate pricing terms that are believed to be more favorable than those that the portfolio companies could obtain for themselves on an individual basis. The fees received by Equity Healthcare in connection with services provided to investments will not reduce the management fee payable by ECRED.

- **LNLS.** Blackstone wholly owns a leading national title agency, Lexington National Land Services (“LNLS”), a title agent company. LNLS may act as an agent for one or more underwriters in issuing title policies and/or providing support services in connection with investments by ECRED, Other Clients and third parties. LNLS focuses on transactions in rate-regulated U.S. states where the cost of title insurance is non-negotiable. LNLS will not perform services in nonregulated U.S. states for ECRED and Other Clients unless (i) in the context of a portfolio transaction that includes assets in rate-regulated U.S. states, (ii) as part of a syndicate of title insurance companies where the rate is negotiated by other insurers or their agents, (iii) when a third party is paying all or a material portion of the premium or (iv) when providing only support services to the underwriter and not negotiating the title policy or issuing it to the insured. LNLS earns fees, which would have otherwise been paid to third parties, by providing title agency services and facilitating the placement of title insurance with underwriters. Blackstone receives distributions from LNLS in connection with investments by ECRED based on its equity interest in LNLS. In each case, there will be no related reduction in management fees. As a result, while Blackstone believes that venture will provide services at or better than those provided by third parties (even in jurisdictions where insurance rates are regulated), there is an inherent conflict of interest that would incentivize Blackstone to engage LNLS over a third party.
- **Refinitiv.** See “—Portfolio Entity Service Providers and Vendors.”

In addition, Blackstone has agreed to acquire a 9.9% interest in AIG L&R and, in connection therewith, will enter into a similar long-term investment management arrangement with AIG L&R to provide investment management services for compensation. While Blackstone will not control AIG L&R, the aforementioned investment in AIG L&R and investment management arrangements may incentivize Blackstone to cause (and Blackstone will benefit indirectly from causing) ECRED and/or its Portfolio Entities to engage AIG L&R or its affiliates to provide various services and engage in other transactions and otherwise present conflicts of interests as a result of Blackstone’s interest and relationship therewith.

Certain Blackstone-affiliated service providers and their respective personnel will receive a management promote, an incentive fee and other performance-based compensation in respect of investments, sales or other transaction volume. Furthermore, Blackstone-affiliated service providers can be expected to charge costs and expenses based on allocable overhead associated with personnel working on relevant matters (including salaries, benefits and other similar expenses).

In connection with such relationships, BXCI will make determinations of competitive market rates based on its consideration of a number of factors, which are generally expected to include BXCI’s experience with non-affiliated service providers, benchmarking data and other methodologies determined by BXCI to be appropriate under the circumstances (i.e., rates that fall within a range that BXCI has determined is reflective of rates in the applicable market and certain similar markets, though not necessarily equal to or lower than the median rate of comparable firms and in certain circumstances, is expected to be in the top of the range). In respect of benchmarking, while BXCI often obtains benchmarking data regarding the rates charged or quoted by third parties for services similar to those provided by BXCI affiliates in the applicable market or certain similar markets, relevant comparisons may not be available for a number of reasons, including, without limitation, as a result of a lack of a substantial market of providers or users of such services or the confidential or bespoke nature of such services (e.g., different assets may receive different services). In addition, benchmarking data is based on general market and broad industry overviews, rather than determined on an asset by asset basis. As a result, benchmarking data does not take into account specific characteristics of individual assets then invested in by ECRED (such as location or size), or the particular characteristics of services provided. Further, it could be difficult to identify comparable third-party service providers that provide services of a similar scope and scale as Blackstone-affiliated service providers that are the subject of the benchmarking analysis. For these reasons, such market comparisons

may not result in precise market terms for comparable services. Expenses to obtain benchmarking data will be borne by ECRED, Other Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities and will not reduce or offset Fund Fees. To the extent ECRED or Other Clients engage in a long-term or recurring contract with a Blackstone-affiliated service provider, the Sponsor may not seek to benchmark or otherwise renegotiate the original fee arrangement for a significant period of time. Finally, in certain circumstances BXCI can be expected to determine that third party benchmarking is unnecessary, either because the price for a particular good or service is mandated by law (e.g., title insurance in rate regulated states) or because in BXCI's view no comparable service provider offering such good or service exists or because BXCI has access to adequate market data (including from third party clients of Blackstone-affiliated service provider that is the subject of the benchmarking analysis) to make the determination without reference to third party benchmarking. For example, certain portfolio companies may enter into an employer health program arrangement or similar arrangements with Equity Healthcare, a Blackstone affiliate that negotiates with providers of standard administrative services and insurance carriers for health benefit plans and other related services for cost discounts, quality of service monitoring, data services and clinical consulting. Because of the combined purchasing power of its client participants, Equity Healthcare is able to negotiate pricing terms from providers that are believed to be more favorable than the companies could obtain for themselves on an individual basis. The payments made to Blackstone in connection with Equity Healthcare, group purchasing, insurance and benefits management will not reduce or offset Fund Fees payable to the Sponsor.

Portfolio Entity service providers described in this section are generally owned by one or more Blackstone funds. In certain instances a similar company could be owned by Blackstone directly. Blackstone could cause a transfer of ownership of one of these service providers from an Other Client to ECRED. The transfer of a portfolio company service provider between ECRED and an Other Client (where ECRED may be a seller or a buyer in any such transfer) will generally be consummated for minimal or no consideration and without approval from the Board of Managers, the Independent Client Representative (if any) and the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV. The Sponsor may, but is not required to, obtain a third-party valuation confirming the same or seek approval from the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, and if it does, the Sponsor may rely on such valuation. Portfolio Entities and Other Clients are not considered "affiliates" of the Sponsor, BXCI and Blackstone under this Prospectus and therefore are not covered by affiliate transaction restrictions included in this Prospectus, such as the requirement to obtain consent from the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV (or the non-affiliated managers thereof) in certain circumstances (See also "Other Conflicts" below).

Advisers and service providers, or their affiliates, often charge different rates, including below-market or no fee, or have different arrangements for different types of services. With respect to service providers, for example, the fee for a given type of work may vary depending on the complexity of the matter as well as the expertise required and demands placed on the service provider. Therefore, to the extent the types of services used by ECRED and/or Portfolio Entities differ from those used by Blackstone and its affiliates (including personnel), BXCI and/or Blackstone or their respective affiliates (including personnel) may pay different amounts or rates than those paid by ECRED and/or Portfolio Entities. However, BXCI and its affiliates have a longstanding practice of not entering into any arrangements with advisers or service providers that could provide for lower rates or discounts than those available to ECRED, Other Clients and/or Portfolio Entities for the same services. Furthermore, advisers and service providers may provide services exclusively to Blackstone and its affiliates, including ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities, although such advisers and service providers would not be considered employees of Blackstone or BXCI. Similarly, Blackstone, BXCI, each of their respective affiliates, ECRED, the Other Clients and/or their Portfolio Entities, may enter into agreements or other arrangements with vendors and other similar counterparties (whether such counterparties are affiliated or unaffiliated with Blackstone) from time to time whereby such counterparty may charge lower rates (or no fee) and/ or provide discounts or rebates for

such counterparty's products and/or services depending on certain factors, including volume of transactions entered into with such counterparty by Blackstone, its affiliates, ECRED, the Other Clients and their portfolio companies in the aggregate.

In addition, investment banks or other financial institutions, as well as Blackstone employees, may also be investors in ECRED. These institutions and employees are a potential source of information and ideas that could benefit ECRED. Blackstone has procedures in place reasonably designed to prevent the inappropriate use of such information by ECRED.

In addition, Blackstone's Treasury group currently provides foreign currency exchange ("**FX**") services to ECRED and Other Clients for FX trades under a certain threshold. Based on its current practices (which are subject to change in the future), at the request of ECRED or an Other Client, the Blackstone Treasury group will exchange foreign currencies from Blackstone's own account on behalf of ECRED or an Other Client based on the end of day mid-market rate published by Bloomberg on the immediately preceding business day, and does not currently charge any fees for providing such service (apart from the same market-rate bank/wire fees ECRED or an Other Client would incur on any FX payment or receipt regardless of counterparty).

**Transactions with Portfolio Entities.** Blackstone and Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Clients operate in multiple industries and provide products and services to or otherwise contract with ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, among others. In the alternative, Blackstone may form a joint venture with such a company to implement such referral arrangement. For example, such arrangements may include the establishment of a joint venture or other business arrangement between Blackstone, on the one hand, and a Portfolio Entity of ECRED, Portfolio Entity of an Other Client or third party, on the other hand, pursuant to which the joint venture or business provides services (including, without limitation, corporate support services, loan management services, management services, operational services, ongoing account services (e.g., interacting and coordinating with banks generally and with regard to their know your client requirements), risk management services, data management services, consulting services, brokerage services, insurance procurement, placement, brokerage and consulting services, and other services) to Portfolio Entities of ECRED (and portfolio companies of Other Clients) that are referred to the joint venture or business by Blackstone. Blackstone, ECRED and Other Clients and their respective Portfolio Entities and personnel and related parties of the foregoing can be expected to make referrals or introductions to Portfolio Entities of ECRED or Other Clients in an effort, in part, to increase the customer base of such companies or businesses (and therefore the value of the investment held by ECRED or Other Client, which would also benefit Blackstone financially through its participation in such joint venture or business) or because such referrals or introductions will, in certain circumstances, result in financial benefits, such as cash payments, additional equity ownership, participation in revenue share and/or milestones benefitting the referring or introducing party that are tied or related to participation by the Portfolio Entities of ECRED and/or of Other Clients, accruing to the party making the introduction. Such joint venture or business could use data obtained from such Portfolio Entities (see "Data" herein). Furthermore, such introductions or referrals may involve the transfer of certain personnel or employees among Blackstone and Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Clients, which may result in a termination fee or similar payments being due and payable from one such entity to another. ECRED and the Unitholders typically will not share in any fees, economics, equity or other benefits accruing to Blackstone, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities as a result of the introduction of ECRED and its Portfolio Entities. Moreover, payments made to Blackstone in connection with such arrangements will not reduce or offset Fund Fees payable to the Sponsor. There may, however, be instances in which the applicable arrangements provide that ECRED or its Portfolio Entities share in some or all of any resulting financial incentives (including, in some cases, cash payments, additional equity ownership, participation in revenue share and/or milestones) based on structures and allocation methodologies determined in the sole discretion of Blackstone. Conversely, where ECRED or

one of its Portfolio Entities is the referring or introducing party, rather than receiving all of the financial incentives (including, in some cases, cash payments, additional equity ownership, participation in revenue share and/or milestones) for similar types of referrals and/or introductions, such financial incentives (including, in some cases, cash payments, additional equity ownership, participation in revenue share and/or milestones) may be similarly shared with the participating Other Clients or their respective Portfolio Entities.

Blackstone is permitted also to enter into commercial relationships with third party companies, including those in which ECRED considered making an investment (but ultimately chose not to pursue). For example, Blackstone may enter into an introducer engagement with such company, pursuant to which Blackstone introduces the company to unaffiliated third parties (which may include current and former Portfolio Entities and Portfolio Entities of Other Clients and/or their respective employees) in exchange for a fee from, or equity interest in, such company. Even though Blackstone could benefit financially from this commercial relationship, Blackstone will be under no obligation to reimburse ECRED for Broken Deal Expenses incurred in connection with its consideration of the prospective investment.

Additionally, Blackstone or an affiliate thereof will from time to time hold equity or other investments in companies or businesses (even if they are not “affiliates” of Blackstone) that provide services to or otherwise contract with Portfolio Entities. Blackstone and BXCI have in the past entered (and can be expected in the future to enter) into relationships with companies in the information technology, corporate services and related industries whereby Blackstone acquires an equity or similar interest in such company. In connection with such relationships, Blackstone and/or BXCI reserves the right to also make referrals and/or introductions to Portfolio Entities (which may result in financial incentives (including additional equity ownership) and/or milestones benefitting Blackstone and/or BXCI that are tied or related to participation by Portfolio Entities). Such joint venture or business could use data obtained from Portfolio Entities of ECRED and/or Portfolio Entities of Other Clients. These arrangements may be entered into without the consent or direct involvement of ECRED, the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, or the Board of Managers. ECRED and the Unitholders will not share in any fees or economics accruing to Blackstone and/or BXCI as a result of these relationships and/or participation by Portfolio Entities.

With respect to transactions or agreements with Portfolio Entities (including, for the avoidance of doubt, long-term incentive plans), at times if officers unrelated to Blackstone have not yet been appointed to represent a portfolio company, Blackstone may negotiate and execute agreements between Blackstone and/or ECRED on the one hand, and the Portfolio Entity or its affiliates, on the other hand, without arm’s length representation of the portfolio company, which could entail a conflict of interest in relation to efforts to enter into terms that are arm’s length. Among the measures Blackstone may use to mitigate such conflicts are to involve outside counsel to review and advise on such agreements and provide insights into commercially reasonable terms, or establish separate groups with information barriers within Blackstone to advise on each side of the negotiation.

***Simultaneous Transactions.*** There may be instances where Blackstone negotiates transactions with counterparties that involve ECRED, an Other Client and/or Blackstone in different capacities, such as with respect to separate tranches of debt. For example, ECRED may sell or purchase an interest in a portfolio company to a counterparty (such as another sponsor’s fund), while the same counterparty acquires or sells an interest in a portfolio company of an Other Client or Blackstone. While these transactions may be separate or non-contingent, due to the simultaneous or closely related timing of these transactions, there may be actual or perceived conflicts of interest in connection with such transactions due to Blackstone’s duties to ECRED on one hand, and such Other Client or Blackstone participating in the related transaction on the other, for example with respect to ensuring each transaction is separately in the best interest of the applicable Other Client and ECRED and that the valuations are fair and reasonable to each respective

fund, among other things. To mitigate such conflicts, Blackstone could, for example, negotiate each such transaction independently and ensure there is not a cross-conditioned closing of the two transactions, to ensure that the terms of each such transaction stand on their own.

**Related Party Leasing.** ECRED and its Portfolio Entities will, in certain circumstances, lease property to or from Blackstone, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities and affiliates and other related parties. The leases are generally expected to, but may not always, be at market rates. Blackstone may confirm market rates by reference to other leases it is aware of in the market, which Blackstone expects to be generally indicative of the market given the scale of Blackstone's real estate business and with regard to other decisions related to such assets and investments. Blackstone can be expected to, but may not always, nonetheless have conflicts of interest in making these determinations. There can be no assurance that ECRED and its Portfolio Entities will lease to or from any such related parties on terms as favorable to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities as would apply if the counterparties were unrelated.

**Cross-Guarantees and Cross-Collateralization.** While BXCI generally seeks to use reasonable efforts to avoid cross-guarantees and other similar arrangements, a counterparty, lender or other participant in any transaction to be pursued by ECRED (other than alternative investment vehicles) and/or the Other Clients may require or prefer facing only one fund entity or group of entities, which may result in any of ECRED, such Other Clients, the Portfolio Entities, such Other Clients' Portfolio Entities and/or other vehicles being jointly and severally liable for such applicable obligation (subject to any limitations set forth in the applicable partnership agreements or other governing documents thereof), which in each case may result in ECRED, such Other Clients, such Portfolio Entities, and/or vehicles entering into a back-to-back or other similar reimbursement agreement. In such situation, better financing terms may be available through a cross-collateralized arrangement, but it is not expected that any of ECRED or such Other Clients or vehicles would be compensated (or provide compensation to the other) for being primarily liable vis-à-vis such third party counterparty. Also, it is expected that cross-collateralization will generally occur at Portfolio Entities rather than ECRED for obligations that are not recourse to ECRED except in limited circumstances such as "bad boy" events. Any cross-collateralization arrangements with Other Clients could result in ECRED losing its interests in otherwise performing investments due to poorly performing or non-performing investments of Other Clients in the collateral pool or such persons otherwise defaulting on their obligations under the terms of such arrangements. ECRED Master FCP's assets may be required to cover its obligations under such a default.

Similarly, a lender could require that it face only one Portfolio Entity of ECRED and Other Clients, even though multiple Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Clients benefit from the lending, which will typically result in (i) the Portfolio Entity facing the lender being solely liable with respect to the entire obligation, and therefore being required to contribute amounts in respect of the shortfall attributable to other Portfolio Entities, and (ii) Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Clients being jointly and severally liable for the full amount of the obligation, liable on a cross-collateralized basis or liable for an equity cushion (which cushion amount may vary depending upon the type of financing or refinancing (e.g., cushions for refinancings may be smaller)). The Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Clients benefiting from a financing may enter into a back-to-back or other similar reimbursement agreements whereby each agrees that no Portfolio Entity bears more than its *pro rata* portion of the debt and related obligations. It is not expected that the Portfolio Entities would be compensated (or provide compensation to other Portfolio Entities) for being primarily liable, or jointly liable, for other Portfolio Entities *pro rata* share of any financing.

**Joint Venture Partners.** ECRED will from time to time enter into one or more joint venture arrangements with third party joint venture partners. Investments made with joint venture partners will often involve performance-based compensation and other fees payable to such joint venture partners, as determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion. The joint venture partners could provide services similar to those



provided by the Sponsor to ECRED. Yet, no compensation or fees paid to the joint venture partners would reduce or offset Fund Fees payable to the Sponsor. Additional conflicts would arise if a joint venture partner is related to Blackstone in any way, such as a limited partner investor in, lender to, a shareholder of, or a service provider to Blackstone, ECRED, Other Clients or their respective Portfolio Entities, or any affiliate, personnel, officer or agent of any of the foregoing.

**Group Procurement; Discounts.** ECRED and certain Portfolio Entities will enter into agreements regarding group procurement (including but not limited to CoreTrust, benefits management, purchase of title and other insurance policies (which can be expected to include brokerage or placement thereof), and will from time to time be pooled across Portfolio Entities and discounted due to scale, including through sharing of deductibles and other forms of shared risk retention from a third party or an affiliate of BXCI and/or Blackstone, and other operational, administrative or management related initiatives. Blackstone will allocate the cost of these various services and products purchased on a group basis among ECRED, Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities. Some of these arrangements result in commissions, discounts, rebates or similar payments to BXCI and/or Blackstone or their affiliates (including personnel), or Other Clients and their Portfolio Entities, including as a result of transactions entered into by ECRED and its Portfolio Entities and/or related to a portion of the savings achieved by the Portfolio Entities. Such commissions or payment will not reduce or offset Fund Fees. Blackstone can be expected to also receive consulting, usage or other fees from the parties to these group procurement arrangements. To the extent that a Portfolio Entity of an Other Client is providing such a service, such Portfolio Entity and such Other Client will benefit. Further, the benefits received by a particular Portfolio Entity providing the service may be greater than those received by ECRED and its Portfolio Entities receiving the service. Conflicts exist in the allocation of the costs and benefits of these arrangements, and Unitholders rely on the Sponsor to handle them in its sole discretion.

**Diverse Unitholder Group.** ECRED's Unitholders are expected to be based in a wide variety of jurisdictions and take a wide variety of forms. The Unitholders are expected to have conflicting investment, tax and other interests with respect to their investments in ECRED and with respect to the interests of investors in other investment vehicles managed or advised by the Sponsor and BXCI that may participate in the same investments as ECRED, and investor personnel may have incentives or conflicts with respect to their investment in ECRED or Other Clients, including matters BXCI is not aware of, such as interests in Blackstone Inc. The conflicting interests of individual Unitholders with respect to other Unitholders and relative to investors in other investment vehicles would generally relate to or arise from, among other things, the nature of investments made by ECRED and such other partnerships, the structuring or the acquisition of investments, financing, tax profile and timing of disposition of investments. As a consequence, conflicts of interest will, in certain circumstances, arise in connection with the decisions made by the Sponsor or BXCI, including with respect to the nature or structuring of investments that can be expected to be more beneficial for one investor than for another investor, especially with respect to investors' individual tax situations. In addition, ECRED may make Investments that may have a negative impact on related investments made by the Unitholders in separate transactions. In selecting and structuring investments appropriate for ECRED, the Sponsor or BXCI will consider the investment and tax objectives of ECRED and the Unitholders (and those of investors in other investment vehicles managed or advised by the Sponsor or BXCI that participate in the same investments as ECRED) as a whole, not the investment, tax or other objectives of any Unitholder individually.

In addition, certain Unitholders can be expected to also be investors in Other Clients, including supplemental capital vehicles and co-investment vehicles that may invest alongside ECRED in one or more investments, which could create conflicts for the Sponsor in the treatment of different Unitholders. Unitholders also may include affiliates of Blackstone, such as Other Clients (including Strategic Partners, via a primary investment or secondary acquisition), affiliates of Portfolio Entities of ECRED or Other

Clients, charities, foundations or other entities or programs associated with Blackstone personnel and/or current or former Blackstone employees, Blackstone's senior advisors and/or operating partners and any affiliates, funds or persons can be expected to also invest in ECRED through the vehicles established in connection with Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment rights, subject to applicable law, in each case, without being subject to management fees, and Unitholders will not be afforded the benefits of such arrangements. Some of the foregoing Blackstone related parties are sponsors of feeder vehicles that could invest in ECRED as Unitholders. Blackstone related sponsors of feeder vehicles generally charge their investors additional fees, including performance based fees, which could provide Blackstone current income and increase the value of its ownership position in them. Blackstone will therefore have incentives to refer potential investors to these feeder vehicles. All of these Blackstone related Unitholders will have equivalent rights to vote and withhold consents as nonrelated Unitholders. Nonetheless, Blackstone may have the ability to influence, directly or indirectly, these Blackstone related Unitholders.

It is also possible that ECRED or its Portfolio Entities will, in certain circumstances, be a counterparty (such counterparties dealt with on an arm's-length basis) or participant in agreements, transactions or other arrangements with a Unitholder or an affiliate of a Unitholder. Such transactions may include agreements to pay performance fees to operating partners, a management team and other related persons in connection with ECRED's investment therein, which will reduce ECRED's returns. Such Unitholders described in the previous sentences can be expected to therefore have different information about Blackstone and ECRED than Unitholders not similarly positioned. In addition, conflicts of interest will, in certain circumstances, arise in dealing with any such Unitholders, and the Sponsor and its affiliates may not be motivated to act solely in accordance with its interests relating to ECRED (including but not limited to where the Sponsor and its affiliates may be motivated to enter into agreements, transactions or arrangements with Unitholders or their affiliates in order to secure capital commitments from investors in Other Clients, or where they may otherwise be motivated by factors other than the interests of ECRED). Similar information disparity may occur as a result of Unitholders monitoring their investments in vehicles such as ECRED differently. For example, certain Unitholders can be expected to periodically request from the Sponsor information regarding ECRED, its investments and/or Portfolio Entities that is not otherwise set forth in (or has yet to be set forth) in the reporting and other information required to be delivered to all Unitholders. In such circumstances, the Sponsor may provide such information to such Unitholders, subject to applicable law and regulations. Unless required by applicable law, the Sponsor will not be obligated to affirmatively provide such information to all Unitholders (although the Sponsor will generally provide the same information upon request and treat Unitholders equally in that regard). As a result, certain Unitholders may have more information about ECRED than other Unitholders, and, unless required by applicable law, the Sponsor will have no duty to ensure all Unitholders seek, obtain or process the same information regarding ECRED, its investments and/or Portfolio Entities. Therefore, certain Unitholders may be able to take actions on the basis of such information which, in the absence of such information, other Unitholders do not take. Furthermore, at certain times Blackstone will be restricted from disclosing to the Unitholders material non-public information regarding any assets in which ECRED invests, particularly those investments in which an Other Client or Portfolio Entity that is publicly registered co-invests with ECRED. In addition, investment banks or other financial institutions, as well as Blackstone personnel, may also be Unitholders. These institutions and personnel are a potential source of information and ideas that could benefit ECRED, and may receive information about ECRED and its Portfolio Entities in their capacity as a service provider or vendor to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities.

In addition, it is also expected that Blackstone will, from time to time, confirm factual matters to incoming investors in ECRED, make statements of intent or expectation to such investors or acknowledge statements by such incoming investors that relate to ECRED and/or Blackstone's activities pertaining thereto in one or more respects. In addition, Blackstone may from time to time agree to certain matters relating to knowledge transfer and/or secondments with one or more investors as part of an overall firm

relationship. Any such statements, confirmations, agreements or acknowledgements, including those made in response to an investor's due diligence requests, will not involve the granting of any legal right or benefit, and the Unitholders generally will as a result not typically receive notice of any such confirmation, statements or acknowledgements or copies of the documentation (if any) in which they are contained. There can be no assurance that any such arrangements will not have an adverse effect on ECRED or that such arrangements will not influence Blackstone's activities or the operations of ECRED.

**Affiliated Unitholders.** Certain Unitholders in ECRED, including current and/or former senior advisors, officers, directors and personnel of Blackstone, Portfolio Entities of ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts, personnel of PJT, charitable programs, endowment funds and related entities established by or associated with any of the foregoing, and other persons related to Blackstone, may receive preferential terms in connection with their investment in or alongside ECRED. Specific examples of such preferential terms received by certain affiliated Unitholders may include, among others, waiver of Management Fees and/or the Performance Participation Allocation. For the avoidance of doubt, in the case of an affiliated Unitholder that is an Other Blackstone Account with its own underlying investors, such underlying investors are generally subject to carried interest and/or management fees in connection with their investment in such Other Blackstone Account. In addition, by virtue of their affiliation with the Sponsor, affiliated Unitholders will have more information about ECRED and investments than other Unitholders and will have access to information (including, but not limited to, valuation reports) in advance of communication to other Unitholders. As a result, such affiliated Unitholders will be able to take actions on the basis of such information which, in the absence of such information, other Unitholders do not take. Finally, to the extent affiliated Unitholders submit Redemption Requests in respect of their Units in ECRED, conflicts of interest will arise and the Sponsor's affiliation with such Unitholders could influence the Sponsor's determination to exercise its discretion whether to satisfy, reject or limit any such requested redemption. Additionally, in case of a Unitholder that is an Other Blackstone Account with its own underlying investors, such underlying investors may have received preferential or different terms in connection with their investment in such Other Blackstone Account (including, but not limited to, liquidity rights) as compared to the other Unitholders. (See also "Lack of Liquidity.") While such affiliated Unitholders and/or ECRED will seek to adopt policies and procedures to address such conflicts of interest, there can be no assurance that the conflicts of interest described above will be resolved in favor of ECRED or other Unitholders.

**Possible Future Activities.** Blackstone and its affiliates are expected to expand the range of services that it provides over time. Except as provided herein, Blackstone and its affiliates will not be restricted in the scope of its business or in the performance of any such services (whether now offered or undertaken in the future) even if such activities could give rise to conflicts of interest, and whether or not such conflicts are described herein. Blackstone and its affiliates have, and will continue to develop, relationships with a significant number of companies, financial sponsors and their senior managers, including relationships with clients who may hold or may have held investments similar to those intended to be made by ECRED. These clients may themselves represent appropriate investment opportunities for ECRED or may compete with ECRED for investment opportunities.

**Restrictions Arising under the Securities Laws.** Blackstone's activities and the activities of Other Clients (including the holding of securities positions or having one of its employees on the board of directors of a Portfolio Entity) could result in securities law restrictions on transactions in securities held by ECRED, affect the prices of such securities or the ability of such entities to purchase, retain or dispose of such investments, or otherwise create conflicts of interest, any of which could have an adverse impact on the performance of ECRED and thus the return to the Unitholders.

The Investment Company Act may limit ECRED's ability to undertake certain transactions with or alongside its affiliates that are registered under the Investment Company Act. As a result of these restrictions,

ECRED may be prohibited from executing “joint” transactions with ECRED’s Investment Company Act registered affiliates, which could include investments in the same Portfolio Entity (whether at the same or different times) or buying investments from, or selling them to, Other Clients. These limitations may limit the scope of investment opportunities that would otherwise be available to ECRED.

**Unitholders’ Outside Activities.** A Unitholder shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in activities in addition to those relating to ECRED, including business interests and activities in direct competition with ECRED and its Portfolio Entities, and may engage in transactions with, and provide services to, ECRED or its Portfolio Entities (which may include providing leverage or other financing to ECRED or its Portfolio Entities as determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion). None of ECRED, any Unitholder or any other person shall have any rights by virtue of the operative documents of ECRED in any business ventures of any Unitholder. The Unitholder, and in certain cases the Sponsor, will have conflicting loyalties in these situations.

**Credit Facility and other Leverage Arrangements.** ECRED is expected to enter into and utilize one or more credit facilities and other leverage arrangements (which may be structured as, but not limited to, revolving credit facilities and terms loans (secured and unsecured), asset-backed and NAV facilities and bond issuances and subscriptions) including within the context of a warehouse arrangement put in place by Blackstone or another party (together, “**Leverage Arrangements**”), which involve potential conflicts of interest. See also “Syndication; Warehousing and Related Transactions” above for further information. Subject to the limitations in this Prospectus, the use of Leverage Arrangements by ECRED is within the Sponsor’s discretion. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Prospectus and the availability and the terms of any credit facility for ECRED, the Sponsor has adopted a policy relating to the use of fund-level credit facilities for ECRED (the “**LOC Policy**”). (See also “Use of Leverage” herein.) Generally and without limiting the foregoing, ECRED can be expected to seek to utilize Leverage Arrangements for the purpose of, among other things, financing any investment-related activities of ECRED (such as for assets that ECRED does not intend to hold for a long term period), covering Fund Expenses, Organizational and Offering Expenses, Management Fees, Servicing Fees and any other costs of ECRED, making distributions to Unitholders, providing permanent financing or refinancing or providing interim financing to consummate the purchase of investments. Calculations of gross and net levered IRRs in respect of investment and performance data may be included and/or referred to in this Prospectus, and reported to Unitholders from time to time. Use of Leverage Arrangements (as defined above) with respect to Investments may impact calculations of returns and result in a higher or lower reported IRR (on an investment level and/or a fund level) than if such Leverage Arrangements had not been utilized and instead solely the Unitholders’ capital contributions to ECRED Master FCP had been contributed and this may present conflicts of interest as a result of certain factors, including the interest rate on such borrowings typically being less than the rate of the relevant hurdle or preferred return and that such hurdle or preferred return does not directly accrue on such borrowings. If the use of Leverage Arrangements increases the IRR, the Sponsor will have various incentives to use such Leverage Arrangements, including marketing efforts of Other Clients. As a result, use of such Leverage Arrangements with respect to Investments may effectively reduce or eliminate the relevant hurdle or preferred return received by the Unitholders and in the event the interest rate on borrowings is lower than the hurdle or preferred return rate, use of Leverage Arrangements may accelerate or increase distributions of Performance Participation Allocation to the Recipient, providing BXCI with an economic incentive to fund Investments through Leverage Arrangements. Moreover, the costs and expenses of any such Leverage Arrangements will generally be allocated among ECRED and any Parallel Entities *pro rata* or on such other basis that the Sponsor determines to be more equitable under the circumstances, which will increase the expenses borne by applicable Unitholders and would be expected to diminish net cash on cash returns. In addition, for investments in certain U.S. corporations by U.S. tax-exempt Unitholders, there may be incremental tax costs related to so-called unrelated business tax income that would not have applied in the absence of such Leverage Arrangements.

ECRED expects to utilize Leverage Arrangements and enter into other similar arrangements and extensions of credit for the benefit of co-investors, joint venture partners and Other Clients, including Blackstone side-by-side arrangements, which invest alongside ECRED in one or more Investments. For example, ECRED can be expected to borrow to fund a joint venture partner's, co-investor's or Other Client's *pro rata* share of an Investment or expense related to an Investment. In such circumstances, the Sponsor generally intends to disclose such arrangements as part of the periodic reporting or other appropriate communications relating to ECRED and to cause any such co-investors, joint venture partners and Other Clients to bear (or reimburse ECRED for) their *pro rata* share of any interest expenses (but not necessarily origination and other costs) allocable to such extensions of credit. The Sponsor will, in certain circumstances, receive direct and indirect benefits from such uses as well, including as a result of the facilitation of co-investment by Other Clients. ECRED will pay interest expenses and other expenses incurred in relation to such lines of credit.

Subject to the limitations set forth in this Prospectus, the Sponsor maintains substantial flexibility in choosing when and how ECRED's Leverage Arrangements are used. The Sponsor may adopt from time to time policies or guidelines relating to the use of such Leverage Arrangements.

The Sponsor may additionally elect to use Leverage Arrangements for investments made by ECRED including (a) for investments that have a longer lead time to generate cash flow or to acquire assets, (b) for platform investments that require capital to fund operating expenses prior to developing sufficient scale to self-fund or generate enterprise value, (c) for investments where cash is retained in the business to fund activity that results in incremental returns for the investment, (d) to make margin payments as necessary under currency hedging arrangements, (e) to fund management fees and/or fund expenses otherwise payable by Unitholders, (f) for investments in Portfolio Entities denominated in or with revenues in a foreign currency, (g) to lever returns generated by ECRED's investments and (h) when the Sponsor otherwise determines that it is in the best interests of ECRED. (See also "Risk Factors—Credit Facility").

**Insurance.** ECRED will purchase or bear premiums, fees, costs and expenses (including any expenses or fees of insurance brokers) for insurance to insure ECRED, Portfolio Entities, the Sponsor, Blackstone and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives, the Independent Client Representative (if any) and members of the Board of Managers and other indemnified parties and in certain circumstances, such person's agents and representatives), against liability in connection with the activities of ECRED. This includes a portion of any premiums, fees, costs and expenses for one or more "umbrella," group or other insurance policies maintained by Blackstone that cover one or more of ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts, the Sponsor and/or Blackstone (including their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives, the Independent Client Representatives (if any) and members of the Board of Managers and other indemnified parties). The Sponsor will make judgments about the allocation of premiums, fees, costs and expenses for such "umbrella," group or other insurance policies among one or more of ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts, the Sponsor and/or Blackstone on a fair and reasonable basis, in its sole discretion, and may make corrective allocations should it determine subsequently that such corrections are necessary or advisable.

Similarly, ECRED and its Portfolio Entities will likely enter into arrangements with Other Blackstone Accounts and their respective Portfolio Entities whereby insurance is procured as a group where the insurance provider may charge lower premiums to the group than it would on an individual basis. In such event, the obligation to pay the premiums on such group policies may be allocated in accordance with the relative values of the respective entities that are insured by such policies (or other factors that Blackstone may reasonably determine). Additionally, ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts (and their respective Portfolio Entities) will in certain circumstances jointly contribute to a pool of funds that can be expected to be used to pay losses that are subject to the deductibles on any group insurance policies, which

contributions may similarly be allocated in accordance with the relative values of the respective assets that are insured by such policies (or other factors that Blackstone may reasonably determine).

Additionally, ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts (and their respective Portfolio Entities) will, in certain circumstances, jointly contribute to a pool of funds that can be expected to be used to pay losses that are subject to the deductibles on any group insurance policies, which contributions may similarly be allocated in accordance with the relative values of the respective assets that are insured by such policies (or other factors that Blackstone can be expected to reasonably determine). Additionally, ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts (and their respective Portfolio Entities) may also, in certain circumstances, jointly participate in a captive insurance company managed by an affiliate of the Sponsor, in which the fees and expenses of the captive, including insurance premiums and fees paid to its manager, will be borne by ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts. (See *also* “Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers” herein.)

In respect of such insurance arrangements, Blackstone can be expected to make corrective allocations from time to time should it determine subsequently that such adjustments are necessary or advisable. There can be no assurance that different allocations or arrangements than those implemented by Blackstone as provided above would not result in ECRED and its Portfolio Entities bearing less (or more) premiums, deductibles, fees, costs and expenses for insurance policies.

**Other Conflicts.** In addition, other present and future activities of Blackstone, ECRED, Other Blackstone Accounts and their Portfolio Entities, affiliates and related parties will from time to time give rise to additional conflicts of interest relating to ECRED and its investment activities. The Sponsor generally attempts to resolve conflicts in a fair and equitable manner, but conflicts will not necessarily be resolved in favor of ECRED’s interests. In addition, pursuant to the Articles of association of ECRED Feeder SICAV, the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV is authorized to give consent on behalf of ECRED with respect to certain matters, including those which may be required or advisable, as determined in the Sponsor’s sole discretion, under the Advisers Act or other applicable laws or regulations, which may be, but is not required to be, given by a majority of non-affiliated members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, if any. If the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, a majority of non-affiliated members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV or the Independent Client Representative (in each case, as applicable) consent to a particular matter and the Sponsor acts in a manner consistent with, or pursuant to the standards and procedures approved by, the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV, a majority of non-affiliated members of the board of directors of ECRED Feeder SICAV or the Independent Client Representative (in each case, as applicable) or otherwise as provided in the Articles of association of ECRED Feeder SICAV, then the Sponsor and its affiliates will not have any liability to ECRED or the Unitholders for such actions taken in good faith by them.

An Independent Client Representative can be expected to be paid a fee by ECRED to be determined by the Sponsor. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, an Independent Client Representative shall not owe any fiduciary duty (or other similar duty) to the Sponsor, any Unitholder or the Unitholders as a group in connection with the activities of such Independent Client Representative, and an Independent Client Representative shall not have any obligation to act in the interests of ECRED, any Unitholder, or the Unitholder as a group or have any other duty to ECRED, any Unitholder or the Unitholders as a group other than a duty to act in good faith.

**Additional Potential Conflicts of Interest.** The officers, directors, members, managers, employees and personnel of the Sponsor may trade in securities for their own accounts, subject to restrictions and reporting requirements as may be required by law or Blackstone’s policies, or otherwise determined from time to time by the Sponsor, as applicable. Such personal securities transactions and investments will, in certain circumstances, result in conflicts of interest, including to the extent they relate to (i) a company in which ECRED holds or acquires an Investment (either directly through a privately negotiated investment

or indirectly through the purchase of securities or other traded instruments related thereto) and (ii) entities that have interests which are adverse to those of ECRED or pursue similar investment opportunities as ECRED. In addition, certain Other Clients may be subject to the Investment Company Act or other regulations that, due to the role of Blackstone, could restrict the ability of ECRED to buy investments from, to sell investments to or to invest in the same securities as, such Other Clients. Such regulations could have the effect of limiting the investment opportunities available to ECRED. In addition, as a consequence of Blackstone's status as a public company, the officers, directors, members, managers and personnel of the Sponsor can be expected to take into account certain considerations and other factors in connection with the management of the business and affairs of ECRED and its affiliates that would not necessarily be taken into account if Blackstone were not a public company. The directors of Blackstone have fiduciary duties to shareholders of the public company that may conflict with their duties to ECRED. Finally, although Blackstone believes its positive reputation in the marketplace provides benefit to ECRED and Other Clients, the Sponsor could decline to undertake investment activity or transact with a counterparty on behalf of ECRED for reputational reasons, and this decision could result in ECRED foregoing a profit or suffering a loss.

### **Other Considerations**

**Fees Paid by Advisory Investors.** Unitholders (or their financial intermediaries on their behalf) may elect to be treated as "advisory investors" and in connection therewith, by virtue of holding Class A Units, bear a larger amount of Fees than investors that are not "advisory investors" for reporting, administrative and other services provided by such advisory investor's registered investment adviser, adviser representative or other financial intermediary. Some or all of the Servicing Fee payable in respect of a Class A Unitholder's investment may be allocated to such Unitholder's financial intermediary through which such Unitholder was placed in ECRED. Any amounts allocated in accordance with the foregoing sentence will compensate such financial intermediary for reporting, administrative and other services provided to a Unitholder by such financial intermediary. The receipt of the Servicing Fee by a Unitholder's financial intermediary will result in a conflict of interest.

**Fund Expenses.** ECRED will pay and bear all expenses related to its operations as Fund Expenses. The amount of these Fund Expenses will be substantial and will reduce the amount of capital available to be deployed by ECRED in Investments and the actual returns realized by Unitholders on their investment in ECRED. Fund Expenses include recurring and regular items, as well as extraordinary expenses which may be hard to budget or forecast. As a result, the amount of Fund Expenses ultimately borne by ECRED at any one time may exceed expectations.

As described in this Prospectus, Fund Expenses encompass a broad range of expenses and include all expenses of operating ECRED and its Portfolio Entities and other related entities, including any entities used directly or indirectly to acquire, hold, or dispose of Investments or otherwise facilitate ECRED's investment activities.

Fund Expenses borne by ECRED and Unitholders also include, among other things, expenses of liquidating and forming (with respect to Parallel Entities only) ECRED and the Parallel Entities (including any potential Parallel Entities that are not ultimately formed); fees, costs and expenses related to attorneys (including costs, expenses and fees charged or specifically attributed or allocated by the Sponsor or its affiliates to ECRED or its Portfolio Entities for hours spent by its in-house attorneys and tax advisors to provide legal advice or services to ECRED and its Portfolio Entities on matters related to potential or actual Investments, transactions and the ongoing legal operations of ECRED, which amounts charged, attributed or allocated do not offset or reduce Management Fees provided, that any such fees, costs and expenses charged, attributed or allocated to ECRED or Portfolio Entities shall not be greater than what would be paid to an unaffiliated third-party for substantially similar advice or services); accountants, auditors,

advisers (including tax advisors), administrative agents, depositaries and consultants; expenses of loan servicers and other service providers, fund administrators, custodians, trustees and other third-party professionals; valuation costs (including expenses incurred in connection with services performed by any independent valuation advisor); expenses associated with redemptions and subscriptions on an ongoing basis, expenses of offering Units and units of any Parallel Entity (including expenses associated with creating and updating the offering materials, expenses associated with preparing and printing such materials, websites, travel expenses relating to the ongoing offering of the Units (in each case, other than expenses categorized as Organizational and Offering Expenses)), expenses relating to Freedom of Information Act and similar requests, expenses and fees relating to compliance-related matters and regulatory filings (including, without limitation, regulatory filings of the Sponsor and its affiliates relating to ECRED and its activities, including reporting under the AIFM Directive, on Annex IV, Form PF, other reports to be filed in connection with the requirements of the CFTC and reports, disclosures, filings and notifications prepared, and service providers appointed, in connection with the laws, rules, regulations or similar requirements of jurisdictions in which ECRED engages in activities (or in which any actual or potential investor is resident or established), including any notices, disclosures, reports, or filings (including those in connection with the offering of Units and costs associated with the marketing passport provided for in accordance with the AIFM Directive or the SFDR and any related regulations, costs, expenses, charges or fees of an internal nature relating to ECRED, the Parallel Entities and their activities), administrative expenses and related costs (including costs, expenses, charges and fees charged or specifically allocated by the Sponsor and/or its affiliates to provide administrative services to ECRED); costs, fees and expenses of directors and officers. Liability or other insurance for the benefit of the Sponsor and its affiliates and related persons, administrative and accounting expenses and related costs (including fees, costs and expenses charged or specifically attributed or allocated to ECRED or its Portfolio Entities by the Sponsor or its affiliates with respect to administrative and accounting services to ECRED or its Portfolio Entities (including overhead related thereto), and expenses, charges and related costs incurred by ECRED, the Sponsor or its affiliates in connection with such provision of administrative and accounting services to ECRED (or specifically allocated thereto); *provided* that any such fees, costs and expenses charged or specifically attributed or allocated by the Sponsor or its affiliates to ECRED or its Portfolio Entities shall not be greater than what would be paid to an unaffiliated third-party for substantially similar services; expenses, charges, fees and related costs associated with auditing, accounting, market data and research (including news and quotation equipment and services and including costs charged or allocated by Blackstone's internal and third-party research group (which are generally based on time spent)); internal and third-party printing and publishing (including time spent performing such printing and publishing services) and reporting-related expenses, charges and related costs (including preparation and delivery of financial statements, tax returns, and other communications or notices relating to ECRED including periodic investor notices and communications and expenses, charges, fees and related costs of an internal nature (such as time of tax advisors employed by the Sponsor or its affiliates), incurred, charged or specifically attributed or allocated by the Sponsor or its affiliates to ECRED or its Portfolio Entities to provide such services relating to ECRED; *provided* that any such expenses, fees, charges and related costs charged or specifically attributed or allocated by the Sponsor or its affiliates to ECRED or its Portfolio Entities (including for hours spent by in-house counsel, tax advisors and accountants) shall not be greater than what would be paid to an unaffiliated third-party for substantially similar services); expenses of the Board of Managers; expenses and fees of the Independent Client Representative (if any); expenses of any third-party advisory committees of ECRED; expenses of any meeting of ECRED; expenses of any advisors; the fees and expenses of service providers of ECRED; expenses, costs and fees of any consultants (including individuals consulted through expert network consulting firms), banks, investment banks, brokerage commissions, the cost of trading (including trading errors), the cost of borrowings, guarantees and other financing or derivative transactions (including interest, fees and related legal expenses); fees, costs and expenses related to hedging and currency conversion; federal, state or other taxes and tax penalties; fees,



costs and expenses related to the organization or maintenance of any entity (including intermediate entities or other vehicles through which ECRED or its investors directly or indirectly acquire, hold or dispose of any investment, or entities otherwise facilitating ECRED's investment activities), including without limitation travel, accommodation and related expenses related to such entity and the salary and benefits of any personnel (including personnel of the Sponsor or its affiliates) reasonably necessary or advisable for the maintenance and operation of such entity, including overhead expenses in connection therewith (including, for example, the salary and compensation of personnel of any entities formed in connection with the activities of ECRED or any Parallel Entity, and costs and expenses (including airfare and lodging) of the meetings of officers, managers, directors, general partners or managing members of such entities, and costs and expenses associated with the leasing of office space for such entities (which may be made with one or more affiliates of the Sponsor as lessor), and the costs and expenses of insurance (including title, brokerage and placement thereof); costs, expenses and fees for obtaining and maintaining technology (including the costs of any professional service providers) in connection with ECRED). The costs and expenses associated with the organization, offering and operation of any Parallel Entity may be apportioned to, and borne solely by, the investors participating in such Parallel Entity or be allocated among ECRED Master FCP and any Parallel Entities as determined by the Investment Manager in its reasonable discretion.

ECRED will also bear any extraordinary expenses it may incur, including any litigation, arbitration or settlement expenses involving ECRED, any investment or entities in which it has an investment or otherwise relates to such investment and the amount of any judgments, fines, remediation or settlements paid in connection therewith. Service providers (including affiliates of the Sponsor) will be retained for such purposes, as further described under “—Blackstone Affiliated Service Providers” herein. In addition, ECRED will bear any expenses incurred in connection with due diligence visits by the Sponsor to third-party service providers (including fund administrators), by the Sponsor or any Unitholder to any Portfolio Entities or portfolio assets as well as visits by the Sponsor to any Unitholder. ECRED will bear the start-up, wind-down and liquidation expenses related to Portfolio Entity service providers owned by ECRED, or an allocation of such expenses related to Portfolio Entity service providers used by ECRED and owned by Other Blackstone Accounts.

Expenses to be borne by the Sponsor are limited only to those items specifically enumerated in this Prospectus, the Investment Management Agreement and/or in the AIFM Agreement (such as rent for office space, office furniture and salaries of its employees), and all other costs and expenses in operating ECRED will be borne directly or indirectly by the Unitholders. The Sponsor may choose in its own discretion to pay expenses not specifically enumerated herein, and the Sponsor may at any time in its sole discretion discontinue paying such expenses and cause ECRED to pay them.

Expenses associated with the investigation, negotiation, structuring, acquisition, settling, holding, monitoring and disposition of Investments, including, without limitation, any due diligence-related expenses, brokerage, custody or hedging costs and travel and related expenses in connection with ECRED's activities will be borne by ECRED (and indirectly by the Unitholders). To the extent not reimbursed by a third party, all third-party expenses incurred in connection with a proposed Investment that is not ultimately made or a proposed disposition that is not actually consummated, including, without limitation, commitment fees that become payable in connection with a proposed Investment that is not ultimately made, legal, tax, accounting, advisory and consulting fees and expenses, travel, accommodation and related expenses, printing expenses and any liquidated damages, reverse termination fees and similar payments will be borne by ECRED (and indirectly by the Unitholders). From time to time, the Sponsor will be required to decide whether costs and expenses are to be borne by ECRED, on the one hand, or the Sponsor or Other Blackstone Accounts, on the other, and whether certain costs and expenses should be allocated between or among ECRED, on the one hand, and Other Blackstone Accounts on the other hand.

Certain expenses may be suitable for only ECRED, a particular Parallel Entity or participating Other Blackstone Account and borne only by such vehicle, or, as is more often the case, expenses may be allocated *pro rata* among each participating Other Blackstone Account and ECRED and all Parallel Entities even if the expenses relate only to particular vehicle(s) and/or investor(s) therein (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the expenses of any Parallel Entities and each of their respective alternative investment vehicles). Any entities established in connection with Blackstone's side-by-side co-investment rights and any Other Blackstone Accounts that co-invest alongside ECRED in Investments will generally bear their *pro rata* share of any expenses related to such Investments, but such entities (which, for the avoidance of doubt, are not considered "Parallel Entities" of ECRED) will generally not be required to bear any portion of the Organizational and Offering Expenses or any other non-investment related Fund Expenses (given that those other vehicles bear their own non-investment related expenses). If the expenses incurred in connection with a particular matter should be borne in part by ECRED and in part by the Sponsor (e.g., expenses incurred in connection with a meeting of the officers, managers or directors of any Luxembourg entity described above in which matters relating to ECRED's and/or a Parallel Entity's activities (e.g., matters relating to Investments) and the Sponsor's activities (e.g., the appointment of new managers) are discussed), then such expenses will be allocated between ECRED and the Sponsor as determined by the Sponsor in good faith to be equitable. The Sponsor intends to generally allocate Fund Expenses, including Fund Expenses of the Parallel Entities and alternative investment vehicles, and Organizational and Offering Expenses of ECRED and the Parallel Entities between or among ECRED, the Parallel Entities, and each of their respective alternative investment vehicles, as applicable, on a *pro rata* basis based on capital commitments, invested capital or available capital, as applicable, but may in certain circumstances allocate such expenses in a different manner if the Sponsor determines in good faith that doing so is more equitable or appropriate under the circumstances. For example, certain expenses may be incurred by or on behalf of ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts and will be allocated among ECRED and such Other Blackstone Accounts by the Sponsor in its good faith reasonable discretion, including, in the case of travel, based on estimated time spent with respect to the business of ECRED and Other Blackstone Accounts. The Sponsor will make such allocation judgments in its fair and reasonable discretion, notwithstanding its interest in the outcome, and may make corrective allocations should it determine that such corrections are necessary or advisable. There can be no assurance that a different manner of allocation would not result in ECRED or an Other Blackstone Account bearing less (or more) expenses.

Travel and related expenses described herein include, without limitation, first class and/or business class airfare (and/or private charter, where appropriate, such as when commercial equivalent travel is not available for the applicable itinerary), first class lodging, ground transportation, travel and premium meals (including, as applicable, closing dinners and mementos, cars and meals (outside normal business hours), and social and entertainment events with Portfolio Entity employees, customers, clients, borrowers, brokers, financial intermediaries and service providers) and related costs and expenses incidental thereto.

**Discretionary expense cap.** The Investment Manager may in its sole discretion apply a cap on certain defined Fund Expenses and Organizational and Offering Expenses to be borne by ECRED Feeder SICAV, ECRED Master FCP and/or the ECRED Aggregator in any given month and defer the payment and/or reimbursement of the expenses in excess of such expense cap to subsequent periods. If such cap is applied, the Investment Manager will remove this cap on such Fund Expenses and Organizational and Offering Expenses at its sole discretion and at such time, ECRED Feeder SICAV, ECRED Master FCP, the ECRED Aggregator and any applicable Parallel Entities (as applicable and as determined by the Investment Manager in its sole discretion) will bear any excess unreimbursed expenses deferred pursuant to the prior sentence and/or any other outstanding unreimbursed amounts of Initial Fund Expenses Support and/or Organizational and Offering Expenses, in equal instalments over the 60 months following the date such cap is removed. By subscribing for Units, Unitholders will be deemed to have acknowledged and

agreed that: (i) this discretionary expense cap will lower the Fund Expenses and/or Organizational and Offering Expenses burden on ECRED for the period in time the cap is in place (resulting in a greater NAV per Unit during such period than would otherwise be the case), and consequently defer expenses to later periods; (ii) they may be required to bear a portion of Organizational and Offering Expenses and/or Fund Expenses relating to periods prior to their admission into ECRED Feeder SICAV; (iii) Unitholders redeeming their Units before the complete reimbursement of Organizational and Offering Expenses and/or Fund Expenses, will bear a lower amount of Organizational and Offering Expenses and/or Fund Expenses than would have otherwise be the case, should the discretionary cap not have been in place; and (iv) Unitholders redeeming their Units before the Effective Date will bear no Organizational and Offering Expenses and limited Fund Expenses (but will be subject to the Early Redemption Deduction).

**Indemnification.** ECRED will be required to indemnify the Sponsor, its affiliates and each of their respective members, officers, directors or members of the board of managers (including the Board of Managers), employees, agents, partners and certain other persons who serve at the request of the AIFM on behalf of ECRED for liabilities incurred in connection with the affairs of ECRED. See Section XII: “Regulatory and Tax Considerations—Exculpation and Indemnification.” Members of the Board of Managers and the Independent Client Representative (if appointed) will also be entitled to the benefit of certain indemnification and exculpation provisions as set forth in the Management Regulations. Such liabilities may be material and have an adverse effect on the returns of the Unitholders. For example, in their capacity as directors of Portfolio Entities, the partners, managers or affiliates of the Sponsor may be subject to derivative or other similar claims brought by security holders of such entities. The indemnification obligation of ECRED would be payable from the assets of ECRED. Because the Sponsor may cause ECRED to advance the costs and expenses of an indemnitee pending the outcome of the particular matter (including determination as to whether or not the person was entitled to indemnification or engaged in conduct that negated such person’s entitlement to indemnification), there may be periods in which ECRED advances expenses to an individual or entity not aligned with or adverse to ECRED. Moreover, in its capacity as Sponsor, of ECRED, the Sponsor will, notwithstanding any actual or perceived conflict of interest, be the beneficiary of any decision by it to provide indemnification (including advancement of expenses). This may be the case even with respect to settlement of claims arising out of alleged conduct that would disqualify any such person from indemnification and exculpation if the Sponsor (and/or its legal counsel) determined that such disqualifying conduct occurred.

**No Independent Advice.** The terms of the agreements and arrangements under which ECRED is established and will be operated have been or will be established by the Sponsor and are not the result of arm’s-length negotiations or representations of the Unitholders by separate counsel. Potential investors should therefore seek their own legal, tax and financial advice before making an investment in ECRED.

**Legal Representation.** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (“**STB**”) will act as counsel to the AIFM and the Investment Managers in connection with this offering of Units with respect to U.S. and U.K. legal matters. Elvinger Hoss Prussen (“**EHP**”) will act as counsel to the AIFM and Investment Manager in connection with this offering of Units with respect to Luxembourg legal matters. In connection with this offering of Units and ongoing advice to the AIFM and the Investment Manager, none of STB or EHP will be representing the Unitholders. No independent counsel has been retained to represent the Unitholders or such investors. Any of STB or EHP may be removed by the AIFM at any time without the consent of, or notice to, the Unitholders. STB’s and EHP’s representation of the AIFM and the Investment Manager is limited to specific matters as to which they have been consulted by the AIFM. There may exist other matters that could have a bearing on ECRED as to which STB and EHP have not been consulted. In addition, STB and EHP do not undertake on behalf of or for the benefit of the Unitholders to monitor the compliance of ECRED, the AIFM, the Investment Manager and Blackstone with the investment program, investment strategies, investment restrictions, valuation procedures and other guidelines and terms set forth in this Prospectus,

the Management Regulations and any other governing documentation, nor does STB monitor on behalf of or for the benefit of the Unitholders compliance with applicable laws. None of STB or EHP have investigated or verified the accuracy and completeness of information set forth in this Prospectus concerning the AIFM, the Investment Manager and their affiliates and personnel. In the course of advising the AIFM and the Investment Manager, there are times when the interests of the Unitholders may differ from those of the AIFM and ECRED. STB and EHP do not represent the Unitholders' interests in resolving these issues.

***The foregoing list of risk factors, conflicts and certain other considerations does not purport to be a complete enumeration or explanation of the risks, conflicts and other considerations involved in an investment in ECRED. Potential investors should read this entire Prospectus and the Management Regulations and consult with their own advisors before deciding whether to invest in ECRED. In addition, as ECRED's investment program develops and changes over time, an investment in ECRED may be subject to additional and different risk factors, conflicts and other considerations and this Prospectus will not necessarily be updated to reflect such changes. By subscribing to Units, Unitholders will be deemed to have acknowledged and consented to the content in this Prospectus, including the conflicts provided for herein. Although the various risks, conflicts and other considerations discussed herein are generally described separately, potential investors should consider the potential effects of the interplay of multiple matters.***