## **Northleaf**

# Advisor Due Diligence Session

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# "Infrastructure" is generally comprised of basic facilities, services and installations required for economic productivity and an efficiently functioning society.







### Infrastructure investment characteristics

Long-term, quasi-monopolistic assets

infrastructure sub-sectors

Stable, predictable cash flows – can deliver both yield and capital gains

Sustainable competitive advantages and barriers to entry

Fixed and/or regulated returns

Significant operating leverage on a fixed cost base

Potential for favourable risk-adjusted returns through the use of leverage

Real return asset profile – with potential for inflation protection Low correlations with other assets classes – and within Infrastructure assets can be segmented into three primary categories

### **Regulated Assets**

Water utilities

Electricity transmission and distribution networks

Gas distribution networks

Vertically integrated waste companies

**Pipelines** 

### **Contracted Assets**

Gas-fired power

Renewable power

Education, healthcare and government facilities

Broadcast and wireless towers

Fiber optic cable links

Data centers

Midstream assets

Bulk liquid storage

#### **Volume-linked Assets**

Airports

Bridges, roads, tunnels

Ports

Rail links

Logistics hubs

Infrastructure – "Long-term investment in core facilities, services and installations required for economic productivity and an efficiently functioning society, offering stable, predictable cash flows and a real asset return profile, with quasi-monopolistic characteristics and the potential for inflation protection"

Infrastructure as an asset class offers characteristics complementary to other asset classes in investors' portfolio.

#### **Current Market Conditions**











### Stable Cashflow

Predictable inflation-linked cashflows underpinned by longterm contracts

Focus on assets with contracted cashflows

## Inflation Linkage

Inflation escalation mechanism are a core component of contracts

Emphasize mature, yielding assets

## Low Correlation

Low correlations with other traditional assets classes – and within infrastructure sub-sectors

### **Attractive Return**

Generate attractive return through a combination of capital appreciation and stable yield

Assets are insulated from macro impacts, complementary to public market exposure

# Investing in private infrastructure provides investors with strong returns and low correlation with other asset classes.

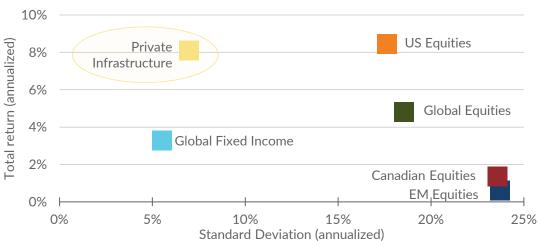
## Attractive total risk/return profile

Infrastructure assets benefit from inelastic demand, high barriers to entry and a lack of available substitutes, helping to create scarcity and insulate returns from broad market risk

Population and economic growth have led to increasing utilization of infrastructure assets and rising valuations

Cashflows are often protected against inflation

## Total return vs. risk, 2008-2020

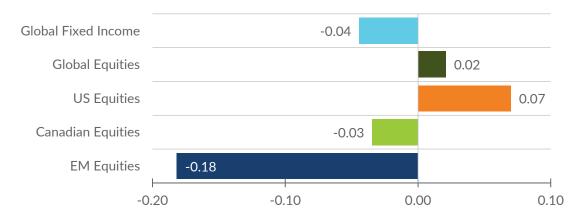


### Low correlation to traditional asset classes

The societal importance and long-term nature of private infrastructure assets helps create stable returns that are largely independent of market cycles, helping to preserve capital

Private infrastructure's low correlation to traditional investments offers the potential to improve the performance of balanced portfolios, while reducing risk and volatility

#### Correlation to private infrastructure, 2008-2020



# Private infrastructure provides resilient returns that are uncorrelated to other traditional asset classes.

Direct private infrastructure investing refers to ownership and operation of tangible fixed infrastructure projects that are critical to the functioning and growth of the economy

Indirect infrastructure investing refers to buying the publicly traded stock of companies that own and operate infrastructure assets and often provide other services, including non-infrastructure business lines

Attribute	Private Infrastructure	Publicly-listed Infrastructure  Typically large companies with multiple assets, geographies, business lines	
Investment	Direct exposure to ring-fenced physical assets Risk exists at the asset level		
		Services, engineering, development and non- infrastructure business lines are common	
		Risk exists at the asset level + corporate level + overall equity market	
Valuation	Valuation based on long-term DCF models, specific to each asset; typically low volatility	Valuation influenced by business and market factors, increased volatility, daily price changes	
Correlation to other assets/sectors	Low correlation to other infrastructure sub-sectors and to other traditional assets	High correlation to other publicly-listed investments across multiple asset classes	

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Northleaf's established infrastructure program has provided investors with stable results through a diversified portfolio of mid-market infrastructure investments globally.

## Program Highlights

(Figures in US\$)

2010 Program Launched

\$5B Committed Capital

46 / 6
Assets / Realizations

30+
Professionals

## Key success factors



Target small/mid-sized transactions across multiple sub-sectors and geographies (OECD jurisdictions only)



Focus on assets with contracted cashflows



~ 85% of the portfolio acquired outside of formal auction processes through long-standing network of relationships



Conservative use of leverage



Long-term asset management protocol and effective corporate governance



Emphasize mature, yielding assets to mitigate "j-curve"

















# Investors benefit from the investment team's consistent leadership and extensive experience...

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Supported by a dedicated investor operations team of 9 professionals

Full continuity since inception at the senior level, and supported by Northleaf professionals focused on finance, accounting, tax, legal and reporting activities

... and experienced Operating Partners who actively contribute to deal sourcing, due diligence and asset management.

## **Team Highlights**

Supports team in diligence and management of assets with industry expertise and specialist market knowledge

Typically with 20+ years of experience in senior operations roles

Operating Partners work on an exclusive retainer basis with Northleaf

Assist in identifying new investment opportunities and acts as a director alongside Northleaf board members



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Northleaf focuses on specific sub-sectors and jurisdictions while leveraging its asset base and relationships to create robust deal flow in less competitive situations.

Target Sub-sectors	Renewables / Energy Transition	Communications Infrastructure	Transportation / Concessions and Contracted Infrastructure	
Key themes	Ambitious renewable power targets Technological advances Transition away from conventional energy Uncorrelated to broader economy	Increasing data usage driving need for improved communications infrastructure  Fibre installation, cellular towers and data centre platforms  Varying contract length and counterparty exposure	Growing number of smaller transportation assets Increasingly creative use of concession frameworks Growing number of contracted assets in new sectors	
Northleaf's competitive advantages	Complex revenue frameworks  Both installation and operating assets	Source smaller and less competitive opportunities in fibre rollouts and data centres	Source opportunities through strong network of developers  Experience with a variety of revenue frameworks; utilize low leverage	
Geographies Northleaf invested in	US, CAN, AUS, UK, EUR	US, UK, EUR	US, CAN, UK, EUR	
	Wind Farm Battery Storage	Network Provider Data Centre	Bridge Road	

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# A focus on adding value throughout the investment process to deliver strong risk-adjusted returns.







## **Proprietary Sourcing**

Target undercapitalized industrial companies and developers motivated to transact

Small/mid-sized transactions across focused subsectors and geographies

Avoid highly-competitive auctions, with  $\sim 85\%$  of transactions completed outside of formal auction processes

## Disciplined Underwriting and Due Diligence

Early engagement with management teams and assets to assist in business plan creation and growth opportunities; Northleaf acts like an owner before being an owner

Deep networks and expertise driven opportunities with appropriate risk/return profile; conservative underwriting

Develop focused diligence plan tailored to the investment thesis and risk of each opportunity

## Post-Acquisition Asset Management

Focus on executing detailed business plans with various de-risking, operational improvement, strategic growth and value enhancing initiatives

Conservative underwriting assumptions and low leverage provide downside protection

Strategize with management on opportunistic exits

## Northleaf's infrastructure program has an established track record.

	Northleaf Infrastructure Capital Partners (NICP)	Northleaf Essential Infrastructure Fund (NEIF)
Funds	Two closed-end funds	Open-ended fund with well-diversified seed portfolio
Strategy	Provides investors with access to mid-market infrastructure assets with clear potential for upside from active asset management	Provides investors with access to mid-market super core infrastructure assets in an open-end structure
	Mix of yield and capital appreciation	Focus on stable, yielding investments
Tayaat Datuura1	Target net IRR: 10-12%	Target net IRR: 6-9%
Target Returns <sup>1</sup>	Target cash yield: 5-7%	Target cash yield: 4-6%
Performance	Since inception net IRR of 10.0% for NICP II Projected net IRR of 13% <sup>2</sup> for NICP III	Projected net IRR <sup>3</sup> : 8%

Note: As at June 30, 2022. Net IRR represents the interim annualized return to investors net of Northleaf fees, expenses and carried interest/GP Ownership Interest.

<sup>1.</sup> Please refer to endnotes for further details on the target returns for NICP and NEIF.

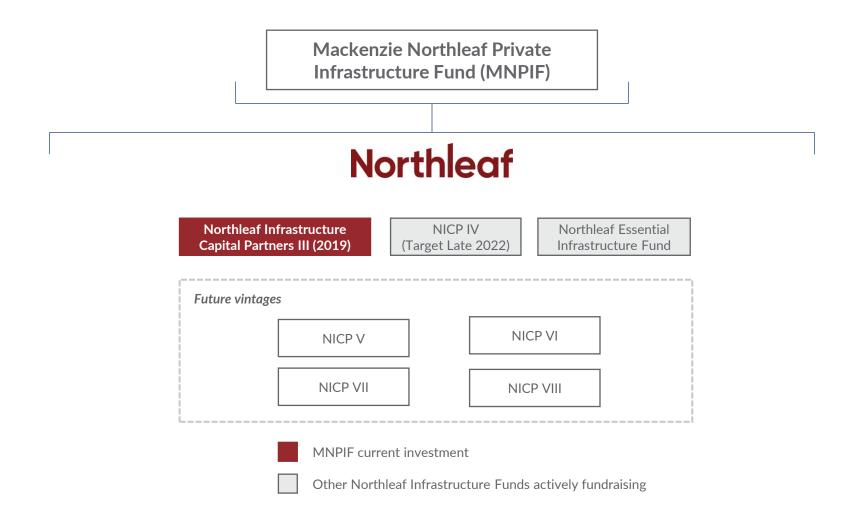
<sup>2.</sup> Please refer to endnotes for further details on the projected return for NICP III's portfolio.

<sup>3.</sup> Please refer to endnotes for further details on projected returns and yields for NEIF.

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MNPIF investors have exposure to NICP III, which forms the private investment portion of the fund.

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## MNPIF is invested in NICP III, Northleaf's most recent flagship infrastructure fund.

## Fund Highlights

(Figures in US\$)

\$1.4B

Fund Size

13% Projected Net IRR<sup>1</sup>

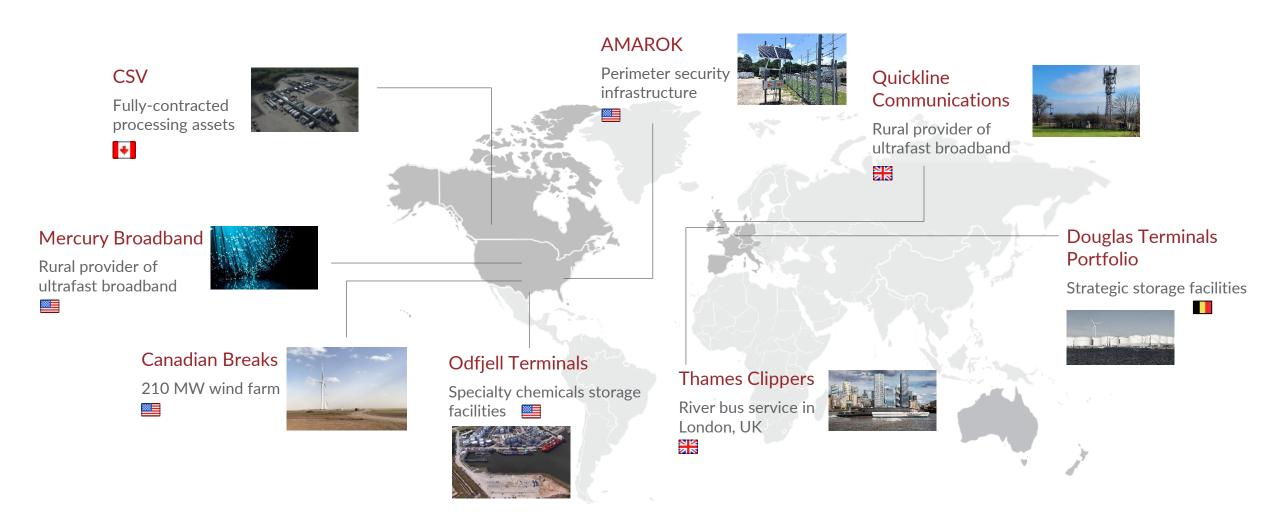
**7%**Projected 5-year Average Yield<sup>1</sup>

Strategy	Same team, strategy and investment process as predecessor funds, creating resilient portfolios that perform well under a variety of economic environments
	Differentiated approach featuring proactive sourcing, valuation discipline and active portfolio development
Portfolio	Focus on mature assets (greenfield capped at 30%) with resilient yield profiles
Guidelines	<b>OECD jurisdictions</b> : 50-80% in the United States and Canada, with 10-30% in the United Kingdom and western Europe and 10-30% in Australia
Deal Sourcing	Proactively source <b>small/mid-sized infrastructure assets</b> (\$100-250 million in equity value) across target sub-sectors with a focus on <b>contracted revenues</b>
	Target <b>proprietary</b> transactions with <b>~ 85%</b> of portfolio acquired outside of formal auction processes
Value Creation	<b>Create value</b> for investors through de-risking assets, growing asset EBITDA and active asset management
	Target net IRR of 10%+ and annual portfolio cash yield of 5-7% post investment period <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Please refer to endnotes for further details on the projected return and yield for NICP III's current portfolio.

<sup>2.</sup> Please refer to endnotes for further details on the target returns for NICP III.

# Through the private infrastructure allocation, investors in MNPIF have exposure to eight investments.



# Northleaf's asset managers are working through focused business plan initiatives on behalf of investors in MNPIF.

Geography and Sector	Asset	% of NICP III Committed Capital <sup>1</sup>	Base Case IRR	Forecast 5- Year Average Yield	Asset-Level Debt to EV	Inflation Sensitivity <sup>2</sup>	Commentary
**************************************	Canadian Breaks	6%	15%+	12%	-	Inflation linkage post- contract; through market price exposure	Performing in line with long-term projections
	Odfjell Terminals US	7%	15%+	11%	35%	Inflation catch-up when contracts renew	Operating at high capacity utilization due to steady demand; digital transformation project underway
	CSV	15%	12%+	8%	32%	Fixed price contracts not linked to inflation	Performing in line with expectations; select follow-on acquisitions under review
	Douglas Terminals	8%	12%+	11%	45%	Inflation catch-up when contracts renew	Fully contracted revenue driving stable performance; additional contracts secured at Max Terminals
	Quickline Communications	17%	15%+	Yield to be reinvested	-	Strong linkage through customer pricing	Business plan progressing well
	AMAROK	11%	14%+	Yield to be reinvested	31%	Contracts linked to inflation	Early performance ahead of projections; accretive financing underway
	Mercury Broadband	18%	15%+	Yield to be reinvested	-	Strong linkage through customer pricing	Final regulatory approvals received; working through business plan
	Thames Clippers	10%	12%+	4%	-	Strong linkage through customer pricing	Unlevered acquisition with measurable growth opportunities
	Total		14%+		<30%		

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Performance as at June 30, 2022.

<sup>1.</sup> Reflects total committed capital which includes current invested capital and reserved capital for growth.

Based on current revenue contracts.

Northleaf is evaluating a robust pipeline of opportunities for MNPIF, diversified by sub-sector and geography.

### Examples

Investment	Sub-Sector	Geography	Estimated Timing	Description
Project Woodchip	Energy Transition	United States	Q3 2022	Leading owner, operator and developer of biomass projects
Project Volt	Renewables	United States	Q3 2022	Portfolio of battery storage assets
Project Concrete	Transportation	United States	Q3/Q4 2022	9 mile toll road with 99 year concession
Project Defender	Contracted Infrastructure	United States	Q4 2022	Provider of gate access control systems for multi-tenant properties
Project Trilogy	Communications	United States	Q4 2022/Q1 2023	Leading fibre-based, triple-play provider
Project Viper	Communications	United States	Q1 2023	Hyperscale data center operating + development platform
Project Ventura	Communications	United States	Q1/Q2 2023	Spin-off of carrier telecom assets

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## MNPIF investment - Thames Clippers.



#### Investment Summary<sup>1</sup>

Investment Date	April 2022
Geography	U.K.
Sub-sector	Transportation
Northleaf Ownership	99%
Northleaf Investment Amount	£88 million plus small reserve for future growth
Projected IRR <sup>2</sup>	12%+

Note: For illustrative purposes only. The selected case study represents one of eight investments in NICP III. There can be no guarantee that any similar investment opportunity will be available for or pursued by Northleaf in the future.

- Metrics in local currency.
- 2. Please refer to endnotes for further details on the projected return and yield for Thames Clippers.

## Background

Uber Boat by Thames Clippers ("Thames Clippers"), the only multi-stop river bus service that operates on the Thames River in London, United Kingdom

The company owns and operates a fleet of 21 purpose-built vessels, specifically designed with low draft hulls and low air draft to navigate the unique conditions and bridges on the Thames River

Thames Clippers is integrated into the Transport for London ("TfL") network and is London's fourth mode of transportation

The company's strong market position is bolstered by ownership of and long-term license agreements with piers, the purpose-built fleet, and government and transit regulations

#### **Investment Thesis**

- ✓ London's fourth mode of public transit
- √ Strategic fleet and asset base
- √ Mature transport business with 20-year history of strong growth through founder / current CEO
- ✓ ESG action plan integrated into the broader Northleaf business plan

## MNPIF investment - AMAROK.



#### Investment Summary<sup>1</sup>

Investment Date	December 2021
Geography	U.S.
Sub-sector	Other Contracted Infra.
Northleaf Ownership	53%
Northleaf Investment Amount	US\$161 million
Projected IRR <sup>2</sup>	14%+

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- Metrics in local currency.
- Please refer to endnotes for further details on the projected return and yield for AMAROK.

## Background

AMAROK is a provider of contracted perimeter security infrastructure to commercial and industrial properties across the US

~6,000 installed sites, which are powered by solar panels, operate under evergreen contracts

Partnered with Avalt, a Boston-based family office, and the existing management team

The only nationally-scaled provider of its kind, with a ~90% share of the electric security fence market and significant regional density in various states

AMAROK has achieved strong double-digit revenue and EBITDA growth annually, through all economic cycles, over the past 20 years

#### **Investment Thesis**

- ✓ Diversified blue-chip customer base
- √ Stable cashflow profile underpinned by evergreen contracts
- √ Natural barriers to entry
- ✓ Resilient fleet with dominant market position with 25-year useful life

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## MNPIF investment - Quickline Communications.



### Investment Summary<sup>1</sup>

Investment Date	June 2021
Geography	U.K.
Sub-sector	Communications
Northleaf Ownership	83.5%
Northleaf Investment Amount	£115 million
Projected IRR <sup>2</sup>	15%+

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- . Metrics in fund currency, US\$ unless otherwise noted.
- Please refer to endnotes for further details on the projected return and yield for Quickline Communications.

### Background

Rural fibre platform located in the UK that supports both fibre-to-the-home and 5G fixed wireless access

The UK has low fibre penetration rates and the government has subsidy schemes supporting various types of rural rollout

The platform focuses on the least accessible 5-10% of the market where there is less competition

The platform has won four subsidy tenders for installation for which it requires funding and is poised to win further contracts

Potential for material further growth and co-investment opportunity for Northleaf investors

Northleaf has been diligencing the UK fibre market for two years and secured exclusivity through Chair and CEO relationships

#### **Investment Thesis**

- √ Favourable macro environment for investment in UK fibre
- √ Supportive government policies and subsidies
- √ Natural barriers to entry
- ✓ Expected high EBITDA margins and strong cashflow generation
- ✓ Existing footprint, leader in rural 5G fixed wireless access

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