

Quarterly update for period ending 31 December 2019

Market update

Global equity markets rallied in the fourth quarter of 2019, with the MSCI World Index returning over 8% in USD terms, and 4.4% in AUD terms. Improving investor sentiment pushed markets higher as US-China trade negotiations, the UK election, and accommodative central bank policy reduced uncertainty that had persisted throughout the year.

The Federal Reserve reduced their target rate in late October (-25 basis points or 0.25%), the third reduction since late July, and took steps to maintain liquidity in short-term lending markets. Markets were positive as the US-China trade negotiations seemingly progressed, which led to a "phase one" trade agreement in December. Key terms of the agreement announced included the cancellation of tariffs expected to come into force in December and a reduction of tariffs on certain Chinese goods. Asian markets also responded positively to the deal, with Hong Kong and China indices up approximately 8% and Taiwan up 11% for the quarter (local currency returns).

The US market returned more than 9% over the quarter, to be up 31.5% for the calendar year (as measured by the S&P 500 Index), supported in part by the improving sentiment discussed above, but also a broadly positive reporting season from US equities and moderate economic growth. US GDP growth remains positive, declining to 2.1% year-on-year, whilst inflation (excluding food and energy) remains low. The unemployment rate (3.5%) continues to remain at historic lows, however wage inflation appears to remain stagnant.

Despite some periods of economic uncertainty throughout 2019, private equity markets continue to be robust. Early indicators are that activity was slightly below that of 2018, a record year for PE deals. Despite this, 2019 was another strong year of capital raisings, which will mean that dry-powder levels remain high, particularly at the middle to upper end of the US private equity market, and should result in continued strong deal flow in our Funds' target market. This current dynamic should continue to create a positive environment for the lower middle-market, particularly on realisation. Some larger participants are beginning to show some caution following a full decade of economic growth in the US and successive years of strong private equity activity, nevertheless we are confident that our strategy will continue to benefit from the sheer weight of money that has entered the private capital market.

Consistent with the investment cycle for the earlier Funds in the series, investments in CD1 and CD2 continue to be realised, with portfolio companies managed by underlying partners including Incline Equity Partners (CD1), Fort Point Capital (CD1), High Road Capital Partners (CD2), and Tower Arch Capital (CD2) sold during the period. Proceeds were also received by CD1 and CD2 from dividends and previous company sales, held under escrow. While CD1 and CD2 continue to mature, capital is still being deployed and several investments were completed during the quarter. Partner funds continue to deploy capital in CD3 and CD4, with seven and five underlying managers calling capital respectively.

As outlined in prior announcements, on 26 November 2019 unitholders of CD1 and CD2 were provided the opportunity to vote on resolutions that would result in a full liquidation of remaining assets in the Funds to a Canadian private equity firm. The resolutions to approve the sales were not carried and the Funds will continue to operate in line with their existing strategies. The Responsible Entity is very pleased with the resounding endorsement of the strategy and the investments held by the Fund.

Following a weak prior quarter (-3.9%), the Australian dollar recovered strongly in the December quarter (+4.0%), creating a headwind for the Funds which, despite some positive movements in US dollar terms, resulted in a decline in Net Tangible Asset (NTA) during the quarter. Notably over six months, on a post-tax NTA basis, CD1, CD2 and CD3 have made positive gains, and over the 2019 calendar year have returned 20.6%, 12.0% and 12.0% respectively.

Regards
Cordish Dixon Team

About the funds

The Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund Series, including Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I (**CD1**), Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund II (**CD2**), Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund III (**CD3**), and Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund IV (**CD4**) (together, Funds or Fund Series), is a series of private equity funds focused on US small-cap private equity funds and direct company investments. The Fund Series investments are selected by a joint venture between the private investment arm of the Cordish Companies of Baltimore, Maryland, and Walsh & Company with underlying investments managed by experienced private equity fund managers.

This venture is anchored in the belief that smaller and nimbler private equity funds materially outperform larger private equity funds. The Fund Series was formed to provide investors with a platform to invest in a portfolio of high quality small to mid-market private equity funds and companies – a strategy that is typically beyond the reach of all but the largest endowment funds and family offices.

The Fund Series also provides investors with the opportunity to benefit from the Cordish Family Office's experience and network in investing in specialist small to mid-market private equity funds and direct equity investments in the US, as well as to invest side-by-side and on equal terms with the Cordish family in these compelling opportunities.

Investment objectives

The General Partner and Investment Manager will seek to meet the Fund's aim of providing Unitholders with exposure to a portfolio of investments in small and mid-market private investment funds and privately held companies predominantly focused in the US; and capital growth over a five to ten-year investment horizon.

Key investment team members



Jonathan Cordish
Chairman of the Advisory Board



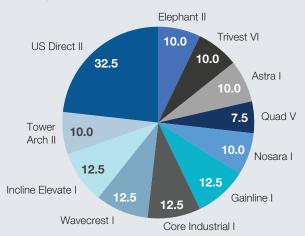
Jonathan Sinex
Managing Director, Cordish Private Ventures





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LP commitments to underlying managers (US\$140.0m)



Note: The Fund has an 88.4% interest in the LP. Cordish Private Ventures and US Select Private Opportunities Fund IV GP LLC contributed the remaining amount based on their proportional shares. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

CD4 Fund performance

	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	2 YEARS PA	3 YEARS PA	SINCE INCEPTION PA ³
NTA return ^{1,2}	-3.5%	-2.1%	4.4%	n/a	n/a	4.9%

Notes: ¹ Source: Walsh & Company Investments Limited. Historical performance is not a guarantee of the future performance of the Fund. ² Total returns are inclusive of distributions. NTA return is net of fees and costs. ³ Inception date April 2018.

On an NTA/Internal Rate of Return (IRR) basis CD4 has achieved a return of 6.4% per annum since inception.

CD4 Fund details

The Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund IV (**Fund**) is an Australian unit trust that raised initial capital from investors in April 2018 in the form of partly paid units. The Fund invests into US private equity via the U.S Select Private Opportunities Fund IV, L.P (**LP**).

The Fund has currently called 60%, or \$0.96 per unit, of the capital committed by Unitholders, or three of the anticipated five instalments (inclusive of the initial instalment, paid at the inception of the Fund).

Underlying fund activity

Trivest Fund VI, L.P. invested in BCC Engineering. BCC Engineering is a full-service engineering firm that provides planning, design and management services for transportation, civil and structural related engineering projects in Florida. Trivest also invested in Total Power, a Canadian Distributor of Power Generation Solutions. Total Power provides a full complement of sales, rentals and service support for standby, mobile and prime power generator systems.

Wavecrest Growth Partners I, L.P. invested in Building Engines. Building Engines is a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) portfolio management platform provider to the commercial real estate industry. Their integrated suite of solutions supports the full range of critical building operations, including tenant engagement and service, maintenance management, communications, task and operational risk management.





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Fund Facts

KEY FUND DETAILS	FUND 4		
Inception	April 2018		
Pre-tax NTA	\$0.971		
Post-tax NTA	\$0.95		
Net Assets	\$112.6 million		
Number of managers	11		
Total underlying investments	43		
Investments during the quarter	4		
Full realisations	1		
Realisations during the quarter	0		
Current portfolio companies	42		
Average age of remaining companies	1.1 years		

¹ Source: Walsh & Company Investments Limited. Historical performance is not a guarantee of the future performance of the Fund. The current NTAs per unit (shown above) are as at 31 December 2019.

Note: Underlying investment figures are collected on a lagged basis and may not reflect actual exposures at period end.

Important information

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It provides access to unique investment strategies not readily accessible to investors and focuses on building high quality, diversified portfolios.

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Risks

Like all investments, an investment in any of the Funds carries risks which may result in the loss of income or principal invested. In addition to the general risks of investing, specific risks associated with investing in the Funds include, but are not limited to, private investments risk, illiquidity risk and foreign exchange risk. For further information about the risks of investing in any of the Funds, please see the relevant Product Disclosure Statements available on the website cordishdixonfunds.com.au.

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