



2025 Q2

QUARTERLY UPDATE

ASX.CD2

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The US mid-market private equity sector entered H1 2025 with strong momentum, as managers looked to rebound from slower exit years. However, by the beginning of Q2, sentiment had softened amid rising trade tariffs, persistent high interest rates, and escalating geopolitical tensions. Tariff-related uncertainty was particularly disruptive, with [PwC's May 2025 Pulse Survey](#) showing that 30% of firms had paused or reconsidered deals, leading to mounting frustration over delayed returns. As we have previously noted, many PE managers are adapting by targeting smaller, more flexible transactions and by extending hold periods or pursuing secondary market solutions.

In this environment, the secondaries market gained further traction. [Blackstone](#) have forecast that 2025 secondary transaction volumes will exceed US\$220 billion (up from US\$140 billion in 2024), as LPs seek liquidity and look to rebalance their portfolios. Notable fundraises, including Neuberger Berman's [\\$4 billion GP-led fund](#), underscore growing institutional demand and the secondaries market's increasing role as a core liquidity tool.

Within the CD Fund Series portfolio, we recognise the frustration stemming from these more challenging realisation and distribution conditions. Despite this backdrop, the underlying managers were able to bring several assets to market and close transactions during the half. Reflecting this progress, we were pleased to deliver an off-cycle distribution of \$0.12 per unit to CD2 Unitholders as the AUD reached a low in April, and the Responsible Entity and Manager are currently assessing the potential to return excess capital to CD1 and CD3 investors in the near term. We look forward to updating unitholders as discussions progress.

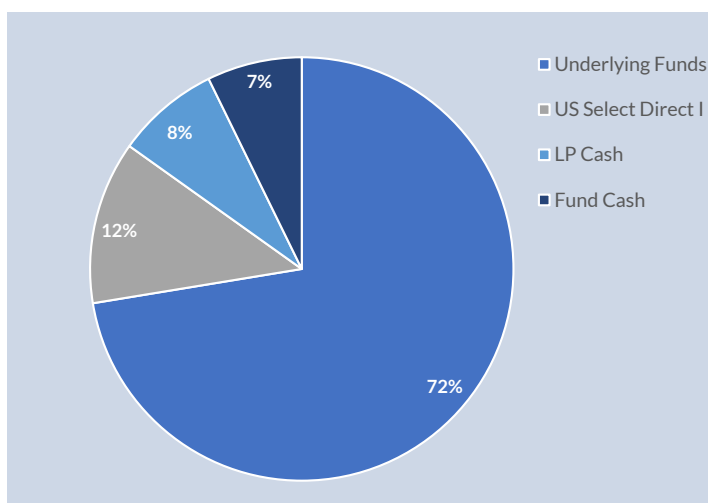
### FUND 2: QUARTERLY UPDATE & PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION<sup>1,5,6,7</sup>

Inception Date	April 2013
CD2 Original Unit Price	\$1.60 per unit
CD2 Distributions Paid Since Inception	\$2.590 per unit
CD2 30 June 2025 NTA (post-tax)	\$1.17 per unit
Q2 2025 Portfolio Realisations	2
Average Gross MOIC on Q2 Realisations	0.06x

CD2 Interest in LP2	87.28%
Total Underlying Funds (since inception)	12
Total Underlying Portfolio Companies (since inception)	122
Total Portfolio Company Realisations	90
Median Gross MOIC on Realisations	2.60x
Remaining Portfolio Companies ( <i>see below</i> )	29
Hold Period of Remaining Active Investments	8.4 years

Fund Cash Balance	A\$4.90m
Fund's Interest in LP Cash Balance	US\$3.51m
Fund's Interest in Underlying Funds	US\$32.19m
Fund's Interest in US Select Direct I (USD1)	US\$5.53m

CD2 30 JUNE 2025: KEY STATISTICS <sup>1,2</sup>		
NTA per unit	Gross assets	Quarterly NTA Return
\$1.17	A\$68.0 million	-6.7%



As at 30 June 2025, the Fund had 32 portfolio companies, with three (9%) of those deemed inactive and unlikely to have significant value extracted.

Of the remaining 29 portfolio companies, it is considered that 23 of these are active earners, and six (19%) have been impaired from their cost base in prior periods. Though these six -have been impaired, they do still continue to hold value and a number have already returned capital during the hold period. This is consistent with prior quarterly reports regarding the representative value of the top ten portfolio companies within the Fund.

### LP2 QUARTERLY CAPITAL CALLS & DISTRIBUTIONS<sup>1</sup>

	MONTH	AMOUNT*	FUND	PRIMARY REASON
Distribution	April	US\$3.2m	Staple Street Capital II, L.P.	Realisation: Ivy
Distribution	May	US\$0.02m	High Road Capital Partners Fund II, L.P.	Realisation: SMB Machinery

*Note: This table does not account for all cash flow movements of the LP during the quarter.*

*\*Amount of distributions may include simultaneous capital calls for minor follow-on investments, tax withholdings or payments, management fees & partnership expenses and/or carried interest payments.*

### LP2 QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO REALISATIONS<sup>1</sup>



**Status**

Realised Q2 2025

**Initial Investment Date**

2013

**Underlying Fund**

High Road Capital Partners Fund II, LP

During the Quarter the LP received notice of the realisation of [SMB Machinery](#), a portfolio company of High Road Capital Partners Fund II.

SMB Machinery has over 21 years of experience in providing new and used packaging and process equipment to the beverage, food, and consumer goods industries. They also offer technical support, field services, and one of the largest inventories of food grade used stainless steel tanks, providing a full service one stop shop for their clients.



**Status**

Realised Q2 2025

**Initial Investment Date**

2019

**Underlying Fund**

Main Post Growth Capital, LP

During the Quarter the LP received notice of the realisation of [Happy Planner](#), a portfolio company of Main Post Growth Capital, LP

Happy planner provides a wide range of stationary-related art and craft products including day planners, notebooks, paper crafting tools and sticker books. The Company was significantly impacted by the pandemic and a series of interrelated events permanently disrupted the retail channels and retail customers through which it sold its products.

The LP did not receive any cash proceeds as a result of this realisation.

## LP2 UNDERLYING PORTFOLIO<sup>1,5,6,7,8</sup>

	TOTAL COMPANIES	TOTAL REALISATIONS	MOIC ON REALISATIONS (MEDIAN + AVERAGE)	ACTIVE PORTFOLIO COMPANIES	AVERAGE HOLD PERIOD ON ACTIVE COMPANIES	PORTFOLIO COMPANIES IN THE MARKET OR EARMARKED FOR SALE	UNDERLYING FUND VALUE (\$USD millions)
Fund 1	12	8	2.8x 3.5x	4	8.7 years	2 companies	\$0.90m
Fund 2	9	4	7.8x 8.4x	5	8.7 years	3 companies	\$16.96m
Fund 3	10	8	3.0x 2.6x	2	7.8 years	1 companies	\$2.16m
Fund 4	10	4	2.5x 2.5x	6	8.5 years	4 companies	\$7.61m
Fund 5	6	3	2.6x 2.1x	2	8.5 years	-	\$2.68m
Fund 6	9	6	2.1x 3.3x	3	6.4 years	-	\$0.72m
Fund 7	10	9	1.1x 1.9x	1	11.0 years	1 company	\$3.67m
Fund 8	11	7	4.0x 3.6x	3	7.9 years	1 company	\$1.63m
Fund 9	15	11	1.7x 2.7x	3	9.3 years	-	\$6.34m
Total	92	60	2.6x 3.1x	29	8.4 years	12 companies	\$42.66m

*Note: Total remaining value is at the LP level. Table excludes three funds which have no remaining assets but represent 30 portfolio company realisations (or write-offs). The value not included in the above table, which includes LP Cash & Trive Capital Fund (no remaining companies) as at 30 June 2025, is US\$4.59 million.*



## LP2 TOP 10 PORTFOLIO COMPANIES<sup>1,7</sup>



**Industry**  
Elder & Disabled Care  
**Employee Count**  
500-1000  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2018  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
17.6%



**Industry**  
Financial Services  
**Employee Count**  
50-100  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2017  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
10.5%



**Industry**  
Clothing  
**Employee Count**  
0-50  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2014  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
7.8%



**Industry**  
Healthcare  
**Employee Count**  
50-100  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2015  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
7.2%



**Industry**  
Eye Care Outpatient Services  
**Employee Count**  
250-500  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2018  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
7.2%



**Industry**  
Clothing  
**Employee Count**  
50-100  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2017  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
6.6%



**Industry**  
Leisure Facilities  
**Employee Count**  
250-500  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2015  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
3.6%



**Industry**  
IT Consulting and Outsourcing  
**Employee Count**  
250-500  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2016  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
3.1%

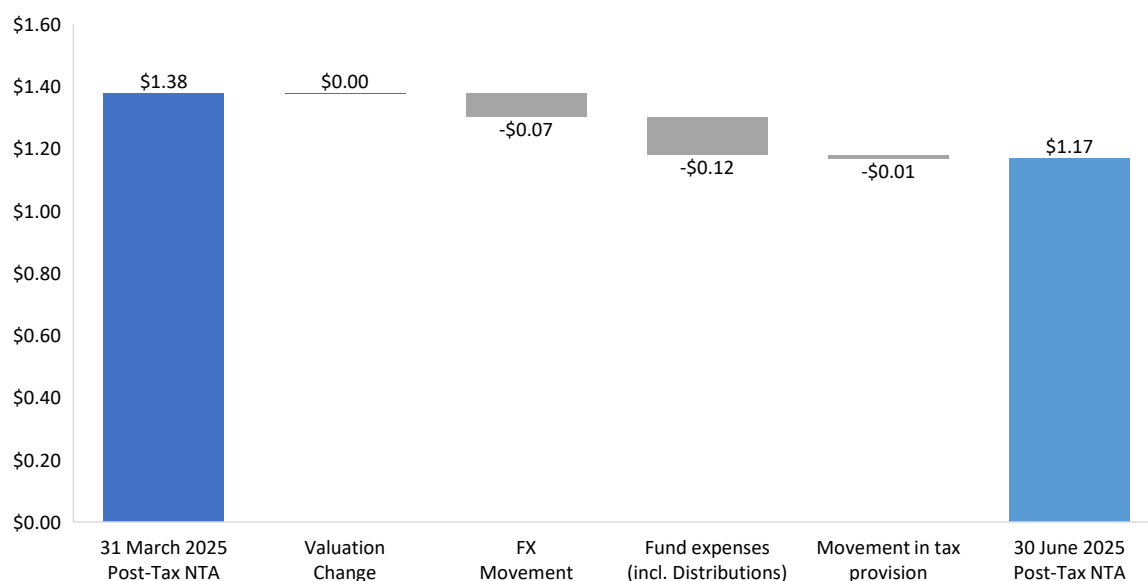


**Industry**  
Haircare  
**Employee Count**  
100-200  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2019  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
3.1%



**Industry**  
Industrial Supplies and Parts  
**Employee Count**  
150-200  
**Initial Investment Date**  
2019  
**Representative Value of LP2**  
0.9%

## CD2 QUARTERLY NTA MOVEMENT (PER UNIT)<sup>1</sup>



## CD2 DISTRIBUTION HISTORY (PER UNIT)<sup>1, 2</sup>

	Distributions Declared	Cumulative Distributions	NTA as of 30 June	DPI	TVPI
2016	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$2.02	0.09x	1.36x
2017	\$0.33	\$0.48	\$1.98	0.30x	1.54x
2018	\$0.13	\$0.61	\$2.03	0.38x	1.65x
2019	\$0.22	\$0.83	\$2.28	0.52x	1.94x
2020	\$0.12	\$0.95	\$2.06	0.59x	1.88x
2021	\$0.775	\$1.725	\$1.88	1.08x	2.25x
2022	\$0.28	\$2.005	\$2.13	1.25x	2.58x
2023	\$0.255	\$2.26	\$1.57	1.41x	2.39x
2024	\$0.12	\$2.38	\$1.50	1.49x	2.43x
2025	\$0.21	\$2.59	\$1.17	1.62x	2.35x

## CD2 PERFORMANCE SUMMARY<sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>

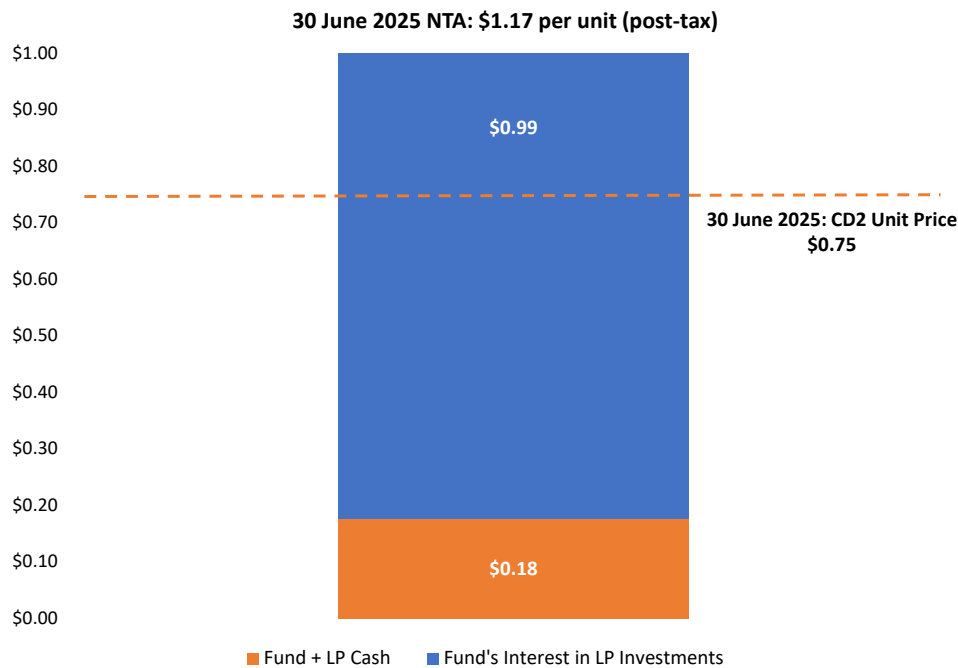
	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION	IRR
NTA RETURN	-6.7%	-4.6%	-4.0%	-2.3% p.a.	7.1% p.a.	9.3% p.a.	10.7% p.a.

The Fund's NTA return is net of fees (including initial issuer or product fees) and is inclusive of distributions paid. Movement from 31 March 2025 includes payment of a \$0.12 per unit distribution in June 2025, in addition to foreign exchange losses due to the strengthening of the Australian Dollar during the quarter. This can be seen in the NTA quarterly waterfall graph above.

Historical performance is not a guarantee of the future performance of the Fund.

## CD2: DISCOUNT TO NTA<sup>1,7</sup>

As a listed private equity product, Investors are able to access a [portfolio of companies](#) at a discount to the NTA, as illustrated below.



The RE has confidence in the valuations of the underlying portfolio, which are supported by layers of independent audit and valuation assessment across the Fund and LP.

There are of course certain elements outside of the RE and Manager's control which may impact the trading price, such as:

- portfolio disclosures (due to confidentiality agreements signed)
- uncertainty regarding distribution amounts
- illiquidity of the asset class, and
- low market trading volume.

Despite these factors, we remain confident in the selection of underlying funds and companies that are held in the portfolio, as well as the stated guidance for a return of capital as the underlying portfolio companies are realised.

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## GLOSSARY AND NOTES

Source: E&P Investments Limited (for data before 24 June 2023) and K2 Asset Management Ltd (for data after 24 June 2023).

All figures are in AUD unless otherwise noted. Figures throughout the document may not sum due to rounding. AUD:USD 30 June 2025 spot rate of 0.6581 used. The Unit price of CD2 was \$0.75 as at 30 June 2025, the last trading day of the quarter.

1. Data is unaudited and is as at 30 June 2025.
2. NTA and total returns are inclusive of distributions and are based on post tax NTA, net of fees and costs.
3. Inception date of CD2 was April 2013.
4. CD2 original Unitholder investment was \$1.60 per Unit.
5. MOIC returns are as at 30 June 2025 and represent all underlying portfolio company sales since inception. MOIC returns are net of all underlying fees and expenses of the individual fund managers, but before fees and expenses of the LP and the Australian Unit Trust. MOIC returns are based on US dollar denominated investments and include US Select Direct I (USD1).
6. Age of portfolio companies refers to the average duration of time that the LP has been invested in the remaining underlying portfolio companies.
7. LP investments values are based on the 31 March 2025 valuations provided by the underlying GP's. The valuations have also been adjusted for capital calls, distributions and foreign exchange movements over the period, where required.
8. It is expected - though not guaranteed - that the underlying portfolio will be sold through to 2027, assuming supportive market conditions. Any changes to the timeline will be communicated accordingly.

## DEFINED TERMS

<b>Portfolio Company:</b>	A company that is an investment of the LP.
<b>MOIC:</b>	Multiple on Invested Capital. MOIC is calculated by dividing the fund's cumulative distributions and residual value by the paid-in capital.
<b>IRR:</b>	Internal Rate of Return. Performance of the fund(s) by taking into account the size and timing of its cash flows (capital calls and distributions) and the Fund's net asset value at the time of the calculation.
<b>DPI:</b>	Distribution to Paid-in Capital (total distributions divided by original investment).
<b>TVPI:</b>	Total Value to Paid-in Capital. (total distributions + current NTA divided by original investment).
<b>M&amp;A:</b>	Mergers & Acquisitions. Transactions in which the ownership of companies or their operating units — including all associated assets and liabilities — is transferred to another entity.
<b>VINTAGE:</b>	The year in which a private equity fund makes its first investment in the portfolio company.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The CD Private Equity Fund Series, including CD Private Equity Fund I (ASX: CD1), CD Private Equity Fund II (ASX: CD2), CD Private Equity Fund III (ASX: CD3), and CD 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 E&P Funds with underlying investments managed by experienced private equity fund managers.

The General Partner and Investment Manager will seek to meet each 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 the medium to long term.

## CORDISH EQUITY PARTNERS TEAM



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- Responsible Entity (RE) and Trustee Services
- Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs); and
- Funds Management.

Established in 1999, K2 is the main operating subsidiary of K2 Asset Management Holdings Ltd which is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX Code: KAM).

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