

**CLAIRVEST GROUP INC.  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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The Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of financial condition and results of operations analyzes significant changes in Clairvest Group Inc.'s ("Clairvest" or the "Company") consolidated financial results, financial position, risks and opportunities. It should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes for the quarter ended September 30, 2023 ("consolidated financial statements").

The Company's consolidated financial statements include those subsidiaries which provide investment-related services and that the Company controls by having the power to govern the financial and operating policies of these entities. The following entities, which are significant in nature, provide investment-related services on behalf of the Company.

Clairvest GP Manageco Inc.  
Clairvest GP (GPLP) Inc.  
CEP MIP GP Corporation  
Clairvest USA Limited  
Clairvest General Partner Limited Partnership  
Clairvest General Partner III Limited Partnership  
Clairvest General Partner IV Limited Partnership

The Company employs various acquisition entities in structuring its investments, all of which are controlled by Clairvest. These acquisition entities, which are accounted for at fair value in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as described in the Critical Accounting Estimates section, include the following:

2141788 Ontario Corporation ("2141788 Ontario")  
2486303 Ontario Inc. ("2486303 Ontario")  
CEP III Co-Investment Limited Partnership ("CEP III Co-Invest")  
MIP III Limited Partnership ("MIP III")  
CEP IV Co-Investment Limited Partnership ("CEP IV Co-Invest")  
MIP IV Limited Partnership ("MIP IV")  
CEP V Co-Investment Limited Partnership ("CEP V Co-Invest")  
Clairvest General Partner V Limited Partnership ("Clairvest GP V")  
MIP V Limited Partnership ("MIP V")  
CEP VI Co-Investment Limited Partnership ("CEP VI Co-Invest")  
MIP VI Limited Partnership ("MIP VI")  
Clairvest Special Limited Partner VI Limited Partnership ("Clairvest SLP VI")  
Clairvest CEP Holdings Limited Partnership ("Clairvest CEP Holdings")  
CEP VII Co-Investment Limited Partnership ("CEP VII Co-Invest")  
MIP VII Limited Partnership ("MIP VII")  
Clairvest Special VII Limited Partnership ("Clairvest SLP VII")

2141788 Ontario, a limited partner of CEP III Co-Invest and CEP V Co-Invest, is a wholly owned acquisition entity of Clairvest. 2486303 Ontario is a wholly owned acquisition entity of Clairvest. Clairvest's relationship with CEP III Co-Invest and MIP III, CEP IV Co-Invest and MIP IV, and CEP V Co-Invest and MIP V, CEP VI Co-Invest, MIP VI and Clairvest SLP VI, and CEP VII Co-Invest, MIP VII and Clairvest SLP VII are described in *note 11* to the consolidated financial statements.

Clairvest invests its own capital, and that of third parties, through various Clairvest Equity Partnerships (together, the "CEP Funds") in carefully selected companies that have the potential to generate superior returns. These Partnerships include the following:

Clairvest Equity Partners III Limited Partnership ("CEP III")  
Clairvest Equity Partners IV Limited Partnership ("CEP IV")  
Clairvest Equity Partners IV-A Limited Partnership ("CEP IV-A")

which together, are herein referred to as Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV.

Clairvest Equity Partners V Limited Partnership ("CEP V")  
CEP V HI India Investment Limited Partnership ("CEP V India")  
Clairvest Equity Partners V-A Limited Partnership ("CEP V-A")  
Clairvest Equity Partners VI Limited Partnership ("CEP VI")  
Clairvest Equity Partners VI-A Limited Partnership ("CEP VI-A")  
Clairvest Equity Partners VI-B Limited Partnership ("CEP VI-B")  
Clairvest Equity Partners VII Limited Partnership ("CEP VII")  
Clairvest Equity Partners VII-A Limited Partnership ("CEP VII-A")  
Clairvest Equity Partners VII-B Limited Partnership ("CEP VII-B")

which together, are herein referred to as Clairvest Equity Partners V, VI and VII.

The Company concluded that its ownership interests in the CEP Funds, which meet the definition of structured entities under IFRS, do not meet the definition of control under IFRS. Accordingly, the financial positions and operating results of the CEP Funds are not included in Clairvest's consolidated financial statements.

All amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended March 31, 2023, contain certain disclosures not included in the consolidated financial statements as at and for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, accordingly, this MD&A should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended March 31, 2023.

Clairvest prepared its consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS 10, *Consolidated Financial Statements* ("IFRS 10"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. For a discussion of all significant accounting policies which includes a discussion of the Company's critical accounting estimates, refer to *note 2* to the consolidated financial statements. A description of critical accounting estimates is provided below.

#### **Fair value of financial assets or liabilities**

When a financial asset or liability is initially recognized, its fair value is generally the value of consideration paid or received. Acquisition costs relating to corporate investments are not included as part of the cost of the investment. Subsequent to initial recognition, the fair value of an investment quoted on an active market is generally the bid price on the principal exchange on which the investment is traded. In determining the fair value for such investments, the Company considers the nature and length of the restriction, business risk of the investee company, its stage of development, market potential, relative trading volume and price volatility. Additionally, there are several other factors the Company considers in determining the value at which to carry an investment quoted on an active market, including factors that may be unique to Clairvest and its business model. These factors can and do sometimes include, inter alia, the amount of public float and the depth of market liquidity for a particular stock, the size of our position and the amount of time it would take to dispose of our position at acceptable prices, any applicable lock-up or other contractual restrictions, whether or not Clairvest is an affiliate of the issuer of the securities, whether or not we have registration rights, the availability of safe harbor from registration requirements for resales of our position, and whether or not the securities are restricted securities or control securities. As a result of these factors, Clairvest's internal valuation could differ from that of other investors. Where Clairvest's internal valuation differs from the publicly traded price of a company's shares, Clairvest's internal valuation in no way reflects a disagreement with the publicly traded price. Estimated costs of disposition are not included in the fair value determination.

In the absence of an active market, the fair values are determined by management using the appropriate valuation methodologies after considering the history and nature of the business, operating results and financial conditions, the general economic, industry and market conditions, capital market and transaction market conditions, contractual rights relating to the investment, public market comparables, private market transactions multiples and, where applicable, other pertinent considerations. The process of valuing investments for which no active market exists is inevitably based on inherent uncertainties and the resulting values may differ from values that would have been used had an active market

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existed. The amounts at which Clairvest's privately held investments could be disposed of may differ from the fair value assigned and the differences could be material. Estimated costs of disposition are not included in the fair value determination.

A change to an estimate with respect to Clairvest's privately held corporate investments or publicly traded corporate investments would impact corporate investments and net investment loss.

**Recognition of carried interest and corresponding expenses**

The Company recognizes carried interest from Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV on its consolidated statements of financial position which is based on the fair values of the financial instruments held by those funds. As discussed previously, fair values of certain financial instruments are determined using valuation techniques which by their nature involve the use of estimates and assumptions. Changes in the underlying estimates and assumptions could materially impact the determination of the fair value of these financial instruments. Imprecision in determining fair value using valuation techniques may affect the calculation of carried interest receivable and the resulting accrued liabilities for future payouts relating to these carried interest receivables at the statement of financial position date. In accordance with IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("IFRS 15"), the Company would only recognize carried interest from Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV in the event a significant reversal during a future period is highly improbable. The carried interest from Clairvest Equity Partners V, VI and VII and the amounts ultimately payable to the limited partners of the corresponding MIP Partnerships are accounted for at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with IFRS 10 and included in Corporate Investments.

**Deferred income taxes**

The process of determining deferred income tax assets and liabilities requires management to exercise judgment while considering the anticipated timing of disposal of corporate investments, and proceeds thereon, tax planning strategies, changes in tax laws and rates, and loss carryforwards. Deferred income tax assets are only recognized to the extent that, in the opinion of management, it is probable that the deferred income tax asset will be realized. A change to an accounting estimate with respect to deferred income taxes would impact deferred income tax liability and income tax expense.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION AND BOOK VALUE**

The following table summarizes the Company's financial position and book value:

<b>Financial Position</b>			
\$000's (except share and per share information)			
<b>As at</b>	<b>September 30, 2023</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>March 31, 2023</b>
Cash, cash equivalents, temporary investments and restricted cash ("treasury funds")	350,100	289,939	390,832
Carried interest from Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV	51,117	49,905	49,314
Corporate investments, including carried interest from Clairvest Equity Partners V, VI and VII, and net of corresponding management participation	862,149	911,482	891,709
Total assets	1,355,622	1,429,070	1,429,651
Management participation from Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV	40,204	39,160	38,365
Total liabilities	174,578	204,058	211,924
Book value	1,181,044	1,225,012	1,217,727
Book value per share	78.61	81.54	81.05
Dividend per share declared	—	0.8105	—
Number of common shares outstanding	15,024,001	15,024,001	15,024,001

Clairvest's book value decreased by \$2.93 per share during the second quarter of fiscal 2024. The decrease was primarily due to \$44.0 million, or \$2.93 per share, in net loss and comprehensive loss ("net loss") for the quarter.

**ASSETS**

As at September 30, 2023, the Company's treasury funds of \$350.1 million were held in cash, money market savings accounts rated not below R1-High, investment savings accounts, guaranteed investment certificates either rated not below

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A or principally protected by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, term loans, marketable securities, limited recourse capital notes, and other fixed income securities as permitted by the Company's treasury policy (see *notes 4 and 16* to the consolidated financial statements for a detailed discussion of the Company's treasury funds. 2141788 Ontario also held \$83.7 million in cash, investment savings accounts, guaranteed investment certificates rated comparably, limited recourse capital notes and other fixed income securities as permitted by the Company's treasury policy. In addition, Clairvest is the beneficial owner of \$7.0 million in cash held in various acquisition entities which are controlled by Clairvest.

Clairvest maintains a \$100.0 million revolving credit facility which is participated in by several Schedule 1 Canadian chartered banks. The credit facility, which has an expiry of December 2027 and is eligible for a one-year extension on each anniversary of the closing date, bears interest at the bank prime rate plus 1.25% per annum on drawn amounts and a standby rate of 0.70% per annum on undrawn amounts. The amount available under the credit facility as at September 30, 2023 was \$100.0 million, which is based on debt covenants and certain restrictions within the banking arrangement. No amounts have been drawn on the facility during the quarter and as at September 30, 2023.

Carried interest from Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV is further described in *note 8* to the consolidated financial statements.

As at September 30, 2023, Clairvest had corporate investments with a carrying value of \$862.1 million, a decrease of \$49.3 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2024, \$762.0 million of the carrying value represented the fair value of Clairvest's investee companies, \$41.6 million represented carried interest net of management participation from Clairvest Equity Partners V, VI and VII and the remaining \$58.5 million represented other net assets held by Clairvest's acquisition entities. Certain of these acquisition entities, as further described in *note 11* to the consolidated financial statements, are responsible for investing alongside the CEP Funds.

The aggregate carrying value of Clairvest's investee companies decreased by \$61.8 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2024, which comprised primarily the following:

- Net unrealized loss on investee companies, before consideration of foreign exchange effects described below, of \$54.1 million;
- Realization of Arrowhead Environmental Partners which had a carrying value totalling \$43.0 million as at June 30, 2023;
- Partial loan repayment of US\$3.3 million (C\$4.3 million) from Star Waste;
- Sale of Stem shares which had carrying values totalling \$0.9 million as at June 30, 2023; net of:
- Follow-on investments in NovaSource Power Services and FSB Technology totalling \$18.0 million;
- Investment in Mountain Land Physical Therapy totalling US\$5.9 million (C\$7.8 million);
- Investment in NexTech Solutions totalling US\$5.8 million (C\$7.7 million);
- Foreign exchange gain on revaluation totalling \$6.8 million, which was offset by a corresponding \$8.1 million loss from the foreign exchange hedging program;
- Interest accrual on debt investments, net of repayments, of \$0.2 million.

Clairvest has implemented a hedging strategy because it has, directly and indirectly, several investments outside of Canada. In order to limit its exposure to changes in the value of these investments denominated in foreign currencies relative to the Canadian dollar, Clairvest and its acquisition entities consider and if determined appropriate, enter into currency positions opposite these foreign denominated investments, thus creating hedges against fluctuation in the underlying currencies of Clairvest's investments. For the quarter ended September 30, 2023, the foreign exchange adjustments made in Clairvest's valuation of its investee companies is primarily offset by the foreign exchange adjustments made in the forward exchange forward contracts used to support its foreign exchange hedging strategy, except for its foreign exchange exposure in its investment in Chilean Gaming Holdings denominated in Chilean Pesos ("CLP") and its investment in Head Digital Works denominated in Indian Rupees ("INR"), both of which were unhedged. Foreign exchange forward contracts are described in *note 14* to the consolidated financial statements.

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The following table summarizes the carrying value and cost of Clairvest's investee companies, aggregated by industry concentration, as at September 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023:

	September 30, 2023			March 31, 2023		
	Fair value	Cost	Difference	Fair value	Cost	Difference
\$000's						
Aerospace, defense and government services	138,777	97,738	41,039	123,280	90,081	33,199
Co-packing	9,411	9,175	236	8,146	8,020	126
Equipment rental	9,699	15,621	(5,922)	6,987	13,591	(6,604)
Financial services	640	—	640	4,563	—	4,563
Gaming	350,390	170,183	180,207	398,802	159,525	239,277
Insurance services	33,753	27,059	6,694	27,059	27,059	—
Life science services	9,191	9,174	17	9,200	9,174	26
Marketing services	—	995	(995)	—	995	(995)
Medical practice management	48,176	35,520	12,656	40,357	27,749	12,608
Renewable energy	61,005	60,271	734	66,171	44,676	21,495
Technology services	29,723	13,130	16,593	37,976	13,130	24,846
Waste management	66,269	28,151	38,118	63,766	28,255	35,511
Other investments	4,971	2,599	2,372	4,976	2,699	2,277
	<b>762,005</b>	<b>469,616</b>	<b>292,389</b>	<b>791,283</b>	<b>424,954</b>	<b>366,329</b>

The cost and fair value of these investee companies do not reflect foreign exchange gains or losses on the foreign exchange forward contracts entered into as economic hedges against the Company's foreign currency-denominated investments. Significant activities of each investee company during the second quarter of fiscal 2024 are further described in *notes 6* to the consolidated financial statements.

**LIABILITIES**

As at September 30, 2023, Clairvest had \$174.6 million in liabilities, which included \$12.9 million in accrued compensation expense, \$71.7 million in share-based compensation, \$40.2 million in management participation from Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV, and \$26.0 million current and deferred income tax liability. \$75.7 million of these liabilities are payable only upon the cash realization of certain investments of Clairvest or the CEP Funds, and the cash realizations are expected to far exceed the payments required upon these realizations.

The \$71.7 million in share-based compensation included \$21.7 million accrued under the Non-Voting Option Plan, \$16.6 million under the Employee Deferred Share Units ("EDSU") plan, \$3.1 million under the Book Value Appreciation Rights plan, and \$30.3 million under the Directors Deferred Share Units and Appreciation Deferred Share Units plan.

Management participation is further described in *note 8* to the consolidated financial statements.

**EQUITY AND SHARE INFORMATION**

Clairvest has normal course issuer bids ("NCIB") outstanding enabling it to purchase up to 760,135 common shares during the 12-month period ending March 7, 2024. No shares were purchased and cancelled under the current NCIB during the second quarter of fiscal 2024.

As at September 30, 2023, Clairvest had 15,024,001 common shares issued and outstanding.

Subsequent to quarter end, the Company repurchased for cancellation 340,100 common shares from a passive shareholder for a total cost of \$25.2 million. Also subsequent to quarter end, the Company repurchased for cancellation 3,700 shares for a total cost of \$0.3 million under the current NCIB. As at November 14, 2023, Clairvest had 14,680,201 common shares issued and outstanding.

No Non-Voting Shares had been issued as at September 30, 2023. The Non-Voting Shares, which have a two times preference over the common shares, were authorized as part of the Non-Voting Option Plan as described below.

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Options granted under the Non-Voting Option Plan are exercisable for Non-Voting Shares. The Non-Voting Option Plan has a cash settlement feature. Options granted under this plan vest at a rate of one-fifth of the grant at the end of each year over a five-year period. 38,520 options were exercised in the first quarter of fiscal 2024, resulting in a \$3.3 million cash payment on these exercises which were paid during the quarter ended September 30, 2023. No options were forfeited during the second quarter of fiscal 2024. As at September 30, 2023, 639,079 options were outstanding, 242,995 options of which had vested.

The Company has an Employee Deferred Share Units ("EDSU") plan which provides, among other things, that participants may elect annually to receive all or a portion of their annual bonus amounts that would otherwise be payable in cash in the form of EDSUs. EDSUs may be redeemed for cash or for common shares of the Company in accordance with the terms of the plan. Clairvest is required to reserve one common share for each EDSU issued under the EDSU Plan. The maximum number of Clairvest common shares reserved for the EDSU Plan has been increased to 350,000 common shares, which represents approximately 2.3% of the outstanding number of common shares. During the second quarter of fiscal 2024, 18,727 EDSUs were issued under the plan. As at September 30, 2023, 213,478 EDSUs were outstanding under the EDSU Plan.

**FINANCIAL RESULTS**

Net loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2023 was \$44.0 million, compared with a net income of \$40.1 million for the same period during the last fiscal year. The following table summarizes the composition of net income (loss):

**FINANCIAL RESULTS**

\$000's (except per share information)	Quarter ended September 30		Six months ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net investment gain (loss) (A)				
- Investee companies inclusive of foreign exchange hedging activities	(50,937)	58,059	(26,767)	55,954
- Temporary investments	(7,726)	(2,254)	(10,309)	(12,257)
- Carried interest and management participation from Clairvest Equity Partners V, VI and VII	1,088	5,831	2,770	4,966
- Acquisition entities including distributions, interest, dividends and fees received from investee companies and net of taxes paid or payable by these acquisition entities	10,813	(74,124)	12,013	(72,172)
	(46,762)	(12,488)	(22,293)	(23,509)
Distributions, interest income, dividends and fees (B)				
- CEP Funds	5,343	5,771	11,562	11,331
- Investee companies	2,367	960	3,430	1,959
- Treasury funds <sup>(1)</sup>	4,708	2,196	8,289	3,583
- Acquisition entities and other	1,893	69,730	2,839	70,387
	14,311	78,657	26,120	87,260
Carried interest from Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV (C)	1,212	5,588	1,803	5,003
Total expenses (D)	20,233	22,953	36,064	33,529
Net income (loss) before income taxes (A+B+C-D)	(51,472)	48,804	(30,434)	35,225
Income tax expense (recovery)	(7,504)	8,720	(5,928)	6,479
Net income (loss)	(43,968)	40,084	(24,506)	28,746
Net income (loss) per share	(2.93)	2.66	(1.63)	1.91
Net income (loss) per share - fully diluted	(2.93)	2.66	(1.63)	1.91

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes realized gains/losses and market value changes to Clairvest's treasury funds.

The Company fair values its acquisition entities which hold Clairvest's interest in its investee companies as well as other assets and liabilities. Distributions, interest, dividends and fees earned from and realized gains or losses and net changes in unrealized gains or losses on the investee companies held by acquisition entities, including foreign exchange fluctuations and the hedging activities related to managing the foreign currency exposure of these investments, and income taxes incurred by these acquisition entities, are reflected in net investment loss until the net proceeds are distributed out of these

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acquisition entities, at which point the Company would record a distribution or a dividend from acquisition entities and reverse the net investment gain or loss which had previously been recorded.

The following tables summarize the net investment gain or loss of investee companies, aggregated by industry concentration, for the quarters and six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022. This net investment gain or loss is inclusive of the foreign exchange hedging activities related to these investments:

**NET INVESTMENT GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTEE COMPANIES**

Quarter ended September 30 (\$000's)	2023			2022	
	Net realized gain (loss)	Net unrealized gain (loss)	Foreign exchange gain (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	Total
Aerospace, defense and government services	—	4,827	16	4,843	19,876
Equipment rental	—	(1,126)	20	(1,106)	7
Financial services	(172)	—	—	(172)	(112)
Gaming	—	(67,234)	(447)	(67,681)	(35,937)
Insurance services	—	6,694	—	6,694	—
Life science services	—	—	(12)	(12)	—
Marketing services	—	—	—	—	3,015
Medical practice management	—	—	(74)	(74)	2,968
Renewable energy	43	(1,071)	(422)	(1,450)	27,797
Technology services	—	(3,455)	(270)	(3,725)	1,081
Waste management	4,509	7,368	(156)	11,721	39,267
Other investments	—	—	25	25	97
<b>Net investment gain (loss) on investee companies</b>	<b>4,380</b>	<b>(53,997)</b>	<b>(1,320)</b>	<b>(50,937)</b>	<b>58,059</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Inclusive of foreign exchange hedging activities

**NET INVESTMENT GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTEE COMPANIES**

Six months ended September 30 (\$000's)	2023			2022	
	Net realized gain	Net unrealized gain (loss)	Foreign exchange gain (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	Total
Aerospace, defense and government services	—	7,838	16	7,854	19,730
Equipment rental	—	642	63	705	14
Financial services	203	—	—	203	(1,591)
Gaming	—	(54,293)	(6,343)	(60,636)	(53,325)
Insurance services	—	6,694	—	6,694	—
Life science services	—	—	(21)	(21)	—
Marketing services	—	—	60	60	(12,075)
Medical practice management	—	—	(160)	(160)	3,830
Renewable energy	12	(19,923)	(697)	(20,608)	29,824
Technology services	—	(7,767)	(346)	(8,113)	19,119
Waste management	4,680	42,830	(260)	47,250	50,350
Other investments	—	—	5	5	78
<b>Net investment gain (loss) on investee companies</b>	<b>4,895</b>	<b>(23,979)</b>	<b>(7,683)</b>	<b>(26,767)</b>	<b>55,954</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Inclusive of foreign exchange hedging activities

During the second quarter of fiscal 2024, the net impact of foreign exchange on the investee companies after consideration of foreign exchange hedging activities included a loss of \$3.2 million (2023 – gain of \$0.5 million) on Chilean Pesos denominated investment, a loss of \$1.0 million (2023 – \$0.6 million) on U.S. Dollar denominated investments, a loss of \$0.1 million (2023 – gain of \$2.1 million) on British Pound denominated investment, net of a foreign exchange gain of \$2.9 million (2023 – \$1.8 million) on Indian Rupee denominated investment.

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The Company and its acquisition entities also receive distributions, interest, dividends or fees from various investee companies. The following table summarizes the income earned by the Company and its acquisition entities for the quarters and six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:

**DISTRIBUTIONS, INTEREST, DIVIDENDS AND FEES FROM INVESTEE COMPANIES**

Quarter ended September 30 (\$000's)	2023			2022
	Earned directly by Clairvest	Earned through acquisition entities	Total	Total
<b>Distributions and interest income</b>				
Aerospace, defense and government services	—	419	419	1,320
Co-packing	—	56	56	84
Equipment rental	—	4	4	—
Gaming	895	2,948	3,843	1,432
Medical practice management	—	405	405	440
Renewable energy	—	—	—	66
Technology services	—	—	—	34
Waste management	—	49	49	—
Other investments	—	—	—	25
	895	3,881	4,776	3,401
<b>Dividend income</b>				
Gaming	—	—	—	130
	1,472	—	1,472	568
<b>Advisory and other fees</b>	1,472	—	1,472	568
<b>Distributions, interest, dividends and fees from investee companies</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>3,881</b>	<b>6,248</b>	<b>4,099</b>

**DISTRIBUTIONS, INTEREST, DIVIDENDS AND FEES FROM INVESTEE COMPANIES**

Six months ended September 30 (\$000's)	2023			2022
	Earned directly by Clairvest	Earned through acquisition entities	Total	Total
<b>Distributions and interest income</b>				
Aerospace, defense and government services	—	540	540	2,036
Co-packing	—	110	110	84
Equipment rental	—	4	4	—
Gaming	1,250	4,274	5,524	2,540
Medical practice management	—	666	666	582
Renewable energy	—	—	—	196
Technology services	—	—	—	240
Waste management	—	172	172	13
Other investments	—	—	—	25
	1,250	5,766	7,016	5,716
<b>Dividend income</b>				
Gaming	—	242	242	563
	2,180	—	2,180	1,145
<b>Advisory and other fees</b>	2,180	—	2,180	1,145
<b>Distributions, interest, dividends and fees from investee companies</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>6,008</b>	<b>9,438</b>	<b>7,424</b>

The Company and its acquisition entities also receive distributions, fees and interest from the CEP Funds as described in *note 7* to the consolidated financial statements. The following table summarizes the distributions, fees and interest earned from the CEP Funds for the quarters and six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:



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**DISTRIBUTIONS, FEES AND INTEREST FROM THE CEP FUNDS**

Quarter ended September 30 (\$000's)	2023			2022
	Earned directly by Clairvest	Earned through acquisition entities	Total	Total
Priority distributions	2,075	—	2,075	2,273
Management fees	2,886	—	2,886	2,963
Interest on loans advanced	382	89	471	538
<b>Distributions, fees and interest from the CEP Funds</b>	<b>5,343</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>5,432</b>	<b>5,774</b>

Six months ended September 30 (\$000's)	2023			2022
	Earned directly by Clairvest	Earned through acquisition entities	Total	Total
Priority distributions	4,196	—	4,196	4,606
Management fees	6,184	—	6,184	5,834
Interest on loans advanced	1,182	137	1,319	899
<b>Distributions, fees and interest from the CEP Funds</b>	<b>11,562</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>11,699</b>	<b>11,339</b>

The Company also earns carried interest from the CEP Funds. As described in *note 8* to the consolidated financial statements, carried interest from Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV is recorded in carried interest in accordance to IFRS 15 and carried interest from Clairvest Equity Partners V, VI and VII is recorded in net investment gain or loss in accordance to IFRS 10.

The following tables summarize the realized carried interest and the net change in unrealized carried interest for Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV, and Clairvest Equity Partners V, VI and VII for the quarters and six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:

**NET CARRIED INTEREST**

\$000's	Quarter ended		Six months ended	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net change in unrealized carried interest from CEP III and IV	1,212	5,588	1,803	5,003
Realized carried interest from CEP V, VI and VII	—	33,576	—	33,576
Net change in unrealized carried interest from CEP V, VI and VII	(8,559)	(12,511)	(775)	(10,889)
<b>Net carried interest</b>	<b>(7,347)</b>	<b>26,653</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>27,690</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes carried interest which are ultimately paid to non-Clairvest participants if and when they are payable, which are recorded as management participation as described below

Included in distributions and interest income for the second quarter of fiscal 2024 was interest earned from treasury funds of \$4.7 million, compared to \$2.2 million for the same quarter last year. Acquisition entities of Clairvest earned interest from their treasury funds totalling \$1.4 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2024, compared to \$0.9 million for the same quarter last year.

Total expenses for the second quarter of fiscal 2024 were \$20.2 million, compared with \$23.0 million for the same quarter last year. The following table summarizes expenses incurred by the Company for the quarters and six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:

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**TOTAL EXPENSES, EXCLUDING INCOME TAXES (\$000's)**

	Quarter ended September 30		Six months ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Employee compensation and benefits	21,020	4,888	25,587	8,056
Share-based compensation expenses (recovery)	(4,869)	6,600	1,225	13,980
Administration and other expenses	2,419	7,730	6,061	9,869
Finance and foreign exchange expenses (recovery)	619	(278)	1,352	(1,805)
Management participation from Clairvest Equity Partners III and IV	1,044	4,013	1,839	3,429
<b>Total expenses, excluding income taxes</b>	<b>20,233</b>	<b>22,953</b>	<b>36,064</b>	<b>33,529</b>

The following table summarizes share-based compensation expenses incurred (recovered) by the Company for the quarters and six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:

**TOTAL SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION EXPENSES (\$000's)**

	Quarter ended September 30		Six months ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Non-voting options expense (recovery)	(1,672)	1,820	2,069	1,820
Book value appreciation rights expense (recovery)	—	(136)	—	7,118
Deferred share units and appreciation deferred share units expense (recovery)	(2,339)	3,200	(358)	3,408
Employee deferred shares units expense (recovery)	(858)	1,716	(486)	1,634
<b>Total share-based compensation expenses</b>	<b>(4,869)</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>13,980</b>

Management participation is further described in *note 8* to the consolidated financial statements.

The Company recovered \$7.5 million in income taxes, and its acquisition entities incurred \$1.0 million in income taxes during the second quarter of fiscal 2024, compared with \$8.7 million in income taxes incurred by the Company and \$0.3 million in income taxes incurred by the acquisition entity for the same quarter last year. Income taxes incurred or recovered by the Company's acquisition entities are reflected in net investment loss.

**QUARTERLY RESULTS**

\$000's (except per share information)	Gross revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	Net income (loss)	Net income (loss)	Net income (loss)
			per common share	per common share fully diluted <sup>(2)</sup>
September 30, 2023	(31,239)	(43,968)	(2.93)	(2.93)
June 30, 2023	36,869	19,462	1.30	1.30
March 31, 2023	6,283	(13,838)	(0.92)	(0.92)
December 31, 2022	55,146	37,461	2.49	2.49
September 30, 2022	71,757	40,084	2.66	2.66
June 30, 2022	(3,003)	(11,338)	(0.75)	(0.75)
March 31, 2022	253,712	207,016	13.75	13.75
December 31, 2021	99,764	76,532	5.08	5.08

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes net investment gain (loss)

<sup>(2)</sup> The sum of quarterly net income per common share may not equal the year-to-date net income per common share due to rounding and the dilutive effect on any quarters which may not be applicable for the full year.

**OUTLOOK**

As a long-term investor, Clairvest is focused on building value in its investee companies by contributing strategic expertise, guiding management through volatile times and helping its investee companies capitalize on new opportunities that arise. During the second quarter of fiscal 2024, Clairvest completed the fundraising of the CEP VII Fund at the US\$1.2 billion hard cap, with commitments of US\$900 million from third party investors and US\$300 million from Clairvest. Clairvest will continue to complete its investment program in CEP VI Fund prior to the commencement of the CEP VII.

As at September 30, 2023, Clairvest had \$2.2 billion of capital available for future investments through treasury funds, credit facilities and access to funds at its acquisition entities and uncalled capital in the CEP Funds, a material increase as a result of the CEP VII Fund. With the available funds, Clairvest has ample liquidity to support its investee companies as appropriate and to continue its active pursuit of new investment opportunities to enhance shareholder value.

### **TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

Clairvest is entitled to other various entitlements from its acquisition entities as described in *note 11* to the consolidated financial statements.

As at September 30, 2023, Clairvest had accounts receivable from its investee companies totalling \$3.7 million, CEP III totalling \$0.1 million, CEP IV totalling \$27 thousand, CEP IV-A totalling \$6 thousand, CEP V totalling \$2.8 million, CEP V India totalling \$1.3 million, CEP V-A totalling \$0.1 million, CEP VI totalling \$2.7 million, CEP VI-A totalling \$3.7 million, CEP VI-B totalling \$2.3 million, CEP VII totalling \$0.4 million, CEP VII-A totalling \$0.4 million and CEP VII-B totalling \$0.6 million. Additionally, acquisition entities of Clairvest which were not consolidated had accounts receivable from its investee companies totalling \$0.2 million, CEP III totalling \$1.5 million, CEP V totalling \$0.1 million, CEP VI totalling \$7 thousand, CEP IV-A totalling \$9 thousand, and CEP VI-B totalling \$6 thousand.

In addition, the Company advances loans to its acquisition entities, the CEP Funds, and investee companies. During the second quarter of fiscal 2024, the Company received a net repayment of \$48.2 million on these loans, such that \$37.1 million in loans remained outstanding as at September 30, 2023.

As at September 30, 2023, Clairvest had advanced share purchase loans to certain employees of Clairvest totalling \$5.6 million. The loans are interest bearing, have full recourse to the individual and are collateralized by the common shares of Clairvest owned by the employees with a market value as at September 30, 2023 of \$9.2 million. None of these loans were made to key management.

Key management at Clairvest includes the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), the Vice Chairman, the President and its directors. The CEO and the President are entitled to annual discretionary cash bonuses of up to 175% of their individual annual salary based on individual performance. The Vice Chairman is entitled to annual discretionary cash bonuses of up to 100% of annual salary based on individual performance. There is also an annual objective cash bonus which is based on Clairvest's Incentive Bonus Program, the stock option plans, the BVAR Plan and the EDSU Plan. Annual salaries and compensation under these plans paid to the CEO, the Vice Chairman, and the President during the second quarter of fiscal 2024 was \$4.9 million. As at September 30, 2023, the total amounts payable to the CEO, the Vice Chairman, and the President under the aforementioned plans were \$14.9 million. As at September 30, 2023, the total amounts payable to the directors of Clairvest under the DSU, ADSU and Non-Voting Option plans were \$30.7 million.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2024, Clairvest earned \$0.9 million in distribution and interest income and \$1.5 million in advisory and other fees from its investee companies. Additionally, acquisition entities of Clairvest which were not consolidated earned \$3.9 million in distributions and interest income.

Clairvest and a related party of Clairvest, through a limited partnership, own an aircraft that is available for use by both parties. Clairvest and the related party each hold a 50% limited partnership interest. As Clairvest, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, is the general partner of the limited partnership, Clairvest has recognized 100% of the net book value of the aircraft and a liability for the 50% ownership held by the related party. The cost of the aircraft is included in fixed assets and the liability in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

### **OFF-STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ARRANGEMENTS**

Clairvest has committed a total of \$55.5 million in various Wellington Financial funds, all of which was unfunded at September 30, 2023. As a result of the sale of Wellington Financial to CIBC in January 2018, these Wellington Financial funds are in the process of being wound up and may no longer invest in new investments.

Clairvest has agreed to guarantee up to \$5.0 million to support a credit facility provided to Brunswick Bierworks by its bank. Clairvest would assume the lender's security position that supports the loans provided by the lender should the loans be called and intends to allocate any amounts called under this guarantee to CEP VI Co-Invest, CEP VI, CEP VI-A and CEP VI-B on a pro-rata basis in accordance with their respective capital commitments in the CEP VI Fund.

Clairvest, together with CEP VI, CEP VI-A and CEP VI-B, in support of the credit facility provided by various banks to New Hampshire Gaming, has guaranteed to fund any and all cost overruns during the construction of a new gaming facility being built by New Hampshire Gaming, as well as operating deficiencies of the new gaming facility for a specified period of time and up to US\$15.0 million. Additionally, Clairvest, together with CEP VI, CEP VI-A and CEP VI-B had entered an agreement with the other investor of New Hampshire Gaming to indemnify 50% of any guarantees funded. Clairvest intends to allocate any amounts called under these guarantees to CEP VI Co-Invest, CEP VI, CEP VI-A and CEP VI-B on a pro-rata basis in accordance with their respective capital commitments in the CEP VI Fund.

As at June 30, 2023, CEP VI Co-Invest, CEP VI, CEP VI-A and CEP VI-B had entered an agreement to invest in NexTech Solutions. During the second quarter of fiscal 2024, the investment had been completed as described in *note 6* to the consolidated financial statements.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2024, Clairvest completed the final closing of Clairvest Equity Partners VII (the "CEP VII Fund"), a new private equity investment pool with commitments of US\$1.2 billion, comprising of a co-investment commitment from Clairvest of US\$0.3 billion through CEP VII Co-Investment Limited Partnership ("CEP VII Co-Invest") and commitments totalling US\$0.9 billion from third-party investors through Clairvest Equity Partners VII Limited Partnership ("CEP VII"), Clairvest Equity Partners VII-A Limited Partnership ("CEP VII-A") and Clairvest Equity Partners VII-B Limited Partnership ("CEP VII-B"). Clairvest Equity Partners VII will be the successor fund to Clairvest Equity Partners VI. The revenue Clairvest will derive from the CEP VII Fund are described in *notes 7 and 8* to the consolidated financial statements. Subsequent to the final closing of the CEP VII Fund, Clairvest paid \$16.1 million in bonuses to management.

In connection with its normal business operations, the Company and its investee companies may, from time to time be involved in legal proceedings, including regulatory investigations, in which claims for monetary damages may be asserted. The Company may accrue a liability if, in the opinion of management, it is both probable that costs will be incurred to resolve the matter, and an estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. While there is inherent difficulty in predicting the outcome of these matters, based on our current knowledge, we do not expect these matters, individually or in aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on our financial statements.

## **DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Company and its acquisition entities entered into foreign exchange forward contracts as economic hedges against the fair value of its foreign-denominated investments and loans in accordance with its foreign exchange hedging policy. Foreign exchange hedging activities during the second quarter of fiscal 2024 are further described in *note 14* to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The private equity investment business involves accepting risk for potential return and is therefore affected by a number of risk factors. These factors, categorized as market risk, investing process risk and other risks, are described below. Additional risks not currently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also have a material adverse effect on future business of the Company.

### **Market risk**

#### ***Fair value risk***

Fair value risk includes exposure to fluctuations in the fair market value of the Company's investments. The Company's objective is to invest in long-term private equity investments and its holdings may include publicly traded companies which originated from its private equity investments. These companies will likely exhibit share price volatility such that

the publicly traded share price may not be the best proxy of value. The Company's investments in these public companies may trade at share prices which are not indicative of the Partnership's realizable value due to factors including illiquidity of the security and potential adverse consequences when a significant shareholder sells its position. Accordingly, when the Company liquidates the investments in these types of public company shares, its ultimate realized proceeds may be materially different than the valuation at the end of any reporting period which is based on the publicly traded share price at that time and subject to certain adjustments as warranted.

Included in corporate investments are investee companies for which the fair values have been estimated based on assumptions that may not be supported by observable market prices. The most significant unobservable inputs for fair value measurement is either revenue or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") and the multiple which is applied to either revenue or EBITDA in each individual investee company. In determining the appropriate multiple, Clairvest considers i) public company multiples for companies in the same or similar businesses; ii) where information is known and believed to be reliable, multiples at which recent transactions in the industry occurred; and iii) multiples at which Clairvest invested directly or indirectly in the company, or for follow-on investments or financings. The resulting multiple is adjusted, if necessary, to consider differences between the investee company and those the Company selected for comparisons and factors include public versus private company, company size, same versus similar business, as well as with respect to the sustainability of the company's earnings and current economic environment. Revenue or earnings multiples used are based on public company valuations as well as private market multiples for comparable companies. Revenues are based on current run-rates adjusted for non-recurring items. Earnings are based on the last twelve-month EBITDA and, if necessary, adjusted for any non-recurring items such as restructuring expenses and annualized pro-forma adjustments from recently completed acquisitions. Adjustments to revenue or EBITDA may also consider forecasted impacts arising from the current economic environment or recent developments of the investee company.

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The potential effects to the carrying value of the Company's investments are further described in *note 18* to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Clairvest may also use information with respect to recent transactions for valuation of private equity investments. When fair value is determined based on recent transaction information, this value is the most representative indication of fair value for a period of up to 12 months from the date of the investment. The fair value of term loans, debentures or loans is primarily determined using a discounted cash flow technique. This technique uses observable and unobservable inputs such as discount rates that take into account the risk associated with the investment as well as future cash flows. For those investments valued based on recent transactions and discounted cash flows, Clairvest has determined that there are no reasonable alternative assumptions that would change the fair value materially as at September 30, 2023.

The Company's corporate investment portfolio was diversified across 25 investee companies in 12 industries as at September 30, 2023. Additionally, the Company has fair value risk on its temporary investments as it holds marketable securities in its treasury portfolio. The Company has considered current economic events and indicators in the valuation of its investee companies and its temporary investments.

#### ***Interest rate risk***

Fluctuations in interest rates affect the Company's income derived from its treasury funds. For financial instruments which yield a floating interest rate, the income received is directly impacted by the prevailing interest rate. The fair value of financial instruments which yield a fixed interest rate would change when there is a change in the prevailing market interest rate. The Company manages interest rate risk on its treasury funds by conducting activities in accordance with the

fixed income securities policy that is approved by the Audit Committee. Management's application of these policies is regularly monitored by the Audit Committee.

The potential effects on the Company's treasury funds from fluctuations in interest rates are further described in *note 16* to the consolidated financial statements.

Certain of the Company's corporate investments are also held in the form of debentures and loans. Significant fluctuations in market interest rates can have a material impact on the carrying value of these investments.

Clairvest's investee companies are subject to interest rate risk. A significant change in interest rates can have materially increase the borrowing cost for these investee companies and in turn causes a negative impact to the profitability of these companies, which could have a material impact to the Company's fair value of these corporate investments. The Company manages this risk through oversight responsibilities with existing investee companies and may suggest these investee companies enter swap derivatives with their banking counterparties to hedge against this risk.

#### ***Currency risk***

The Company has implemented a hedging strategy because it has, directly and indirectly, several investments outside of Canada, currently in the United States, India, Chile and the United Kingdom. The Company has also advanced loans to investee companies and the CEP VI Fund which are denominated in foreign currency. The general partner priority distributions and management fees for Clairvest Equity Partners VI and Clairvest Equity Partners VII are denominated in United States Dollars whereas the Company's overhead costs are in Canadian dollars. In order to limit its exposure to changes in the value of foreign denominated currencies relative to the Canadian dollar, Clairvest and its acquisition entities, subject to certain exceptions, entered foreign exchange hedging positions against these foreign denominated currencies. As at September 30, 2023, the Company's material foreign exchange exposure comprised of its Chilean peso-denominated and Indian rupee-denominated balances as they are unhedged. In addition, there is a timing difference between the consolidated statements of financial position date and the investment valuation date given the timing of which information is available to make this determination. This could result in a delay in the implementation of the Company's hedging strategy. Accordingly, a significant depreciation in value in these currencies could result in a material impact to the performance of Clairvest, its investment portfolio and the carried interest the Company could earn from the CEP Funds.

A number of investee companies are subject to foreign exchange risk. A significant change in foreign exchange rates can have a significant impact on the profitability of these entities and in turn the Company's carrying value of these corporate investments, and could impact the carried interest the Company could earn from the CEP Funds. The Company manages this risk through oversight responsibilities with existing investee companies and by reviewing the financial condition of investee companies regularly.

#### ***Commodity price risk***

Certain Clairvest's investee companies are subject to price fluctuations in commodities. Clairvest understands the risk of investing in cyclical industries which are largely tied to commodity prices and takes such risk into account in making these investments. The Company manages this risk through oversight responsibilities with existing investee companies and by reviewing the financial condition of investee companies regularly.

#### **Investing process risk**

##### ***Competition risk***

Clairvest and the CEP Funds compete for acquisition of investments with many other investors, some of which may have greater depth of investment experience in particular industries or segment or greater financial resources. There may be intense competition for investments in which Clairvest intends to invest, and such competition may result in less favorable investment terms than would otherwise be the case. There can, therefore, be no assurance that the investments ultimately acquired by Clairvest will meet all the investment objectives of Clairvest, or that Clairvest will be able to invest all of the capital it has committed to invest alongside the CEP Funds. The Company manages this risk through a disciplined approach to investing its capital and that of the CEP Funds, and has strict investment policies where investments above a certain threshold require the approval of the Board of Directors.

***Uncompleted and unspecified investment risk***

The due diligence of each specific investment opportunity that Clairvest looks at and the negotiation, drafting and execution of the relevant agreements require substantial management time and attention and may incur substantial third-party costs. In the event that Clairvest elects not to complete a specific investment, the costs incurred up to that point for the proposed transaction are often not recoverable by Clairvest and the CEP Funds. Furthermore, in the event that Clairvest reaches an agreement relating to a specific investment, it may fail to complete such an investment for any number of reasons, including those beyond Clairvest's control. Any such occurrence could similarly result in a financial loss to Clairvest and the CEP Funds due to the inability to recoup any of the related costs incurred to complete a transaction. A shareholder must rely upon the ability of Clairvest's management in making investment decisions consistent with its investment objectives and policies. Shareholders will not have the opportunity to evaluate personally the relevant economic, financial and other information which is utilized by Clairvest in its selection of investments.

***Minority investment risk***

Clairvest and the CEP Funds may make minority equity investments in entities in which they do not legally control all aspects of the business or affairs of such entities. As at September 30, 2023, 8 of the 25 investments made by Clairvest and the CEP Funds were minority equity investments. In all investments, Clairvest monitors the performance of each investment, maintains an ongoing dialogue with each investee's management team and seeks board representation and negative controls as conditions of each investment.

***Gaming investment risk***

As at September 30, 2023, Clairvest's exposure to gaming investments represented 29.6% of its net book value. In particular, Clairvest's investment in Head Digital Works represented 10.5% of its net book value. These investments are subject to the risks of any other investment but have heightened exposure to political and regulatory risk whereby a change in the political or regulatory regime governing the gaming industry in a particular jurisdiction where Clairvest's gaming assets are located, including those internationally, could have an impact on the ultimate returns of that investment. In addition, many of these investments involve the construction of a gaming facility whereby not only is Clairvest underwriting the risk of completing the facility on budget, but it is also relying on forecasted gaming revenue, versus historical results, which is only a best estimate. While a project is in construction and for a specified period thereafter, the owners of a newly constructed gaming facility may have to guarantee some or all of the bank facility or agree to fund any operating shortfall. The Company manages this risk through oversight responsibilities with existing investee companies and by reviewing the financial condition of investee companies regularly. Historically, Clairvest has been able to manage all these risks but past performance of Clairvest provides no assurance of future success.

***Risks upon sale of investments***

In connection with the disposition of an investee company, Clairvest and the CEP Funds may be required to make representations about the business and financial affairs of the business. Clairvest and the CEP Funds may also be required to indemnify the purchasers of such investee companies to the extent that any such representation turns out to be incorrect, inaccurate, or misleading.

***Investment structure and taxation risks***

Clairvest structures its investments in a manner that is intended to achieve its investment objectives. There can be no assurance that the structure of any investment will be as tax efficient as designed or that any particular tax result will be achieved, due to unanticipated tax law changes or unforeseen circumstances during the planning phase of the tax structuring. Furthermore, Clairvest's returns in respect of its investments may be reduced by withholding or other taxes imposed by jurisdictions in which Clairvest's investee companies are organized.

**Other risks**

***Credit risk***

Credit risk is the risk of a financial loss occurring as a result of default of a counterparty on its obligations to the Company. For the quarter ended September 30, 2023, there were no material income effects on changes of credit risk on financial assets. The Company manages credit risk on corporate investments through thoughtful planning, strict investment criteria, significant due diligence of investment opportunities and oversight responsibilities with existing

investee companies and by conducting activities in accordance with investment policies that are approved by the Board of Directors. Management's application of these policies is regularly monitored by the Board of Directors. Management and the Board of Directors review the financial condition of its investee companies regularly.

The Company is also subject to credit risk on its accounts receivable and loans receivable, a significant portion of which are with its investee companies and its CEP Funds. The Company manages this risk through its oversight responsibilities with existing investee companies by reviewing their financial conditions regularly, and through its fiduciary duty as manager of the CEP Funds and by maintaining sufficient uncalled capital for the CEP Funds to settle obligations as they come due.

The Company manages counterparty credit risk on derivative instruments by only contracting with counterparties which are Schedule 1 Canadian chartered banks.

The Company manages credit risk on its treasury funds by conducting activities in accordance with the fixed income securities policy which is approved by the Audit Committee. The Company also manages credit risk by contracting with counterparties which are Schedule 1 Canadian chartered banks or through investment firms where Clairvest's funds are segregated and held in trust for Clairvest's benefit. With respect to the other fixed income securities under temporary investments, the Company reviews the credit quality of the counterparties through underwriting information provided by agents or brokers which are specialized in brokering these investments and in each case the Company's investment in these counterparties represents the most senior security in the counterparty's capital structure. Management's application of these policies is regularly monitored by the Audit Committee. Management and the Audit Committee review credit quality of cash equivalents and temporary investments regularly.

#### ***Liquidity risk***

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they come due. Financial obligations arising from off-statement of financial position arrangements have been previously discussed. Accounts payable, loans payable, and derivative instruments have maturities of less than one year. Management participation liability, share-based compensation liability, and amounts accrued under the Bonus Program are only due upon cash realization or completion of the respective vesting periods. Total unfunded commitments to co-invest alongside the CEP Funds, as described were \$573.7 million as at September 30, 2023. The timing of any amounts to be funded under these commitments is dependent upon the timing of investment acquisitions, which are made at the sole discretion of the Company.

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining a conservative liquidity position that exceeds all liabilities payable on demand. The Company invests treasury funds in liquid assets such that they are available to cover any potential funding commitments and guarantees. In addition, the Company maintains a \$100.0 million credit facility which was undrawn as at September 30, 2023.

As at September 30, 2023, Clairvest had treasury funds, inclusive of those held at acquisition entities, of \$440.8 million and access to \$100.0 million in credit to support its obligations and current and anticipated corporate investments. Clairvest also had access to \$1.6 billion in uncalled committed third-party capital through the CEP Funds as at September 30, 2023 to invest along with Clairvest's capital.

#### ***Conflicts of interest risk***

Clairvest's primary business is that of a private equity investor investing its own capital but it also manages third-party capital through the CEP Funds. In accordance with the various fund agreements for the CEP Funds, Clairvest is required to invest alongside the CEP Funds unless the relevant CEP Fund investor committee approves such an investment to be invested by Clairvest without the CEP Funds' participation. Accordingly, Clairvest shareholders may not realize the full benefit of Clairvest investment opportunities as such opportunities are required to be shared with the CEP Funds.

#### ***Risk of CEP Fund Limited Partners' failure to meet capital calls***

The general partner of the CEP Funds is responsible to manage the affairs of the CEP Funds, which includes calling capital for investments made by the CEP Funds. If a limited partner of the CEP Funds fails to make the required capital contribution when due, Clairvest could be required to increase its investment under certain conditions. The general partner



of the CEP Funds manages this risk through designing the terms of the CEP Funds appropriately and due diligence of potential limited partners of the CEP Funds prior to admitting them to the partnership.

***Minority shareholder risks***

As at September 30, 2023, Clairvest's Board of Directors and employees owned approximately 76% of Clairvest's common shares and the CEO owned or controlled over 50% of the total common shares of the Company. Accordingly, the CEO and other insider shareholders have the ability to exercise substantial influence with respect to Clairvest's affairs and can usually dictate the outcome of shareholder votes and may have the ability to prevent certain fundamental transactions.

Accordingly, Clairvest shares may be less liquid and trade at a relative discount compared to circumstances where such large shareholders did not have the ability to significantly influence or determine matters affecting Clairvest.

**DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

In accordance with National Instrument 52-109, "Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings", issued by the Canadian Securities Administrators ("CSA"), Management has evaluated the effectiveness of Clairvest's disclosure controls and procedures as at September 30, 2023 and concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by Clairvest in its corporate filings is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time period for the quarter then ended.

National Instrument 52-109 also requires certification from the CEO and the Chief Financial Officer to certify their responsibilities for establishing and maintaining internal controls with regards to the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Management has evaluated Clairvest's design and operational effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting for the quarter ended September 30, 2023. Management has concluded that the design of internal controls over financial reporting was effective and operated as designed as at September 30, 2023 based on this evaluation. There were no changes in internal controls during the most recent interim period that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, internal controls over financial reporting. The Company has not identified any weakness that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**USE OF NON-IFRS MEASURES**

This MD&A contains references to various non-IFRS financial measures, including "book value" and "book value per share". Book value is calculated as the value of total assets less the value of total liabilities. Book value per share is calculated as book value divided by the total number of common shares of the Company outstanding as at a specific date. The terms book value and book value per share do not have any standardized meaning according to IFRS. There is no comparable IFRS financial measure presented in the Company's consolidated financial statements and thus no applicable quantitative reconciliation for such non-IFRS financial measure. The Company believes that the measure provides information useful to its shareholders in understanding our performance, and may assist in the evaluation of the Company's business relative to that of its peers.

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*A number of the matters discussed in this MD&A deal with potential future circumstances and developments and may constitute "forward-looking" statements. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified as such because of the context of the statements and often include words such as the Company "believes", "anticipates", "expects", "plans", "estimates" or words of a similar nature.*

*The forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The impact of any one risk factor on a particular forward-looking statement is not determinable with certainty as such factors are interdependent upon other factors, and management's course of action would depend upon its assessment of the future considering all information then available.*

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*All subsequent forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. The Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements should circumstances or management's estimates or opinions change.*