#### **ANNEX B**

**Product name:** Blackstone European Private Credit Fund SICAV - ECRED Feeder SICAV - I (the "Fund")

Legal entity identifier: 2138004HS37SYQRWR224

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Blackstone European Private Credit Fund SICAV Prospectus, as may be amended from time-to time (the "**Prospectus**").

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

governance practices.

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

or not.

### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?								
•		Yes	•	$\boxtimes$	No			
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	It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a social objective:%			It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments				



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

The Fund will invest substantially all of its assets into a sub-fund of Blackstone European Private Credit Fund (Master) FCP, a master fund organized as a Luxembourg multi-compartment mutual fund. The sub-fund of ECRED Master FCP will invest through the ECRED Aggregator, a subsidiary established as a Luxembourg special limited partnership for the purpose of indirectly holding the Investments of ECRED. These disclosures should be read accordingly.

The environmental and social characteristic promoted by the Fund is engagement with the aim of achieving a minimum environmental, social, sustainability profile of Private Credit Investee Companies by reference to a proprietary ESG maturity scoring tool (the "ESG Maturity Indicator").

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

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

BXCI believes that its engagement activities may not only improve environmental, social, sustainability profiles, but may also enable better management of long-term investment risks.

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

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

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

- 1. The aggregate number of ESG engagements carried out during the reporting period with ESG Engagement Targets or their sponsor, as applicable. Examples of such engagements may include, but are not limited to:
  - i. the provision of (an) ESG resource(s) (e.g. Policy Guide/Carbon Playbook/Cybersecurity Assessment/Decarbonization Accelerator);
  - ii. a substantive discussion or chain of discussions, whether verbal, in writing or otherwise, (as determined by the AIFM (or its delegate) acting in good faith) with the BXCI ESG Team or any other relevant BXCI team, broader Blackstone ESG Team, Blackstone Cybersecurity team and/or BXCI Value Creation team on a particular ESG topic or matter;
  - iii. the introduction of a BXCI verified consultant or service provider; and
  - iv. a response to a BXCI ESG Questionnaire.
- 2a. The absolute number of Private Credit Investee Companies in the portfolio scored using the ESG Maturity Indicator.
- 2b. The proportion of Private Credit Investee Companies in the portfolio<sup>1</sup> scored using the ESG Maturity Indicator.
- 2c. The proportion of scored Private Credit Investee Companies in the portfolio<sup>2</sup> which have received ESG Maturity Indicator scores above 60.

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

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social

environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

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

- 3. The proportion, by absolute number, of Private Credit Investee Companies to whom the BXCI ESG Questionnaire was sent during the reporting period to enable more detailed monitoring and reporting across ESG metrics.
- 4. Fund carbon footprint (Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, metric tons of CO2e /EUR million invested), reported to the extent disclosed by or estimated in respect of Investee Companies.

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

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

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

most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and

anti- bribery

matters.

**Principal** 

adverse

impacts are the



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

☐ Yes

**⋈** No



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

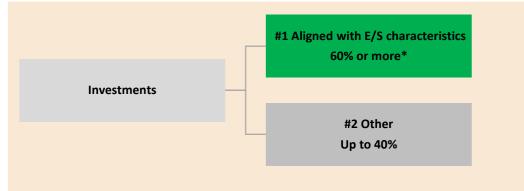
# What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

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

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

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

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



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

Asset allocation describes the

share of

investments in specific assets.

aligned
activities are
expressed as a
share of:
- turnover
reflecting the
share of
revenue from
green activities
of investee
companies
- capital

Taxonomy-

- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. - operational expenditure

(OpEx)

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

- **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.
- **#2** Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

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

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



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

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

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

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

criteria for
fossil gas
include
limitations on
emissions and
switching to
fully renewable
power or low-
carbon fuels by
the end of 2035.
For <b>nuclear</b>
energy, the
criteria include
comprehensive
safety and
waste
waste management
waste

To comply with

the EU Taxonomy, the

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

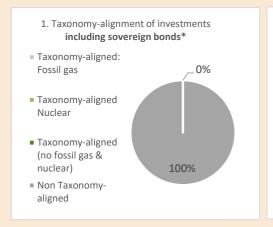
Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

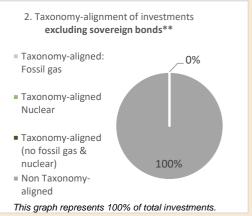
Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy <sup>4</sup> ?					
	Yes: ☐ In fossil gas	☐ In nuclear energy			
$\boxtimes$	No				

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

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

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





- \* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures
- \*\* Note that the Fund may invest in sovereign bonds from time to time as a means of generating liquidity for its portfolio and therefore this figure is subject to minor adjustment

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

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



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

Investments included under "#2 Other" may consist of but are not limited to: cash and/or cash equivalents held for liquidity purposes, derivatives held for hedging purposes for which there are no minimum environmental or social safeguards, Opportunistic Credit and Private Credit investments where the Investee Company has not: (i) been scored using the ESG Maturity Indicator; or (ii) is an ESG Engagement Target in respect of which engagement has not been carried out.

Before making any Private Credit or Opportunistic Credit investments, BXCI will typically conduct due diligence that it deems reasonable and appropriate based on the facts and circumstances applicable to each Investment. Amongst other matters, due diligence may entail evaluation of important and complex environmental, social and governance issues. Furthermore, BXCI maintains an ESG policy and intends to apply that policy to ECRED investment activities. Depending on the investment, certain ESG factors could have a material effect on the return and risk profile of the investment. The Sponsor endeavors to consider material<sup>5</sup> ESG factors where applicable in connection with its investment activities. However,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As used herein, "material" ESG factors are defined as those ESG factors that the Sponsor determines have—or have the potential to have—a material impact on an investment's going-forward ability to create, preserve or erode economic value for that organization and its stakeholders. The word "material" as used herein should not necessarily be equated to or taken as a

in respect of derivative financial instruments held for hedging purposes and cash equivalents it may not be possible to apply meaningful social or environmental safeguards.



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

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representation about the "materiality" of such ESG factors under the US federal securities laws or any similar legal or regulatory regime globally.