



## **SPROTT BRIDGING INCOME FUND**

Q2 2017 Commentary

In July, the Bank of Canada raised its benchmark interest rate for the first time in seven years suggesting that economic conditions are supportive of an end to perpetual low interest rates. We suspect that rates will continue to march higher from here in both the short and medium term. Our loans to borrowers are priced using a spread over a prime borrowing rate. Therefore, higher rates under a rising interest rate environment are passed through to our Borrowers which, in turn, are passed through to our investors in the form of higher yield for the Fund. Further, unlike traditional fixed income, our underlying loans to Borrowers have generally short terms and our loans are constantly maturing with proceeds redeployed by our team into new deals.

More so than ever, we are confident that the environment for private debt will remain attractive, where other traditional asset classes are reaching full valuation levels and may be susceptible to volatility in the coming year. We continue to apply the same methodology as we have employed since the Fund's inception: focus on borrowers that are underserved by traditional financial institutions and therefore require alternative sources of capital to meet their funding requirements. The value we add to prospective borrowers is that we will provide short-term capital at a reasonable cost of funds where there is sufficient collateral support and where we are comfortable that there are multiple exits identified within our anticipated term of the loan. From the Borrower's perspective, we react quickly to opportunities and are not confined to standard bank credit boxes, providing the Borrower with flexibility in their credit requirements. In exchange, the Fund is compensated with higher yield.

In the first two quarters of 2017, the Fund had over \$150MM in loans that matured and were repaid in full. We are thrilled when our Borrowers do transition to a lower cost of capital as it indicates that our investment thesis has proven correct and that we have successfully transitioned a Borrower while earning strong returns through the process. We have had a very busy first half of the year and have redeployed the capital into new loans and we currently have a very robust pipeline.

One of the deals we have funded in the quarter is outlined below:

### **Profiled Investment**

#### **Eastern Canada Manufacturer**

We recently completed a follow on investment for a large Eastern Canada based operation which manufactures key components used in the chemical industry. The Company is supported by a large U.S. based private equity fund, has attracted considerable Government support, employs over 300 people, and has significant customer contracts in hand. We were referred to this Borrower by one of the Canadian banks who were unable to provide the required capital in time for the Borrower's capital commitments.

We thank you for your continued support.

#### **David Sharpe**

Chief Executive Officer  
Bridging Finance Inc.

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## MONTHLY RETURNS OF SPROTT BRIDGING INCOME FUND LP REFERENCE SERIES OF CLASS F (%)<sup>1</sup>

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
<b>2017</b>	0.53	0.53	0.62	0.62	0.65	0.76							3.76
<b>2016</b>	0.59	0.55	0.52	0.54	0.71	0.72	0.69	0.65	0.59	0.74	0.73	0.75	8.07
<b>2015</b>	0.99	0.68	0.75	0.59	0.72	0.64	0.92	0.77	0.71	0.63	0.63	0.57	8.95
<b>2014</b>	0.71	0.75	0.86	0.72	0.72	0.76	0.83	0.81	0.95	0.89	0.72	0.94	10.10
<b>2013</b>											0.11	0.63	0.74

## COMPOUNDED RETURNS OF SPROTT BRIDGING INCOME FUND LP (%)<sup>1</sup>

	1 MTH	YTD	3 MTH	6 MTH	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	ANNUALIZED INCEPTION (11/21/13)
SPROTT BRIDGING INCOME FUND LP, SERIES F	0.76	3.76	2.05	3.76	8.14	8.74	-	-	8.79



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