



# in Asset-Backed Finance

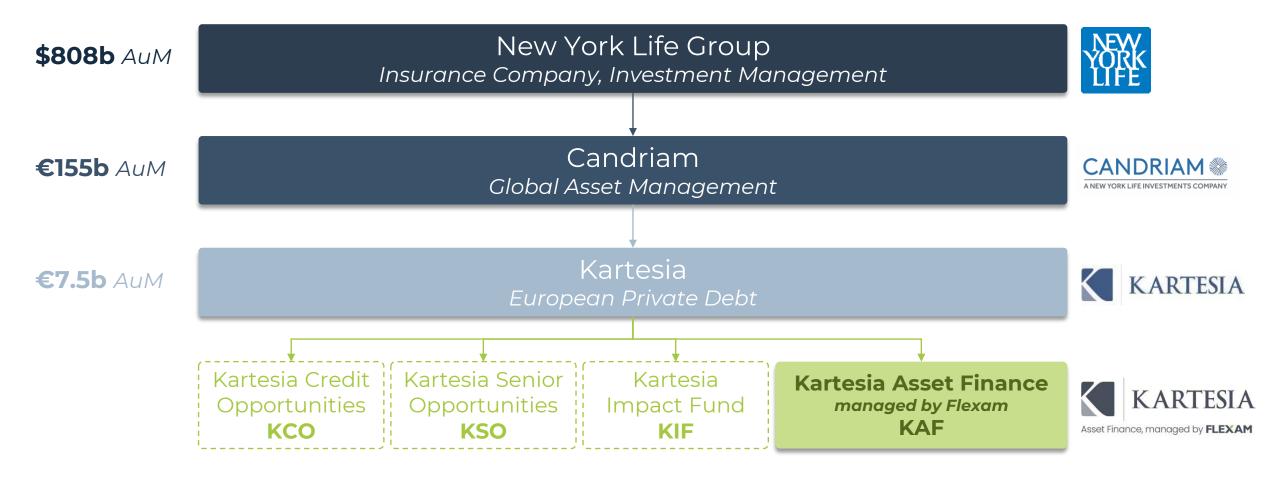


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# The New York Life Global Investment Platform





# Kartesia at a glance



Established European debt platform since 2009 dedicated to the European lower mid-market ("LMM") corporate borrower base

- Lower Mid-Market
- Sponsorless deals
- **Defensive** & cash-generating businesses
- Proven track record





Source: Kartesia, as of June 2025. Figures relate to KCO III, KCO IV, KCO V, KCO VI, KSO I, KIF, parallel vehicles, and SMAs since inception (2013) 1. Kartesia team as of August 2025, including Flexam Invest and excluding interns; 2. AUM at August 2025, including Flexam Invest; 3. Relates to Kartesia's main funds, sub-funds, parallel vehicles, and SMAs since inception (2013); 4. Including CLOs

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Asset-Backed Finance

A fast-growing segment of Private Debt

# What is asset-backed finance (ABF)?



Asset-backed finance is the practice of issuing loans secured by tangible or financial assets

# Specialty finance: \$5.5 trillion



Consumer Finance

\$3.4 trillion

Automobile loans Credit card debt Consumer loans



Commercial Finance

\$0.8 trillion

Factoring
Supply-chain contracts
Receivables inventory



Contractual
Cash Flows

<\$0.05 trillion

Royalties
Litigation settlements
Future payments from
contracts





Hard Assets

\$1.3 trillion

Aircraft
Business vehicles
Rail and containers
Shipping



Real Estate

Residential properties Commercial buildings Construction projects Land

# What is asset-backed finance for KAF?



A portfolio of tangible, mobile assets, with a decarbonization and/or ESG angle

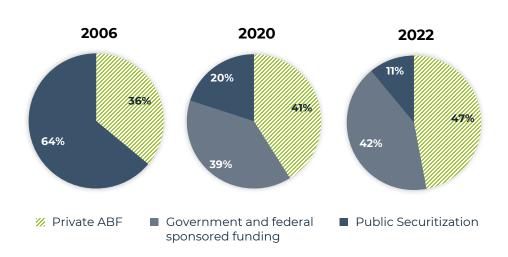


## ABF Market Trends & Momentum

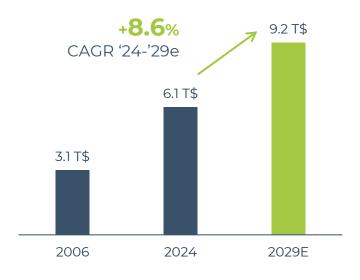


A growing segment driven by private capital and increased institutional demand

#### ABF makes its mark on the global market



#### Rapid worldwide growth for ABF



# **KKR**

Henry H. McVey, September 2023

From a tactical point of view, our top-down models suggest that credit through real assets is particularly attractive in the current environment.

### CARLYLE

Carlyle Infrastructure Credit Outlook, June 2024

Private institutional lenders are therefore in a privileged position to take advantage of the apparent and growing mismatch between supply and demand in infrastructure financing.

### **CASTLELAKE**

Castlelake, April 2024

We also believe that asset-based private credit can offer investors attractive risk-adjusted returns while providing downside protection and low market correlation.

# Hard asset focus: Exploring the value proposition of ABF



Key benefits in ABF: Investors vs Borrowers



# Banks: Traditional ABF Leaders, Now Pulling Back



Reduced appetite for illiquid asset-backed exposures creates room for private ABF funds.



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# Kartesia Asset Finance III

A unique defensive Fixed Income profile

# Private Debt Specialised in Asset-Backed Lending (ABL)

KAF offers a Senior Secured ABL strategy, focusing on hard assets



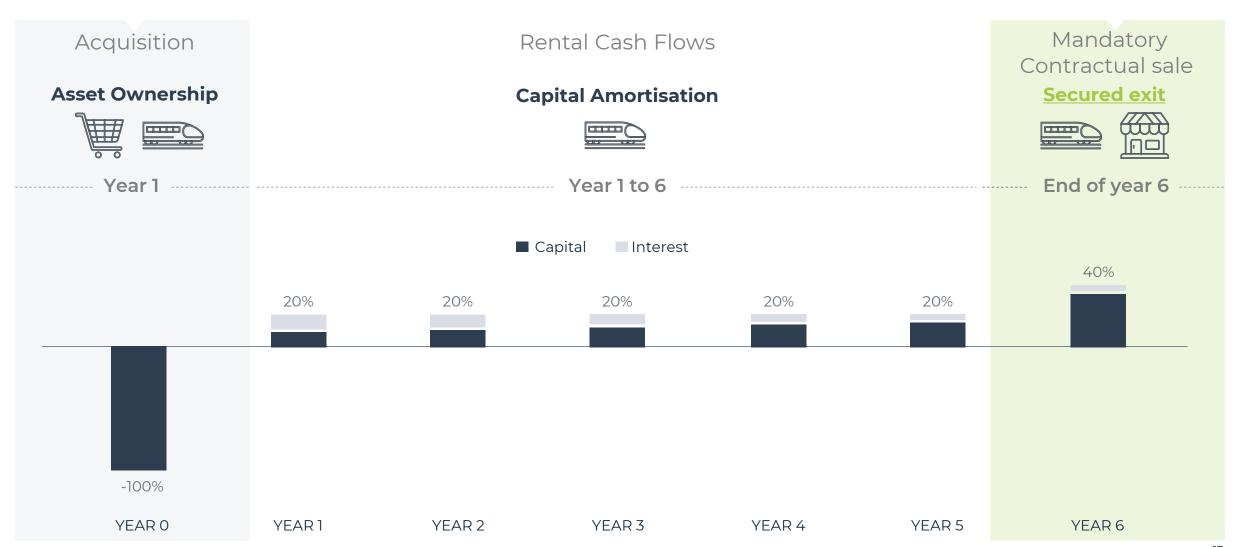
Mobile
Standard
BtoB
Core to Cash Flow generation

Source: KKR research estimates as of September 2024

# Asset-Backed Lending - Fixed Income Profile



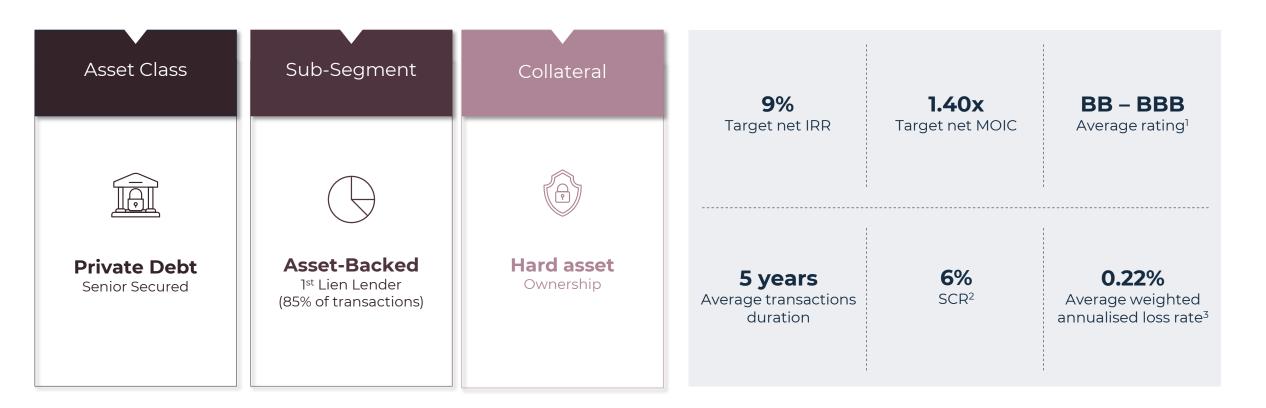
Fixed and predicable cash flows with strong capital protection



# Asset-Backed Lending - A Defensive and Distributive Positioning



### Fund positioning & risk/return targets



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(1) Unofficial shadow ratings according to Moody's RiskCalc results; (2) Average SCR over the life of the fund, according to the EU Solvency II directive; (3) Average weighted per block Club Deals, FTAIF II: (Losses + Provisions) / Amounts invested / Years



# Deal Case Study

#### Maritime / Energy

#### Context and industrial issues

- Our client intended to take over one of its main competitors and become the main Crew Transfer Vessels (CTVs) operator worldwide
- Demand for CTVs is forecasted to grow at +7.5% CAGR up until 2027 as the offshore wind industry will continue to ramp up

- Operation required swiftness to secure the acquisition
- They trust our client:







#### Solution provided by Flexam

- Flexam acquired the fleet of our client's competitor while the client company took over its competitor's operations and commercial contracts
- Full asset financing provided by Flexam through a sale-andleaseback solution to ensure rapidity of execution and payment

Flexam made available an additional envelop to finance upcoming upgrades for the vessels



Investment	May 2019 – June 2020
Assets acquired	25 CTVs
Acquisition	19.9m€
Maturity	6 years with call options
Gross IRR	9.1%

#### CTV





# Deal Case study

#### Aviation / Mission critical services

 HBG is the market leader in France, with over 80 helicopters in 30 different airbases.

#### Context

The Airbus H145 D3 is one of the most versatile helicopters on the market and therefore it's in very strong demand (20 months waiting list).

This helicopter will benefit from an underlying contract of 12 years (10+2) with the SAMU de Créteil covering the entire period of financing.

#### Flexam added value

- The amortization profile provided by Flexam has enabled MBH Samu to achieve relatively low rental costs.
- Flexam's offer has therefore allowed MBH Samu to submit a competitive and winning bid to Samu de Creteil.
- The successful completion of the first transaction between Flexam and HBG, along with Flexam's knowledge of the asset and the market played a key role in this transaction.



Investment	Q2 2023
Assets acquired	Airbus H145 D3
Acquisition	7.7m€
Maturity	6 years with call options
Gross IRR	<b>11.1%</b>

#### Airbus H145

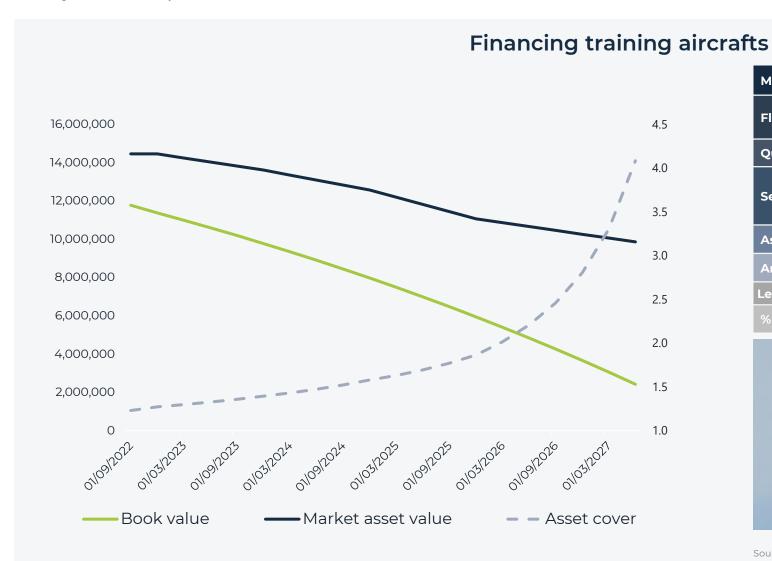




# Asset Cover Case Study

# KARTESIA Asset Finance, managed by FLEXAM

# Analysis Example



Market value	14.4 m€ (external evaluation)
Flexam book value	11.8 m€ (outstanding balance - deposit - reserve)
Quarterly rent	766 k€
Security	Direct access to asset payments. Reserve = 2 quarters (partly via a letter of credit issued by a Tier 1 bank)
Asset lifetime	20 years
Amortization period	7 years
Lease term	5 years
% of last rent	30%



Sources: Flexam Invest, 31 December 2024





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# Kartesia Asset Finance III

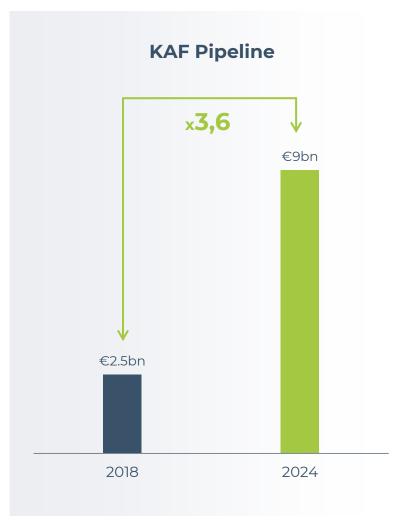
A secured and sustainable investment approach

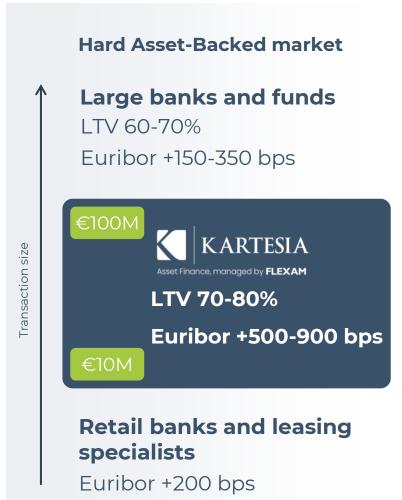
# An Attractive Investment Opportunity



Benefiting from sustained market growth and structural demand-supply imbalance



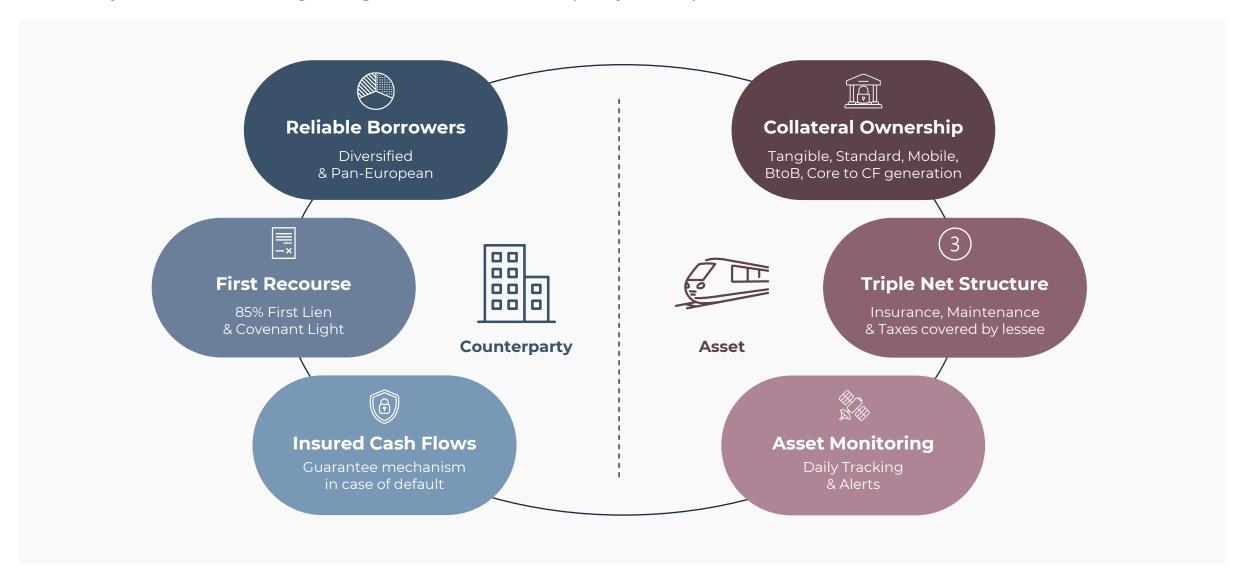




# A Dual-Secured Investment Framework



A dual-layer structure integrating asset and counterparty-level protection



# An Integrated ESG Approach



ESG is core to our investments and to our activities - Article 8 SFDR





Fund I

50%

of investments finance the energy transition

Fund II

75%

of assets contribute to the reduction of CO2 emissions

KAF III

70%

75%

EIF's Climate Action & Environmental Sustainability criteria

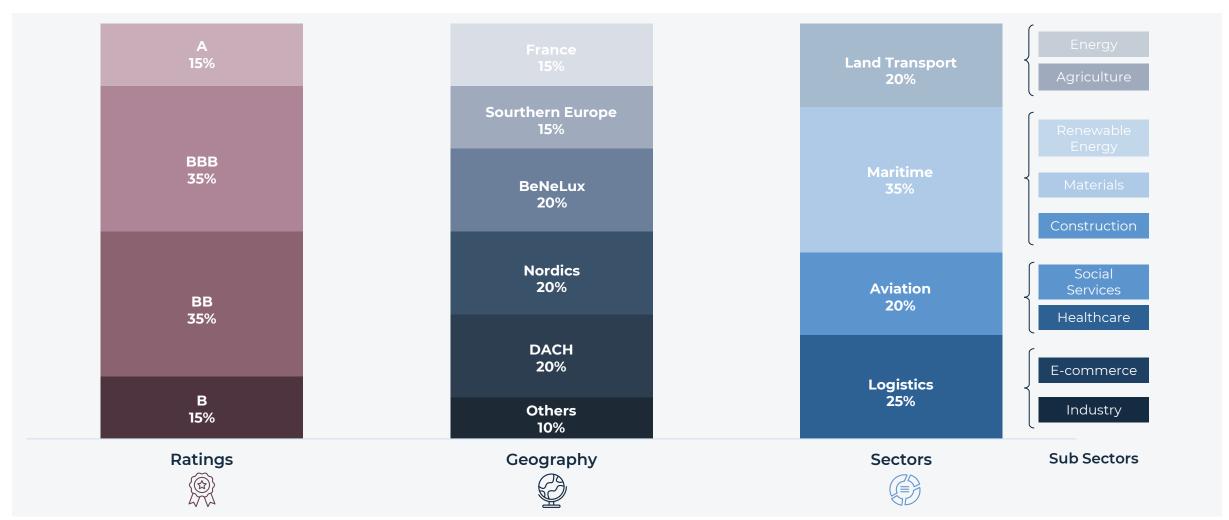
KAF III

CO2 emissions

# KAF III - A Very Diversified Portfolio



KAF III targets a **9% net IRR** with a portfolio of **30 transactions** in OECD European countries, **well-diversified** across sub-sectors and operators



# Track Record

Strong momentum supported by diversified investor demand





#### **Fundraising objectives**



€1.5bn financed assets by 2027



Worldwide Expansion
Middle East SMA
Asian Institutionals



KAF III Launched in Q2 2025 EIF entry at 1st Closing

# KAF III - Terms and Conditions



#### KAF III launched on Kartesia funds platform

€500m Target size

Senior Secured Private Debt



Asset-Backed Subsegment

Fund name	Kartesia Asset Finance III
AIFM	Kartesia Management SARL, Luxembourg
General Partner	Kartesia Asset Finance III GP SARL, Luxembourg
Investment Advisor	Flexam Invest Asset Management SAS, France (regulated by the AMF)
Domiciliation	RAIF, Reserved Alternative Investment Fund, Luxembourg Securitization Vehicle, Luxembourg
AIFM Regulator	CSSF, Luxembourg (Financial Sector Supervisory Commission)
Fund maturity	8 years, with a possible extension of 2 x 1 year
Investment period	4 years
First closing	Q2 2025
Distribution	Quarterly distributions from the end of the fundraising period
SCR	6% on average, over the total duration of the fund
GP Commitment	1.00%



European **SME** 



**Energy Transition Award** 

Management fees

**Carried interest** 

€250k ≤ **AR1** 1.75% 15% > IRR 4% Full catch up

€250k ≤ **A1** < €5m 1.25%

> 15% > IRR 5% Full catch up

€5m < **A2** < €25m

1.00%

15% > IRR 5% Full catch up **A3** ≥ €25m 0.90%

12% > IRR 5.5%

Sustainable

themes and

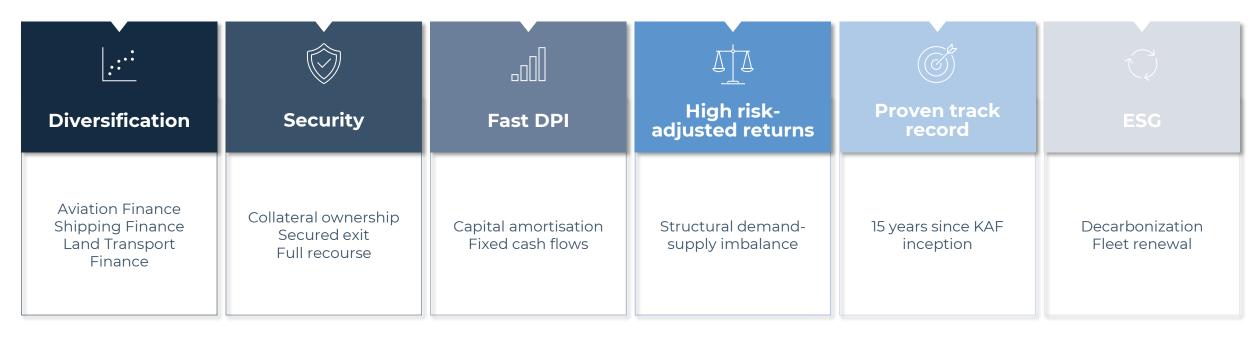
trends

<sup>\*</sup>The target IRR is not guaranteed. Neither target performance nor past performance is indicative of future results and there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve comparable results

# KAF III - Value Proposition



### A secure platform offering consistent distributions and proven value creation



# Lowest correlation

to other asset classes<sup>1</sup>

0.22%

Average weighted annualised loss rate<sup>2</sup>

**Quarterly** distributions

9% net IRR 6% SCR<sup>3</sup>

**260** transactions

70%
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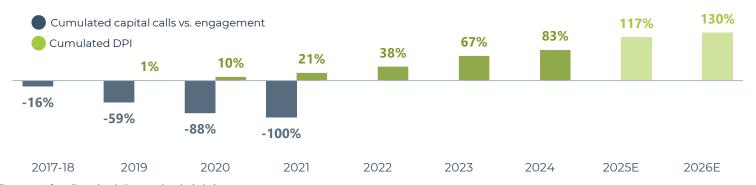
# Track Record



#### Fund I (closed) delivers a return above 10% gross IRR

		Fonds I
<u>()</u>	Vintage	2017
	Subscribed capital (excl. co-investments) (€m)	€75m (100% called)
	Co-investments (€m)	€10m (100% called)
童	Total number of investments	15 / 15
ĵį	Current number of investments (after exits)	7
	Weighted Average Life (WAL)	0.0 year
€	Financed assets (€m)	€185m
	First lien / Second lien	46% / 54%
á	Cumulated distribution (end of July)	116%
ââí	Target gross IRR	10%
Ŏ	Average rating	BB+

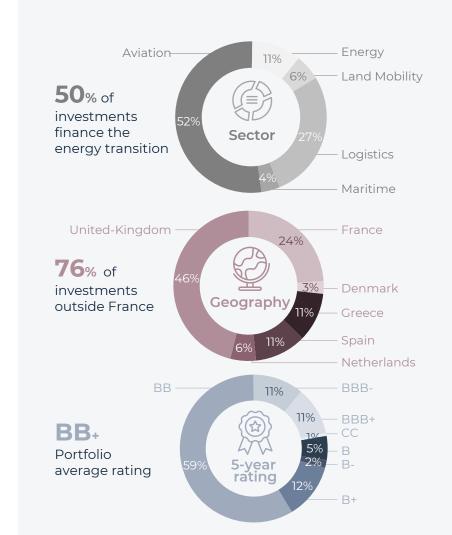
#### Net investors' estimated cash flows\*



(\*) payment of median subscription premium included

Sources: Flexam Invest, from June 2025

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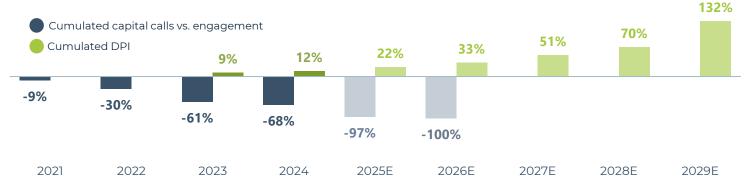
# Track Record



#### Fund II is deploying €254 million until 2025

		Fonds II
<u>(</u> )	Vintage	2021
$\Rightarrow$	Subscribed capital (excl. co-investments) (€m)	€254m (71% called)
$\Rightarrow$	Co-investments (€m)	€36m (100% called)
盒	Total number of investments	21/25
ÎĮ	Current number of investments (after exits)	21
	Weighted Average Life (WAL)	3.8 years
€	Financed assets (€m)	€355m
<b>(</b>	First lien / Second lien	73% / 27%
	Cumulated distribution (end of July)	16%
íÔiÓ	Target gross IRR	11%
Ö	Average rating	BB+

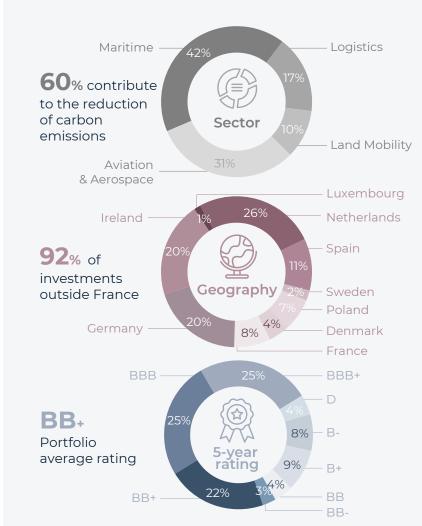
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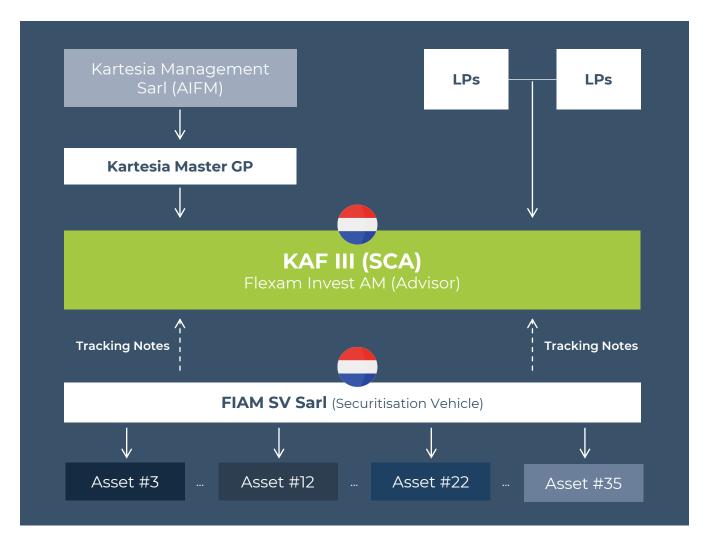
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# KAF III - Structure and domiciliation



#### Final structure



#### KAF III is a Luxembourg-domiciled fund RAIF

- The purpose of the Luxembourg securitisation vehicle is to purchase, hold and lease assets (transaction guarantee).
- For each sub-fund, the securitisation vehicle issues a tracking note subscribed by the RAIF fund.
- Approximately 90% of the transactions is in the form of Senior Loans (First or Second Lien), secured by the assets.

# Flexam chose to create its third vintage fund in Luxembourg

- Quality experts and service providers (legal, financial, AIFM)
- EU membership
- Segregated system (no recourse on assets between transactions)

# Principles and Practice of Our Investment Approach

KARTESIA

Asset Finance, managed by FLEXAM

A dedicated and strengthened team in 2025

**PARTNERS** 



**Adrien Coffy** 

Alexandre Melamed

Investment Associate

**FINANCE** 

INVESTOR RELATIONS



**Ezio Moioli**Financial Controller



Olivier Fitoussi
Director Investor
Relations



**Florian de Sigy** Managing Partner

**Fabrice Fraikin** 

Managing Partner



Louis Douady
Aerospace
Investment Director

Investment Manager



**Tristan Berger** *Aerospace*Investment Analyst



**Fatma Abdennadher** Financial Controller



**Charline Zamanian**Associate Investor
Relations



**Damien Granger** Investment Director & Partner



Julien Pierret
Shipping
Investment Director



**Lucas Planchon** *Shipping*Investment Manager



**Céleste Cottet**Data & Investment
Manager



**Laura Fernandez** Investment Analyst

# Experienced and committed partners



### Experienced managing team with strong industrial and international experience



**Fabrice Fraikin** Managing Partner

Bain & Company JP Morgan Renault-Nissan Group

**BA Paris-Dauphine** MSc EM Lyon



Florian de Sigy Managing Partner

Gamma Finance Deutsche Bank Société Générale

MSc EM Lyon **Executive MBA INSEAD** 



Damien Granger, CFA Partner Investment Director

Société Générale

Ecole Centrale Lyon **HEC Paris** IAE Lvon **ENASS** 

Fabrice has over 25 years of experience in Finance and Strategy.

He started his career in 1995 at Renault in the finance department. From 2000 to 2006, he held various positions at JP Morgan in London, then joined Bain & Company in financial services consultancy

He founded Flexam Invest in 2011.

Fabrice is a graduate of the Université Paris Dauphine and EMLyon Business School.

Florian has over 25 years' professional experience in finance.

He began his career in 1994 at Société Générale and Thomson CSF Ventures. In 2002, he joined Deutsche Bank in London as Managing Director in charge of European coverage of equity structured products.

He founded Gamma Finance in 2009 before joining Flexam Invest in 2016 as Managing Partner.

He is a graduate of EMLyon Business School and Insead's Executive MBA.

Damien heads the investment team. He is in charge of deploying the funds KAF III (2025) and Flexam TAIF II (2021), and monitoring the first fund, Flexam TAIF I (2018).

He began his career at Société Générale's Inspection Générale in 2009, then in 2014 he developed the Group's long-term financing.

In 2018, he became Director within Société Générale's Asset Finance team.

Damien Granger, CFA, is a graduate of École Centrale de Lyon, HEC Paris, IAE Lyon and ENASS.

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