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Executive Summary

Operational and financial results for the three-month period ("Q4 2023") and year ("Fiscal 2023") ended December 31, 2023 for SIR Royalty Income Fund (the "Fund") include:

Pooled Revenue and Same Store Sales ("SSS") (1)

- The Royalty Pooled Restaurants had a SSS(1) decline of 2.4% in Q4 2023 and a SSS(1) increase of 8.5% for Fiscal 2023, compared to the corresponding periods a year ago. Pooled Revenue decreased by 0.2% to $64.7 million in Q4 2023, compared to $64.9 million in the three-month period ended December 31, 2022 ("Q4 2022"), and increased by 10.5% to $266.0 million in Fiscal 2023, compared to $240.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2022 ("Fiscal 2022").
- Jack Astor's®, which accounted for approximately 69.2% of Pooled Revenue in Q4 2023, had a SSS(1) decline of 5.1% in Q4 2023 and a SSS(1) increase of 5.4% for Fiscal 2023.
- Scaddabush Italian Kitchen & Bar ("Scaddabush")® had SSS(1) increases of 8.9% and 18.4% in Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023, respectively
- The Signature Restaurants had a SSS(1) decline of 4.4% in Q4 2023 and a SSS(1) increase of 16.4% for Fiscal 2023.

Royalty Income and Equity Income from SIR Royalty Limited Partnership (the "Partnership")

- Royalty income in the Partnership remained consistent at $3.9 million in Q4 2023 compared to $3.9 million in Q4 2022, and increased to $16.0 million in Fiscal 2023 from $14.4 million in Fiscal 2022.
- Equity income from the Partnership, which represents the Fund's pro rata share of the residual distributions of the Partnership, increased to $2.8 million in Q4 2023 from $2.6 million in Q4 2022. Equity income was $11.1 million in Fiscal 2023, compared to $10.8 million in Fiscal 2022.

Net Earnings/Loss

- Net earnings were $11.3 million for Q4 2023 compared to $7.8 million for Q4 2022.
- Net earnings were $19.1 million for Fiscal 2023 compared to $44.4 million for Fiscal 2022.
- Net earnings per Fund unit were $1.35 (basic) and $1.21 (diluted) for Q4 2023 compared to $0.93 (basic) and $0.84 (diluted) for Q4 2022. Net earnings per Fund unit were $2.28 (basic) and $2.14 (diluted) for Fiscal 2023 compared to $5.30 (basic) and $4.75 (diluted) for Fiscal 2022.

Distributable Cash(1) and Payout Ratio(1)

- Distributable cash(1) per Fund unit was $0.27 (basic and diluted) for Q4 2023 and $1.18 (basic and diluted) for Fiscal 2023, compared to $0.22 (basic and diluted) for Q4 2022 and $1.37 (basic) and $1.34 (diluted) for Fiscal 2022.
- The Fund's payout ratio(1) was 120.0% in Q4 2023 compared to 155.8% in Q4 2022, and 100.0% in Fiscal 2023 compared to 93.4% in Fiscal 2022. The payout ratio(1) since the Fund's inception to December 31, 2023, was 100.0%, in line with the Fund's target payout ratio.

Amendments to SIR Corp.'s Credit Agreement, payment of royalties and interest on the SIR Loan

For more details regarding the Credit Agreement and all related amendments up until the latest amendment on June 6, 2023, please refer to the Fund and SIR Corp.'s prior interim and annual filings, which can be found on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca under the Fund's profile.

On June 6, 2023, SIR Corp. ("SIR") and its Lender entered into the Tenth Amending Agreement ("Tenth Amendment") to its Credit Agreement. The Tenth Amendment provides for the following:

(1) Same store sales ("SSS"), same store sales growth ("SSSG"), Distributable cash and payout ratio are non-GAAP financial measures and do not have standardized meanings prescribed by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS Accounting Standards"). For additional information regarding these financial measures, including full details on how these financial measures are calculated, see the "Description of Non-IFRS Accounting Standards Measures" section of this MD&A (page 22).

- extension of the maturity date from July 6, 2023 to July 6, 2026, with the exception of the guaranteed facility with Export Development Canada (the "EDC-Guaranteed Facility") which has a new maturity date of July 6, 2024,
- reduced interest rates with the exception of the interest rate on the guaranteed facility with Business Development Bank of Canada (the "BDC-Guaranteed Facility"), which remains fixed at 4.0% per annum, and
- reduction of Banker's acceptance fees on Credit Facility 1 and Credit Facility 2, with Credit Facility 2 reverting to a revolving term facility.

The Tenth Amendment provides SIR with greater certainty and availability of funding, enabling SIR to continue to invest in restaurant renovations, new restaurants and other initiatives to help drive growth in revenue and SSS(1).

On June 6, 2023, as part of the Tenth Amendment, the Fund and the Partnership entered into an acknowledgement agreement with the Lender acknowledging, among other things:

- receipt of a copy of the Tenth Amending Agreement, and
- that none of either: entering the agreement, borrowing under the agreement, or performing any of the obligations under the agreement shall breach any of the terms or constitute an event of default under any of the Fund's or the Partnership's existing agreements with SIR.

Same Store Sales ("SSS")(1)

SIR reported to the Fund that the Royalty Pooled Restaurants had a cumulative SSS(1) decline of 2.4% in Q4 2023 and a SSS(1) increase of 8.5% for Fiscal 2023. SSS(1) are typically impacted by changes in guest traffic, average cheque amount and other factors as identified below.

Segmented SSS(1) performance for Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023 is detailed in the following table:

	Three-month period ended				**Twelve-month period ended**			
(in thousands of dollars except percentage of segmented same store sales)	December 31, 2023 Segmented Same Store Sales	December 31, 2022 Segmented Same Store Sales	December 31, 2023 Change in Segmented Same Store Sales	December 31, 2022 Change in Segmented Same Store Sales	December 31, 2023 Segmented Same Store Sales	December 31, 2022 Segmented Same Store Sales	December 31, 2023 Change in Segmented Same Store Sales	December 31, 2022 Change in Segmented Same Store Sales
Jack Astor's	44,797	47,210	(5.1%)	39.3%	189,497	179,737	5.4%	71.6%
Scaddabush	13,523	12,414	8.9%	32.4%	51,669	43,629	18.4%	69.5%
Signature	5,136	5,372	(4.4%)	74.6%	19,117	16,428	16.4%	251.3%
Overall SSS(1)	**63,456**	**64,996**	**(2.4%)**	**40.0%**	**260,283**	**239,794**	**8.5%**	**76.7%**

During Q4 2023, consolidated SSS(1) decreased compared to Q4 2022 primarily as a result of declines in delivery sales and dine-in guest traffic, partially offset by price increases. Management believes that the decline in delivery sales and dine-in guest traffic is partially due to current macroeconomic factors, such as inflation and increased interest rates, and their impact on discretionary consumer spending. In response to these macroeconomic factors, SIR continues to innovate and provide immersive new product and service offerings to increase dine-in guest visits and to capitalize on the rapid growth of take-out and delivery services in commercial foodservice. The SSS(1) increase during Fiscal 2023 was mainly due to increased pricing and the cessation of all pandemic-related operating restrictions in March 2022.

Jack Astor's, which accounted for approximately 69.2% of Pooled Revenue in Q4 2023, had a SSS(1) decline of 5.1% in Q4 2023 and an increase of 5.4% for Fiscal 2023. Jack Astor's SSS(1) performance includes all 37 locations. The SSS(1) decline in Q4 2023 is primarily attributable to declines in delivery sales and dine-in guest traffic, partially offset by price increases. The SSS(1) increase in Fiscal 2023 reflects the cessation of all pandemic-related operating restrictions in March 2022 and increased prices, partially offset by a greater number of restaurant closures to complete renovations during the first nine months of 2023 compared to 2022 (refer to the "Restaurant Renovations" section for a description of all locations renovated and the respective durations of the temporary closures).

Scaddabush SSS(1) performance for Q4 2023 includes eight out of the ten locations. The Scaddabush locations in Etobicoke and Whitby, Ontario, are excluded from the calculation of SSS(1) in Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023 as they were not open and included in Pooled Revenue for the entire comparable periods in Fiscal 2023 and Fiscal 2022. SIR permanently closed the Scaddabush location in the Mimico neighborhood of Etobicoke, Ontario, effective November 28, 2023 and the sales from this location have also been excluded from the calculation of SSS(1) for Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023. Scaddabush generated SSS(1) growth of 8.9% and 18.4% in Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023, respectively, reflecting growth in dine-in guest traffic and price increases, partially off-set by a decline in delivery sales. The SSS(1) increase in Fiscal 2023 is also partially attributable to the cessation of pandemic related operating restrictions in March 2022.

The Signature Restaurants SSS(1) performance includes three restaurants (Reds® Wine Tavern, Reds® Square One, and the Loose Moose Tap & Grill®). The Reds® Kitchen + Wine Bar Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ontario, is excluded from the calculation of SSS(1) in Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023 as it was not open and included in Pooled Revenue for the entire comparable periods in Fiscal 2023 and Fiscal 2022. The Signature Restaurants had a SSS(1) decline of 4.4% in Q4 2023 and a SSS(1) increase of 16.4% in Fiscal 2023.The decline in Q4 2023 was primarily attributable to lower guest counts, as discussed above, partially offset by price increases. The SSS(1) increase in Fiscal 2023 reflects price increases and the cessation of pandemic related operating restrictions in March 2022.

Pooled Revenue

The Fund is indirectly dependent on the amount of the Royalty paid by SIR to the Partnership. The amount of this Royalty is dependent on Pooled Revenue. Pooled Revenue is the revenue of the SIR Restaurants included in Royalty Pooled Restaurants. As at December 31, 2023, there were 51 restaurants included in Royalty Pooled Restaurants. Increases or decreases in Pooled Revenue are derived from SSS(1) growth or declines, and new or permanently closed SIR Restaurants subject to the SIR Rights. Pooled Revenue is affected by the risks associated with the operations and financial condition of SIR, the commercial foodservice industry generally and the casual and fine dining segment of the commercial foodservice industry in particular.

The following table sets out Pooled Revenue for the three-month and twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

Summary of Pooled Revenue

(in thousands of dollars except number of restaurants included in Pooled Revenue)	Three-month period ended December 31, 2023		Three-month period ended December 31, 2022		Twelve-month period ended December 31, 2023		Twelve-month period ended December 31, 2022	
	Pooled Revenue	Restaurants included in Pooled Revenue	Pooled Revenue	Restaurants included in Pooled Revenue	Pooled Revenue	Restaurants included in Pooled Revenue	Pooled Revenue	Restaurants included in Pooled Revenue
Jack Astor's	44,797	37	47,230	37	189,497	37	179,747	37
Scaddabush	14,803	10	12,803	9	57,400	10	45,580	9
Canyon Creek	-	-	-	2	-	-	659	2
Signature	5,136	4	4,833	3	19,117	4	14,693	3
Total Pooled Revenue	64,736	51	64,866	51	266,014	51	240,679	51

Pooled Revenue in Q4 2023 remained consistent with Q4 2022, as declines in delivery sales, dine-in guest traffic and the permanent closure of the Scaddabush located in the Mimico neighbourhood in Etobicoke, Ontario effective November 28, 2023, were offset by price increases. The increase in Pooled Revenue during Fiscal 2023 was primarily attributable to increased pricing and the additional revenue generated from the new Scaddabush located in Etobicoke, Ontario, and the Reds Kitchen + Wine Bar located in Niagara Falls, Ontario, which were added to the Royalty Pool effective January 1, 2023. The temporary closures of ten restaurant locations during Fiscal 2023 to complete renovations also had a negative impact on Pooled Revenue for Fiscal 2023 (refer to the "Restaurant Renovations" section below for further information).

During Fiscal 2023, the Renegade Chicken trial earned revenues of $0.5 million compared to $1.2 million in Fiscal 2022, which are included in Pooled Revenue. In accordance with the trial (please refer to the "New and Closed Restaurants" section below for more details), SIR paid 6% of these revenues earned by Renegade Chicken to the Partnership.

Restaurant Renovations

SIR's Management is committed to maximizing the performance of all of its restaurants. SIR believes that investing in restaurant renovations is a key performance-enhancing initiative. In light of current levels of operation, SIR continues to invest in a program of restaurant renovations and strategic, new restaurant growth activities.

During Fiscal 2023, SIR completed the following ten restaurant renovations:

- The Jack Astor's in Kanata, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for four days during Q1 2023,
- The Jack Astor's in Etobicoke, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for 14 days during Q2 2023,
- The Jack Astor's in Kingston, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for seven days during Q2 2023,

- The Jack Astor's in South London, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for five days during Q3 2023,
- The Jack Astor's in Vaughan, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for 10 days during Q3 2023.
- The Reds Square One in Mississauga, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for four days during Q3 2023.
- The Jack Astor's in Newmarket, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for 13 days during Q4 2023,
- The Jack Astor's in Ottawa, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for seven days during Q4 2023,
- The Jack Astor's at Dundas Square, Toronto, resulting in the closure of this location for five days during Q4 2023, and
- The Jack Astor's in Scarborough, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for five days during Q4 2023.

Subsequent to Fiscal 2023, SIR completed one restaurant renovation:

- The Jack Astor's in Ancaster, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for 13 days during Q1 2024.

During Fiscal 2022, SIR completed the following five restaurant renovations:

- The Jack Astor's in North London, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for five days during Q3 2022,
- The Jack Astor's in Whitby, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for eight days during Q4 2022,
- The Jack Astor's in Barrie, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for 11 days during Q4 2022,
- The Jack Astor's in Brampton, Ontario, resulting in the closure of this location for nine days during Q4 2022, and
- The Jack Astor's in Don Mills, Toronto, resulting in the closure of this location for five days during Q4 2022.

These renovations were undertaken to implement a refreshing, more contemporary and immersive guest-facing experience.

New and Closed Restaurants

SIR currently owns 52 restaurants, including one seasonal restaurant, in Canada. Since the Fund's Initial Public Offering in October 2004, SIR has opened 44 new restaurants (22 Jack Astor's, four Canyon Creek restaurants, 11 Scaddabush restaurants, four Reds restaurants, two Duke's Refresher® + Bar locations ("Duke's Refresher"), and one seasonal restaurant (Abbey's Bakehouse® restaurant) and one seasonal retail outlet (Abbey's Bakehouse). During this same period, SIR closed 23 restaurants (six Jack Astor's restaurants, six Canyon Creek restaurants, three Alice Fazooli's restaurants, two Scaddabush restaurants, three Reds restaurants, two Duke's Refresher restaurants and one Signature restaurant) and the seasonal Abbey's Bakehouse retail outlet.

During Q1 2022, SIR converted its Canyon Creek location at the Fallsview Casino Resort in Niagara Falls, Ontario, into the new Reds Kitchen + Wine Bar Fallsview, which opened on March 31, 2022. This former Canyon Creek location was a Royalty Pooled Restaurant, but it had not been in operation since the onset of the pandemic in mid-March 2020. In accordance with the License and Royalty Agreement between SIR and the Partnership, this former Canyon Creek location was treated as a permanently closed restaurant and the new Reds Kitchen + Wine Bar Fallsview became a new Royalty Pooled Restaurant effective January 1, 2023. Subsequent to Q4 2023, SIR permanently closed Reds Kitchen + Wine Bar Fallsview effective December 31, 2023 (the final day of operation) and it ceased to be a Royalty Pooled Restaurant on January 1, 2024.

The last remaining Canyon Creek restaurant, located in Etobicoke, Ontario, in close proximity to the Pearson International Airport, was permanently closed effective May 23, 2022. SIR opened a new Scaddabush restaurant at this location on August 1, 2022, and it became a new Royalty Pooled Restaurant effective January 1, 2023.

During Q3 2023, on September 1, 2023, SIR opened a new Scaddabush restaurant in Whitby, Ontario. SIR has elected, as is its option, under the License and Royalty Agreement, to treat this location as a New Additional Restaurant. This new Scaddabush restaurant was added to Royalty Pooled Restaurants on January 1, 2024.

During Q4 2023, SIR permanently closed the Scaddabush restaurant located in the Mimico neighbourhood in Etobicoke, Ontario, effective November 28, 2023. This restaurant ceased to be a Royalty Pooled Restaurant on January 1, 2024.

During Q4 2023, SIR permanently closed the Reds Wine Tavern restaurant located in downtown Toronto, effective December 31, 2023 (the final day of operation). This restaurant ceased to be a Royalty Pooled Restaurant on January 1, 2024. SIR plans to open a new, Italian-themed, fine dining restaurant brand at this location called Edna + Vita, which is currently under construction.

Subsequent to Q4 2023, on February 27, 2024, SIR opened a new Scaddabush restaurant in the Don Mills neighborhood in Toronto, Ontario. SIR has elected, as is its option, under the License and Royalty Agreement, to treat this location as a New Additional Restaurant. This new Scaddabush restaurant is anticipated to be added to Royalty Pooled Restaurants on January 1, 2025.

SIR began offering Renegade Chicken takeout and delivery services again on a trial basis as of January 27, 2022. The services were initially offered out of 21 Jack Astor's locations in Ontario, with two additional Jack Astor's locations added to the trial as of February 16, 2022. SIR agreed to pay an amount equal to 6% of the revenues earned from the trial to the Partnership. The trial was initially scheduled to continue until March 31, 2022, at SIR's option. Effective March 29, 2022, SIR opted to extend the trial until August 28, 2022, but reduced the number of Jack Astor's locations supporting the trial to eight locations. On August 29, 2022 and on December 15, 2022, respectively, the Trustees of the Fund approved further extensions of the trial, under the existing terms, until December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023, respectively. The trustees have agreed to further extend the trial until August 25, 2024 to coincide with SIR Corp.'s fiscal year end. In exchange, SIR will continue to pay 6% of the revenues arising therefrom to the Partnership. The Renegade Chicken brand offers a variety of fried chicken sandwiches, fingers and wings, paired with freshly cut in-house fries, and is capitalizing on the emergence of fried chicken growth brands in the fast casual dining space.

As at the date of this report, SIR has commitments to lease five properties in Barrie, London, Guelph and Oshawa, Ontario and at the intersection of Queen Street East and Broadview in Toronto, upon which it plans to build one new Jack Astor's, three new Scaddabush restaurants and one new Duke's Refresher. There can be no assurance at this time that these planned new restaurants will be opened or will become part of the Royalty Pooled Restaurants.

SIR's management continues to monitor consumer confidence and economic conditions such as interest rates and consumer spending patterns. Based on the assessment of these conditions and the timing of any new restaurant construction, the opening schedules will be reviewed regularly by SIR's management and adjusted as necessary.

Distributions

Distributions to unitholders are intended to be made monthly in arrears based on distributable cash(1) and cash redemptions of Fund units and subject to the Fund retaining such reasonable working capital and other reserves as may be considered appropriate by the Trustees of the Fund. It is the Fund's intention to pay even distributions and, if possible, maintain consistent monthly distributions to unitholders. The Fund intends to make monthly distributions of its available distributable cash(1) to the extent possible.

During Fiscal 2023, monthly distributions of $0.095 per Fund unit were declared and paid. A special year-end cash distribution of $0.0425 per Fund unit was also declared and paid during the month of December 2023, as the Fund had excess distributable cash(1) available.

Subsequent to Fiscal 2023, distributions of $0.095 per Fund unit were declared and paid on January 31, 2024 and February 29, 2024, respectively, to unitholders of record as at January 19, 2024 and February, 16, 2024, respectively. On March 12, 2024, a distribution of $0.095 per Fund unit was declared to be paid on March 28, 2024, to unitholders of record as at March 21, 2024.

The payout ratio(1) of cash distributed to distributable cash(1) is intended to average 100% per annum over the long term. The Fund has the objective of paying even monthly distributions to unitholders, while its underlying cash flow from the Partnership is subject to seasonal fluctuations (as experienced by SIR). As a result, there are times during the year when the Fund's payout ratio(1) exceeds or is lower than 100%. The payout ratio(1) of cash distributed to distributable cash(1) for Q4 2023 was 120.0%, compared to 155.8% for Q4 2022, and 100.0% for Fiscal 2023 compared to 93.4% for Fiscal 2022. The payout ratio(1) since the Fund's inception in 2004, to December 31, 2023, is 100.0%, which is in line with the Fund's target payout ratio of 100%.

Please refer to page 12 for distributable cash(1) and a description of the Fund's payout ratio(1) and page 13 for a summary of monthly distributions since inception.

Overview and Business of the Fund

On October 1, 2004, the Fund filed a final prospectus for an initial public offering of units of the Fund (the "Offering"). The net proceeds of the Offering of $51.2 million were used by the Fund to acquire, directly, certain bank debt of SIR and indirectly, through SIR Holdings Trust (the "Trust"), all of the Ordinary LP Units of the Partnership. The Partnership owns the Canadian trademarks (the "SIR Rights") formerly owned or licensed by SIR or its subsidiaries and used in connection with the operation of the majority of SIR's restaurants in Canada. The Partnership has granted SIR a 99-year license to use the SIR Rights in most of Canada in consideration for a Royalty, payable by SIR to the Partnership, equal to 6% of the revenue of the Royalty Pooled Restaurants (the "License and Royalty Agreement"). The Partnership also issued its own securities to SIR in return for the SIR Rights acquired. The Fund indirectly participates in the revenue generated under the License and Royalty Agreement through its investment in the Partnership. The Partnership's financial statements are provided separately on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca under the SIR Royalty Income Fund's profile "Other" category and on SIR's website at www.sircorp.com.

The units of the Fund are publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol SRV.UN.

Overview and Business of SIR and the Partnership

SIR, which stands for Service Inspired Restaurants, is a private company amalgamated under the Business Corporations Act of Ontario. As at December 31, 2023, SIR owned 53 Concept Restaurants and Signature Restaurants in Canada (in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland). The Concept Restaurants include Jack Astor's Bar and Grill and Scaddabush Italian Kitchen & Bar. The Signature Restaurants are Reds Square One and the Loose Moose Tap & Grill. As at December 31, 2023, SIR also owned one Duke's Refresher located in downtown Toronto, and one seasonal restaurant, Abbey's Bakehouse, which are considered Signature restaurants, but are not part of Royalty Pooled Restaurants. SIR owns 100% of its Canadian restaurants. As at December 31, 2023, 51 SIR Restaurants were included in Royalty Pooled Restaurants.

SIR believes that Duke's Refresher has multi-unit growth potential and has advised the Fund that Duke's Refresher should be considered as a potential New Concept Restaurant brand. As such, the earliest that any Duke's Refresher could be added to the Royalty Pool would be the Adjustment Date following the earlier of: (i) the date that four Duke's Refresher restaurants are open for business at the same time, and (ii) 90 days following the end of SIR's fiscal year in which revenues from all Duke's Refresher restaurants in Canada first exceed $12.0 million (the "Trigger Event"). As neither of these events occurred before August 28, 2022, Duke's Refresher was not added to the Royalty Pool on January 1, 2024.

The Partnership has the option for a period of six months following delivery of notice of the Trigger Event by SIR to purchase, effective on the next Adjustment Date, any and all associated Canadian trade-mark rights in respect of Duke's Refresher (the "Duke's Refresher Rights"), subject to the Partnership licensing the Duke's Refresher Rights back to SIR for a period of 99 years. SIR and the Partnership have the opportunity to negotiate and agree upon the amount of the consideration to be paid to SIR for the Duke's Refresher Rights. Under circumstances that are similar to those involving the SIR Rights, it is expected that the principles underlying the valuation of the Royalty and the Determined Amount as they relate to the SIR Rights shall apply, with necessary changes, to the extent deemed appropriate under the circumstances. If the Partnership elects not to exercise its option, or if the Partnership and SIR fail to agree on the terms of the purchase of the Duke's Refresher Rights, the Partnership shall have a right of first refusal, so long as the License and Royalty Agreement concerning the SIR Rights remains in effect, and exercisable for a period of 30 days from the date the Partnership receives notice and details of the proposed terms of the third party offer, to purchase the Duke's Refresher Rights should SIR wish to sell, directly or indirectly, all or substantially all of the Duke's Refresher Rights to a third party dealing at arm's length with SIR.

If the Partnership elects not to exercise the foregoing option, then, subject to the right of first refusal, SIR shall be free to operate the business relating to Duke's Refresher and exploit the Duke's Refresher Rights on its own behalf or otherwise.

On January 1 of each year (the "Adjustment Date"), the restaurants subject to the Partnership Agreement are adjusted for new restaurants that have been open for at least 60 days prior to the Adjustment Date and which were not previously included in Royalty Pooled Restaurants. Under the formula as defined in the Partnership Agreement, the number of Class A GP Units issued to SIR on the Initial Adjustment date is equal to 80% of the estimated value of the additional Royalty revenue. Additional Class B GP Units may be converted to Class A GP Units in respect of these new SIR Restaurants if the actual revenues of the new SIR Restaurants exceed 80% of the Initial Adjustment Date's estimated revenue applied to the formula defined in the Partnership Agreement. Conversely, Class A GP Units would be converted to Class B GP Units by SIR if the actual revenues of the new SIR Restaurants are less than 80% of the Initial Adjustment Date's estimated revenue. On January 1 of each year, SIR will reconvert the Class A GP Units received to Class B GP Units for the permanent closure of a SIR Restaurant.

In December of each year, an additional distribution will be payable to the Class B GP Unitholders based on actual revenues of the new SIR Restaurants exceeding 80% of the Initial Adjustment Date's estimated revenue or there will be a reduction in the cash distributions to the Class A GP Unitholders if revenues are less than 80% of the Initial Adjustment Date's estimated revenue. The additional distribution results in an adjustment to SIR's share of the Partnership income to reflect the actual contribution of the revenues of the new SIR Restaurants for the fiscal year. As this amount is not declared until December 31st, when the actual revenues for the New Additional Restaurants are known, the effect of this adjustment is not included in the results of quarters one through three.

The Partnership has granted SIR a 99-year license to use the SIR Rights in most of Canada in consideration for a Royalty, payable by SIR to the Partnership, equal to 6.0% of the revenue of the Royalty Pooled Restaurants. The Partnership also issued its own securities to SIR in return for the SIR Rights acquired.

SIR has advised the Partnership that it believes a Partnership Change of Control occurred during 2023, but SIR GP Inc. has advised that it disagrees. The parties have both reserved their rights in respect of that issue.

The Class A GP Units are entitled to receive a pro rata share of all residual distributions of the Partnership and are exchangeable into Units of the Fund on a one for one basis.

SIR continues to offer Renegade Chicken takeout and delivery services on a trial basis and the trial is expected to continue until August 25, 2024, as approved by the Trustees of the Fund (refer to the "New and Closed Restaurants" section of this MD&A for further information about the agreement between SIR and the Partnership).

On January 1, 2024, one new SIR Restaurant was added (January 1, 2023 – two) to the Royalty Pooled Restaurants in accordance with the Partnership Agreement. As consideration for the additional Royalty associated with the addition of one new SIR Restaurant on January 1, 2024 (January 1, 2023 – two) as well as the Second Incremental Adjustment for two new SIR Restaurants added to Royalty Pooled Restaurants on January 1, 2023 (January 1, 2022 – one), SIR converted its Class B GP Units into Class A GP Units based on the formula defined in the Partnership Agreement. In addition, there was a re-conversion of Class A GP Units into Class B GP Units for the permanent closure of three (January 1, 2023 – two) SIR Restaurants during 2023. The net effect of these adjustments to Royalty Pooled Restaurants was that SIR returned 212,825 Class A GP Units into 212,825 Class B GP Units (January 1, 2023 – SIR converted 90,958 Class A GP Units into Class B GP Units) on January 1, 2024, decreasing the value of the SIR Rights by $1.6 million (January 1, 2023 – increasing the value of the SIR rights by $1.5 million).

In addition, the revenues of the two (January 1, 2022 – nil) new SIR Restaurants added to Royalty Pooled Restaurants on January 1, 2023 were less than 80% of the Initial Adjustment's estimated revenue and, as a result, the distributions of the Class A GP Units were reduced by a special conversion refund of $0.05 million in December 2023 and paid in February 2024 (no conversion distributions effective in December 2022 as no new SIR Restaurants were added to Royalty Pooled Restaurants on January 1, 2022).

SIR's fiscal year is comprised of 13 periods of four weeks each, ending on the last Sunday in August. To preserve this year-end, an additional week must be added approximately every five years. Fiscal quarters of SIR consist of accounting periods of 12, 12, 12 and 16 (or 17) weeks. SIR's fiscal years for 2023 and 2022 both consisted of 52 weeks.

Consolidated financial statements of SIR can be found at www.sedarplus.ca under the SIR Royalty Income Fund profile, under "Other" and on SIR's website at www.sircorp.com.

Seasonality

The full-service restaurant sector of the Canadian foodservice industry, in which SIR operates, experiences seasonal fluctuations in revenues. Favourable summer weather generally results in increased revenues during SIR's fourth quarter (ending the last Sunday in August) when patios have been open for an extended period. Additionally, certain holidays and observances also affect guest dining patterns both favourably and unfavourably. Accordingly, equity income from the Partnership recognized by the Fund will vary in conjunction with the seasonality in revenue experienced by SIR. The Fund's intention is to pay even distributions in order to reduce the effect of seasonality, and if possible, allow the Fund to maintain consistent monthly distributions to unitholders.

Selected Consolidated Financial Information

The consolidated financial statements of the Fund are presented in Canadian dollars, and are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS Accounting Standards"). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Fund and its subsidiaries, namely the Trust and SIR GP Inc. The information in this Management's Discussion and Analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Fund, including the notes thereto. The Fund has been in existence since August 23, 2004, and began operating on October 12, 2004 upon closing of the Offering.

The following table sets out selected financial information of the Fund and the Partnership:

Financial Highlights

(in thousands of dollars or units, except restaurants and per unit amounts) *(audited)*	**Year ended December 31, 2023**	**Year ended December 31, 2022**
Royalty Pooled Restaurants	51	51
Pooled Revenue generated by SIR	266,015	240,679
Royalty income to Partnership - 6% of Pooled Revenue	15,961	14,441
Partnership other income	24	24
Recovery of impairment of financial and intangible assets	88	55,973
Partnership expenses	(118)	(130)
Partnership earnings	15,955	70,308
SIR's interest (Class A, B and C GP Units)	(4,881)	(5,037)
SIR's interest (recovery of impairment of intangible and financial assets)	-	(54,435)
Partnership income allocated to Fund[(2)]	11,074	10,836
Recovery of investment in Partnership and financial assets	-	30,066
Other income	-	49
Change in estimated fair value of the SIR Loan[(3)]	12,250	8,000
	23,324	48,951
General & administrative expenses	(590)	(625)
Net earnings before income taxes of the Fund	22,734	48,326
Income tax expense	(3,620)	(3,917)
Net earnings for the year	19,114	44,409
Basic earnings per Fund unit	$2.28	$5.30
Weighted average number of Fund units outstanding – Basic	8,376	8,376
Net earnings for the year – Diluted	20,487	45,896
Weighted average number of Class A GP Units	1,200	1,291
Weighted average number of Fund units outstanding – Diluted	9,576	9,667
Diluted earnings per Fund unit	$2.14	$4.75

Both Fiscal 2023 and Fiscal 2022 include the Class A GP Units in the calculation of diluted earnings per Fund Unit since the conversions were dilutive.

(2) The Fund, indirectly through the Trust, holds all of the Ordinary LP Units and Class A LP Units of the Partnership. The holders of the Ordinary LP Units and Class A LP Units are entitled to receive a pro rata share of all residual distributions of the Partnership.

(3) Under IFRS 9, adopted on January 1, 2018, the SIR Loan will be recognized at fair value with changes in fair value being recorded in the consolidated statement of earnings.

Summary of Quarterly Financial Information

(in thousands of dollars or units, except restaurants and per unit amounts)	**Three-month periods ended** December 31, 2023	September 30, 2023	June 30, 2023	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 31, 2022	June 31, 2022	March 31, 2022
Royalty Pooled Restaurants	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
Pooled Revenue generated by SIR	64,736	68,792	71,122	61,366	64,866	68,667	68,016	39,117
Royalty income to Partnership - 6% of Pooled Revenue	3,884	4,128	4,267	3,682	3,892	4,120	4,081	2,348
Partnership other income	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Recovery (impairment) of financial and intangible assets	60	(12)	(35)	76	(31)	(32)	55,289	747
Partnership expenses	(16)	(58)	(23)	(21)	(34)	(33)	(45)	(18)
Partnership earnings	3,934	4,064	4,215	3,743	3,833	4,061	59,331	3,083
SIR's interest (Class A, B and C GP Units)	(1,180)	(1,243)	(1,256)	(1,202)	(1,238)	(1,275)	(1,383)	(1,141)
SIR's interest in recovery of impairment of intangible and financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	(54,435)	-
Partnership income allocated to Fund[(2)]	2,754	2,821	2,959	2,541	2,595	2,786	3,513	1,942
Recovery of financial and intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,464	420
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	37
Change in estimated fair value of the SIR Loan	9,750	1,000	2,750	(1,250)	6,750	1,750	-	(500)
	12,504	3,821	5,709	1,291	9,345	4,536	32,989	1,899
General & administrative expenses	(143)	(135)	(176)	(137)	(177)	(130)	(161)	(157)
Net earnings before income taxes of the Fund	12,361	3,686	5,533	1,154	9,168	4,406	32,828	1,742
Income tax expense	(1,076)	(718)	(972)	(854)	(1,367)	(298)	(1,566)	(687)
Net earnings for the period	11,285	2,968	4,561	300	7,801	4,108	31,262	1,055
Basic earnings per Fund unit	$1.35	$0.35	$0.54	$0.04	$0.93	$0.49	$3.75	$0.13
Weighted average number of Fund units outstanding – Basic	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376
Net earnings for the period – Diluted	11,599	3,327	5,260	630	8,157	4,492	31,906	1,055
Weighted average number of Class A GP Units	1,200	1,200	1,200	N/A	1,291	1,291	1,291	N/A
Weighted average number of Fund units outstanding – Diluted	9,576	9,576	9,576	N/A	9,667	9,667	9,667	N/A
Diluted earnings per Fund unit	$1.21	$0.35	$0.51	$0.04	$0.84	$0.46	$3.30	$0.13

Distributable Cash[1]

Distributable cash represents the amount of money which the Fund expects to have available for distribution to Unitholders of the Fund, and is calculated as cash provided by operating activities of the Fund, adjusted for the net change in non-cash working capital items including a reserve for income taxes payable, and the net change in the distribution receivable from the Partnership.

Distributable Cash[1]

(in thousands of dollars or units, except per unit amounts and payout ratio[1])	**Three-month period ended December 31, 2023**	**Three-month period ended December 31, 2022**	**Twelve-month period ended December 31, 2023**	**Twelve-month period ended December 31, 2022**
Cash provided by operating activities	2,462	3,259	8,041	11,583
Add/(deduct):				
Net change in non-cash working capital items[4]	(143)	1,322	(545)	891
Net change in income tax payable[4]	595	(931)	2,213	(968)
Net change in distribution receivable from the Partnership[4]	(629)	(1,849)	195	(22)
Distributable cash[1]	**2,285**	**1,801**	**9,904**	**11,484**
Cash distributed for the period	**2,743**	**2,806**	**9,904**	**10,721**
(Shortfall) surplus of distributable cash[1]	**(458)**	**(1,005)**	**-**	**763**
Payout ratio[1], [5]	120.0%	155.8%	100.0%	93.4%
Weighted average number of Fund units outstanding – Basic	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376
Distributable cash[1] per Fund unit – Basic	$0.27	$0.22	$1.18	$1.37
Distributable cash[1] for the period – Diluted[6]	2,599	2,180	11,277	12,994
Weighted average number of Class A GP Units	N/A	N/A	1,200	1,291
Weighted average number of Fund units outstanding – Diluted	N/A	N/A	9,576	9,667
Distributable cash[1] per Fund unit – Diluted	$0.27	$0.22	$1.18	$1.34

(4) Distributable cash is adjusted to exclude the net change in non-cash working capital items, the net change in income tax payable, and the net change in the distribution receivable from the Partnership, as the Fund's working capital requirements are not permanent and are primarily due to the timing of payments.

(5) It is the Fund's intention to pay even distributions to reduce the effect of seasonality. Higher payout ratios during the colder months of the year are expected with the pattern of seasonality in SIR's business, and it is anticipated that the payout ratio will decrease on average during the warm weather months.

(6) Diluted distributable cash per Fund unit is as follows: Distributable cash for the period, plus the distributions, net of income tax expense (recovery), related to the Class A GP Units, divided by the weighted average number of Fund units outstanding. The weighted average number of Fund units outstanding represents the weighted average number of Fund units outstanding (basic) plus the weighted average number of convertible Class A GP Units.

Summary of Quarterly Distributable Cash[1]

(in thousands of dollars or units, except per unit amounts and payout ratio[1])	**Three-month periods ended**							
	December 31, 2023	**September 30, 2023**	**June 30, 2023**	**March 31, 2023**	**December 31, 2022**	**September 30, 2022**	**June 30, 2022**	**March 31, 2022**
Cash provided by operating activities	2,462	1,569	3,042	968	3,259	4,179	2,657	1,488
Add/(deduct): Net change in non-cash working capital items[7]	(143)	(126)	(176)	(100)	1,322	(130)	(166)	(135)
Net change in income tax payable[7]	595	953	(765)	1,429	(931)	137	(1,130)	957
Net change in distribution receivable from the Partnership[7]	(629)	322	460	42	(1,849)	(1,078)	2,238	666
Distributable cash[1]	**2,285**	**2,718**	**2,561**	**2,339**	**1,801**	**3,108**	**3,599**	**2,976**
Cash distributed for the period	**2,743**	**2,387**	**2,387**	**2,387**	**2,806**	**3,392**	**2,261**	**2,261**
(Shortfall) surplus of distributable cash[1]	**(458)**	**331**	**174**	**(48)**	**(1,005)**	**(284)**	**1,338**	**715**
Payout ratio[1],[8]	120.0%	87.8%	93.2%	102.0%	155.8%	109.1%	62.8%	76.0%
Weighted average number of Fund units outstanding – Basic	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376	8,376
Distributable cash[1] per Fund unit – Basic	$0.27	$0.32	$0.31	$0.28	$0.22	$0.37	$0.43	$0.36
Distributable cash[1] for the period – Diluted[9]	2,599	3,077	3,261	2,669	2,180	3,492	4,060	3,262
Weighted average number of Class A GP Units	N/A	N/A	1,200	1,200	N/A	1,291	1,291	1,291
Weighted average number of Fund units outstanding – Diluted	N/A	N/A	9,576	9,576	N/A	9,667	9,667	9,667
Distributable cash[1] per Fund unit – Diluted[9]	0.27	$0.32	$0.31	$0.28	$0.22	$0.36	$0.42	$0.34

The payout ratio[1] of cash distributed to distributable cash[1] for Q4 2023 was 120.0%, compared to 155.8% in Q4 2022. The payout ratio[1] of cash distributed to distributable cash for Fiscal 2023 was 100.0%, compared to 93.4% for Fiscal 2022.

The payout ratio[1] of cash distributed to distributable cash[1] is intended to average 100% per annum over the long term. Since the Fund pays even monthly distributions when its underlying cash flow from the Partnership is subject to seasonal fluctuations (as experienced by SIR), there are times during the year when the payout ratio[1] may exceed or is lower than 100%. For example, the first quarter typically has lower sales volumes than the second and third quarters which include warmer summer months when patios are open.

(7) Distributable cash is adjusted to exclude the net change in non-cash working capital items, the net change in income tax payable, and the net change in the distribution receivable from the Partnership, as the Fund's working capital requirements are not permanent and are primarily due to the timing of payments.

(8) It is the Fund's intention to pay even distributions to reduce the effect of seasonality. Higher payout ratios during the colder months of the year are expected with the pattern of seasonality in SIR's business, and it is anticipated that the payout ratio will decrease on average during the warm weather months.

(9) Diluted distributable cash per Fund unit is as follows: Distributable cash for the period, plus the distributions, net of income tax expense (recovery), related to the Class A GP Units, divided by the weighted average number of Fund units outstanding. The weighted average number of Fund units outstanding represents the weighted average number of Fund units outstanding (basic) plus the weighted average number of convertible Class A GP Units.

A history of distributions is as follows:

Months Paid	Distribution per Unit
Inception to May 2006	$0.100
June 2006 to May 2007	$0.105
June 2007 to May 2008	$0.110
June 2008 to January 2011	$0.115
February 2011 to May 2012	$0.083[10]
June 2012 to May 2013	$0.088
June 2013 to March 2018	$0.095
April 2018 to August 2018	$0.100
September 2018 to October 2019	$0.105
November 2019 to February 2020	$0.0875
March 2020 to June 2021	Nil
July 2021 to August 2021	$0.070
September 2021 to September 2022	$0.090
October 2022 to date	$0.095
December 2012 Special Distribution	$0.050[11]
December 2017 Special Distribution	$0.020[11]
December 2021 Special Distribution	$0.100[11]
July 2022 Special Distribution	$0.135[11]
December 2022 Special Distribution	$0.050[11]
December 2023 Special Distribution	$0.0425[11]

Since the Fund's inception in October 2004 to December 31, 2023, the Fund has generated $146.1 million in cumulative distributable cash[1] and has paid cumulative cash distributions of $146.1 million, representing a cumulative payout ratio[1] (the ratio of cumulative cash distributions paid since inception to cumulative distributable cash[1] generated) of 100.0%.

(10) As a result of certain legislative changes to the tax treatment of income trusts, corporate income taxes became applicable to the taxable income of the Fund effective January 1, 2011. Accordingly, the distributions, starting with the January 2011 distribution (declared and paid in February 2011), were reduced for the impact of income taxes.

(11) The special year-end distributions of: $0.05 per unit declared in December 2012 (paid in January 2013), $0.02 per unit declared (paid in December 2017), $0.10 per unit declared in December 2021 (paid in December 2021), $0.135 per unit declared in July 2022 (paid in July 2022), $0.05 per unit declared in December 2022 (paid in December 2022) and $0.0425 per unit declared in December 2023 (paid in December 2023) were declared because additional distributable cash was available and approved by the Trustees of the Fund to be distributed.

The following table provides disclosure regarding the relationship between cash flows from operating activities and net earnings, and historical distributed cash amounts:

(in thousands of dollars) *(audited)*	**Year ended December 31, 2023**	**Year ended December 31, 2022**
Cash provided by operating activities	8,041	11,583
Net earnings for the year	19,114	44,409
Cash distributed for the year	9,904	10,721
(Shortfall) excess of cash provided by operating activities over cash distributed for the year(12)	**(1,863)**	**862**
Excess of net earnings for the period over cash distributed for the year(13)	**9,210**	**33,688**

The $1.9 million shortfall of cash provided by operating activities over cash distributed for the period compared to $0.9 million in excess cash for the prior year was primarily a result of the normalization of income in a post-pandemic environment without material loss provisions or recoveries.

The Partnership recognized an impairment recovery of $0.09 million during Fiscal 2023 (Fiscal 2022 – impairment recovery of $1.7 million) on the royalty payments receivable. The Fund recognized an impairment recovery of $nil (Fiscal 2022 – impairment recovery of $0.9 million) on the interest receivable from SIR based on the repayment of all previously deferred amounts owing during Fiscal 2022 and management's assessment of the SIR-specific risk.

The $9.2 million excess of net earnings over cash distributed for Fiscal 2023 compared to $33.7 million for Fiscal 2022 was primarily due to a $29.0 million reversal of previous impairments to the Fund's investment in the Partnership in the prior period.

Balance Sheet

The following table shows total assets and unitholders' equity of the Fund:

(in thousands of dollars)	**December 31, 2023**	**September 30, 2023**	**June 30, 2023**	**March 31, 2023**	**December 31, 2022**	**September 30, 2022**	**June 30, 2022**	**March 31, 2022**
Total assets	90,957	82,666	82,939	79,851	83,221	78,642	77,951	47,498
Unitholders' equity	85,483	76,941	76,360	74,187	76,274	71,279	70,562	41,380

Results of Operations

The Fund's income for Q4 2023 is comprised of equity income from the Partnership of $2.8 million (Q4 2022 – $2.6 million) and a $9.8 million increase in the estimated fair market value of the SIR Loan (Q4 2022 – $6.8 million).

The Fund's income for Fiscal 2023 is comprised of equity income from the Partnership of $11.1 million (Fiscal 2022 – $10.8 million), a reversal of previous impairments on the investment in SIR Royalty Limited Partnership and financial assets of $nil (Fiscal 2022 – $30.1 million) and a $12.3 million increase in the estimated fair value of the SIR Loan (Fiscal 2022 – $8.0 million).

Equity income from the Partnership is the pro rata share of the residual distributions of the Partnership for the three-month and twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022. The Partnership recognized an impairment loss of $0.05 million on its royalty receivables for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2023 (twelve-month period ended December 31, 2022 – $0.1 million).

(12) Excess (shortfall) of cash provided by operating activities over cash distributed for the period is calculated by subtracting the cash distributed for the period from cash provided by operating activities

(13) Excess (shortfall) of net earnings for the period over cash distributed for the period is calculated by subtracting cash distributed for the period from net earnings for the period.

The changes in estimated fair value of the SIR Loan of $9.8 million and $12.3 million for Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023 (Q4 2022 and Fiscal 2022 – $6.8 million and $8.0 million), respectively, are related to IFRS 9, which requires the Fund to recognize the SIR Loan at fair value, with changes in the fair value being recorded in the statement of earnings.

The Fund's operating expenses, which are limited to general and administrative expenses, totaled $0.1 million and $0.6 million for Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023, respectively ($0.2 million and $0.6 million for Q4 2022 and Fiscal 2022, respectively). These expenses include professional fees, directors' and officers' liability insurance premiums, Trustees' fees, certain public company costs and other administrative fees.

The Fund recorded income tax expenses of $1.1 million and $3.6 million for Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023, respectively ($1.4 million and $3.9 million for Q4 2022 and Fiscal 2022).

Net earnings were $11.3 million for Q4 2023 (Q4 2022 – $7.8 million). Net earnings per Fund unit for Q4 2023 were $1.35 (basic) and $1.21 (diluted) (Q4 2022 - $0.93 (basic) and $0.84 (diluted)).

Net earnings were $19.1 million for Fiscal 2023 (Fiscal 2022 – $44.4 million). Net earnings per Fund unit for Fiscal 2023 were $2.28 (basic) and $2.14 (diluted), compared to net earnings per Fund unit for Fiscal 2022 of $5.30 (basic) and $4.75 (diluted).

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Fund has no third-party debt. SIR currently has the $40.0 million SIR Loan owed to the Fund (SIR can surrender its Class C GP Units as consideration for principal payments under the loan) and a credit agreement ("Credit Agreement") with a Schedule I Canadian chartered bank (the "Lender"), a copy of which has been filed on SEDAR. The indebtedness of SIR under the original Credit Agreement is "Permitted Indebtedness" within the meaning of the agreements between the Fund, the Partnership and SIR and the EDC-Guaranteed Facility and the BDC-Guaranteed Facility referred to below, which have been added to the Credit Agreement, were approved by the Fund and the Partnership as contemplated in greater detail below. As a result, the Fund and the Partnership have, as contemplated in the existing agreements, subordinated and postponed their claims against SIR to the claims of the Lender. This subordination, which includes a subordination of the Partnership's rights under the License and Royalty Agreement between the Partnership and SIR whereby the Partnership licenses to SIR the right to use trademarks and related intellectual property in return for royalty payments based on revenues, has been effected pursuant to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement. A copy of the Intercreditor Agreement has also been filed on SEDAR+.

The Credit Agreement between SIR and the Lender matures on July 6, 2026 ("Maturity Date") and provides for a maximum principal amount of $42.04 million, as at the date of SIR's latest reporting on December 21, 2023, consisting of:

- a $20.0 million revolving term credit facility (Credit Facility 1),
- a $10.7 million revolving term loan (Credit Facility 2),
- a $6.25 million guaranteed facility with Export Development Canada ("EDC") through the guaranteed Business Credit Availability Program ("BCAP") (the "EDC-Guaranteed Facility"), and
- a $5.09 million Business Development Bank of Canada ("BDC") guaranteed Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program ("HASCAP") facility (the "BDC-Guaranteed Facility").

SIR and the Lender have also entered into a purchase card agreement providing credit of up to an additional $1.5 million.

Credit Facility 1 is for general corporate and operating purposes, including capital spending on new and renovated restaurants, bearing interest at the prime rate plus 2.75% and/or the bankers' acceptance rate plus 3.75%, with principal to be repaid in one bullet repayment on the Maturity Date. A standby fee of 0.85% is charged on the undrawn balance of this facility. Provided the Company is in compliance with the Credit Agreement, the principal amount of Credit Facility 1 can be repaid and reborrowed at any time during the term of the Credit Agreement. As at November 19, 2023 (SIR's Fiscal 2024 12-week period ended), $2.96 million was drawn on this facility.

Credit Facility 2 is a $10.7 million revolving facility that can be drawn for capital expenditures on new restaurants and renovations or remodeling of existing restaurants and bears interest at the prime rate plus 2.75% and/or the bankers' acceptance rate plus 3.75%. Each advance under Credit Facility 2 is repayable in equal quarterly instalments based on a seven-year amortization, with the remaining outstanding principal balance due on the Maturity Date. As at November 19, 2023, $9.66 million was drawn on this facility.

As at November 19, 2023, SIR had drawn $11.01 million on Credit Facility 1 and Credit Facility 2, net of cash excluding the cash balance of the Partnership (August 27, 2023 - $4.68 million).

The EDC-Guaranteed Facility bears interest at the prime rate plus 3.0%. The EDC-Guaranteed Facility is a 364-day revolving-term credit facility and can be extended at the Lender's sole discretion, in 12-month increments, by up to a further

12 months beyond the current expiration date of July 6, 2024. A standby fee of 0.90% is charged on the undrawn balance of this facility. As at November 19, 2023, SIR had fully drawn this facility.

The BDC-Guaranteed Facility bears interest at a fixed rate of 4.0%. The BDC-Guaranteed Facility is a 10-year non-revolving-term credit facility, with a one-year principal payment moratorium. The moratorium has elapsed and SIR has commenced repayment on this facility. During the 12-week period ended November 19, 2023, SIR repaid $0.17 million on this facility. As at November 19, 2023, $5.09 million was drawn on this facility.

The Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of the assets of SIR and most of its subsidiaries, which are also guarantors. The Partnership and the Fund have not guaranteed the Credit Agreement.

Under the Intercreditor Agreement, absent any default or event of default under the Credit Agreement, ordinary payments to the Fund and the Partnership can continue and the Partnership can exercise any and all of its rights to preserve the trademarks and related intellectual property governed by the License and Royalty Agreement. However, if a default or an event of default were to occur, the Fund and the Partnership agree not to take actions on their security until the Lender has been repaid in full. However, payments by SIR, to the Fund and the Partnership, will be permitted for such amounts as are required to fund their monthly operating expenses, up to an annual limit. In addition, the Fund, the Partnership and SIR will have the right, acting cooperatively, to reduce payments of Royalties and/or interest on the SIR Loan without triggering a cross default under the Credit Agreement, by up to 50% for a period of up to nine consecutive months. SIR and each Obligor provided an undertaking to cooperate and explore all options with the Fund to maximize value to the Fund's unitholders and SIR and its shareholders in exchange for the Subordinating Parties not demanding repayment or enforcing security as a result of any such Related Party Obligation Default. The Intercreditor Agreement also contains various other typical covenants of the Fund and the Partnership.

The Fund does not have bank lines of credit. The Fund, therefore, relies on the payments of the distributions from the Partnership and interest received from the SIR Loan to meet its obligations to pay unitholder distributions. The Fund believes that the distributions from the Partnership and interest payments will be sufficient to meet its current distribution intentions, subject to seasonal fluctuations. However, the actual amounts distributed will depend upon numerous factors, including the payment of the distributions from the Partnership and interest by SIR, and could fluctuate based on performance. The Fund intends to maintain even distributions in order to reduce the effect of fluctuations in revenue and, if possible, allow the Fund to maintain consistent monthly distributions to unitholders. Under the terms of the License and Royalty Agreement, SIR is required to pay the 6.0% Royalty to the Partnership 21 days after the end of the four-week or five-week period for which the Royalty is determined.

The latest extension agreement, the Tenth Amendment to SIR's Credit Agreement, is intended to address SIR's financial requirements, at least until the Maturity Date. There can be no assurance that borrowings will be available to SIR, or available on acceptable terms, beyond the Maturity Date, in an amount sufficient to fund SIR's needs.

The Credit Agreement and all related Amending Agreements are filed on SEDAR+.

The Fund did not have any capital expenditures in Q4 2023 and Fiscal 2023 and by its nature is not expected to have significant capital expenditures in the future. Capital expenditures related to Royalty Pooled Restaurants are borne at the operating company (SIR) level. The Fund's operating and administrative expenses are expected to be stable and predictable and are considered to be in the ordinary course of business.

While SIR is not owned by the Fund, the Fund's cash flows are derived from interest received on the SIR Loan and distributions from the Partnership and accordingly, the Fund is economically dependent upon SIR. Credit risk arises from the potential default of SIR on the SIR Loan. Management monitors the SIR Loan for credit risk and to date all interest payments have been made. The Fund also depends on the distributions from the Partnership, which are dependent upon SIR paying the Royalty to the Partnership. Information regarding SIR and its liquidity can be found in SIR's unaudited condensed interim and audited annual consolidated financial statements and MD&A, which can be found on SEDAR+ under the Fund's profile titled as "Other". The most recent unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and MD&A for SIR's first quarter are listed with a filing date of December 21, 2023.

The following table is an excerpt of the previous eight quarters of SIR's consolidated statement of cash flows information:

Selected Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Information[14]	1st Quarter Ended November 19, 2023 (12 weeks)	4th Quarter Ended August 27, 2023 (16 weeks)	3rd Quarter Ended May 7, 2023 (12 weeks)	2nd Quarter Ended February 12, 2023 (12 weeks)	1st Quarter Ended November 20, 2022 (12 weeks)	4th Quarter Ended August 28, 2022 (16 weeks)	3rd Quarter Ended May 8, 2022 (12 weeks)	2nd Quarter Ended February 13, 2022 (12 weeks)
	(in thousands of dollars)							
Cash provided by (used in) operations	4,484	16,584	12,353	3,017	3,987	18,099	22,724	(4,741)
Cash used in investing activities	(5,627)	(4,471)	(1,491)	(2,769)	(1,352)	(2,755)	(1,067)	(1,195)
Cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(3,543)	(6,322)	(11,193)	(1,894)	(6,350)	(10,316)	(20,252)	5,368
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the period	(4,686)	5,791	(331)	(1,646)	(3,715)	5,028	1,405	(568)
Cash and cash equivalents – Beginning of period	8,231	2,440	2,771	4,417	8,132	3,104	1,699	2,267
Cash and cash equivalents – End of period	3,545	8,231	2,440	2,771	4,417	8,132	3,104	1,699

Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures:

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the securities legislation and includes controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. Management carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Fund's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in National Instrument 52-109, "Certification of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings", as at December 31, 2023 under the supervision of and with the participation of the Fund's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

Based on that evaluation, the Fund's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective as at December 31, 2023.

Internal controls over financial reporting:

Internal controls over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards and includes those policies and procedures that:

a) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of assets;
b) are designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors; and
c) are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Management carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Fund's internal controls over financial reporting, as defined in National Instrument 52-109, "Certification of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings", as at December 31, 2023 and under the supervision and with the participation of the Fund's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The evaluation was conducted using the framework and criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework: 2013, issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in May 2013.

(14) Information presented is in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards and is derived solely from documents filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities by SIR in its interim Q1 2024 MD&A filed on December 21, 2023 and has not been approved by the Fund or its Trustees, officers, SIR GP Inc., or SIR Holdings Trust, or their respective Trustees, managing general partners, directors, or officers.

Based on the evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that internal controls over financial reporting are effective and there are no material weaknesses in the Fund's internal controls over financial reporting as at December 31, 2023. There have been no substantive changes in the Fund's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the most recent interim period beginning January 1, 2023 through to December 31, 2023, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. The Fund does not own, control or consolidate SIR and therefore, the Fund's disclosure controls and procedures and the internal controls over financial reporting do not encompass SIR or SIR's disclosure controls and procedures or SIR's internal controls over financial reporting.

Due to its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Fund does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

Transactions with Related Parties

During the three-month period ended December 31, 2023, the Fund earned equity income of $2.8 million from the Partnership (December 31, 2022 - $2.6 million) and recorded equity income of $11.1 million from the Partnership for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 - $10.8 million). The Fund, indirectly through the Trust, is entitled to receive a pro rata share of all residual distributions. The Fund's equity income is dependent upon the revenue generated by the SIR Restaurants subject to the License and Royalty Agreement.

During the three-month period ended December 31, 2023, the Fund recognized $0.8 million of interest payments towards the value of the SIR Loan (December 31, 2022 - $0.8 million). For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2023, the Fund received interest payments of $3.0 million from the SIR Loan (December 31, 2022 - $3.0 million). A description of the terms of the SIR Loan is included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2023.

As at December 31, 2023, the Fund had amounts receivable from SIR of $0.3 million (December 31, 2022 - $0.3 million) and distributions receivable from the Partnership of $3.1 million (December 31, 2022 - $2.9 million). As at December 31, 2023, the Fund had advances payable to the Partnership of $3.2 million (December 31, 2022 - $2.7 million). All advances were conducted as part of the normal course of business operations.

Changes in Accounting Policies, Including Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

Recently adopted IFRS Accounting Standards

Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements

In February 2021, the International Accounting Standards Board issued amendments to International Accounting Standard 1 Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1") and IFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgments ("IFRS Practice Statement 2"). The amendments to IAS 1 require companies to disclose their material accounting policy information rather than their significant accounting policies. The amendments to IFRS Practice Statement 2 provide guidance on how to apply the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures. The amended standard has been implemented by the Company and did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

IAS 8, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

The narrow-scope amendment aims to improve accounting policy disclosures and to help distinguish between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies. The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. The amended standard has been implemented by the Company and did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

IAS 12, Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

In January 2023, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 12 that aim to provide temporary relief from accounting for deferred taxes arising from the implementation of the Pillar Two model rules. The amendment is effective for annual period beginning on or after January 1, 2023. The amended standard has been implemented by the Company and did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Recently issued but not yet effective

IAS 1, Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

In January 2020, the IASB issued an amendment to IAS 1 to clarify that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. In October 2022, the IASB issued an amendment to IAS 1, Non-current Liabilities with Covenants, to clarify how conditions with which an entity must comply within twelve months after the reporting period affect the classification of a liability. The 2022 amendments also introduce additional disclosure requirements to improve the information an entity provides when its right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to compliance with covenants within twelve months after the reporting period. The 2022 amendments changed the effective date of the 2020 amendments. The mandatory effective date would be annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, with early adoption permitted. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of the amendment on the consolidated financial statements.

IAS 7, Disclosures on Supplier Finance Arrangements

In May 2023, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 to require specific disclosures regarding supplier finance arrangements. The mandatory effective date would be annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of the amendment on the consolidated financial statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future that will, by definition, seldom equal actual results. The following are estimates and judgments that could have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Investment in the Partnership/Consolidation of Structured Entities

The Partnership receives royalties on the SIR Rights, which are licensed to SIR for use in Royalty Pooled Restaurants. The Fund and SIR each hold an investment in the Partnership. Generally, the Partnership units have no voting rights, except in certain specified conditions.

The determination of the entity having the ability to affect the returns on their investment in the Partnership required significant judgment. Based on an evaluation of the activities of the Partnership and the Partnership Agreement, management concluded the substance of the relationships between the Partnership, SIR and the Fund indicates the Partnership is controlled by SIR. In addition, the evaluation of whether or not the Fund has significant influence over the Partnership is a matter of significant judgment. Based on a review of the operating and financing activities of the Partnership, management has concluded that the Fund is able to significantly influence these activities.

Valuation of the SIR Loan and Investment in the Partnership

Management reviews for objective evidence whether there may be an impairment of the SIR Loan or the investment in the Partnership. The review includes a review of the earnings, cash flows and available cash of SIR on a prospective basis to assess SIR's ability to meet its obligations to the Fund for interest payments on the SIR Loan and to the Partnership for the Royalty. Based on the analysis completed as at December 31, 2023, no impairments to the SIR Loan and the Investment in the Partnership have been recorded in the consolidated financial statements (December 31, 2022 – $nil).

The SIR Loan is now accounted for at fair value through the statement of earnings which requires management to discount the cash flows using a market interest rate. Management has estimated the discount rate by considering comparable corporate bond rates, risk-free rates and SIR's credit risk.

During Q4 2023, management adjusted the discount rate from 11.75% at December 31, 2022 to 8.50% at December 31, 2023. The adjustment consists of an estimated decrease in the corporate bond rate of 0.97%, 0.28% decrease in the Canadian risk free rate and another 2.0% decrease in the SIR specific risk.

The fair value of the SIR Loan is sensitive to changes in the discount rate. A 0.25% increase or decrease in the discount rate will result in a $0.9 million decrease or increase in the fair value of the SIR Loan.

Financial Instruments

The Fund's financial instruments consist of cash, amounts due from related parties, the SIR Loan, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and amounts due to related parties. Management estimates that the fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values due to their short-term maturity except for the SIR Loan. The fair value of the

SIR Loan is estimated to be $36.0 million. The fair value was estimated by discounting the expected cash flows using a current market interest rate adjusted for SIR's credit risk. The estimate of fair value is within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Disclosure of Outstanding Unit Data

As at December 31, 2023, the number of outstanding units of the Fund was 8,375,567.

Risks and Uncertainties

The performance of the Fund is directly dependent upon the interest payments the Fund receives from SIR under the SIR Loan and upon the Royalty received by the Partnership from SIR. The amount of the Royalty is dependent upon Pooled Revenue, which is subject to a number of factors that affect the restaurant industry generally and the casual and/or fine dining sectors of this industry in particular. The restaurant industry generally, and in particular, the casual and fine dining segment of this industry, is intensely competitive with respect to price, service, location, food quality and qualified staff. Increases in minimum wage rates and other labour legislation may affect the growth and profitability of SIR, as a significant portion of its restaurant employees are paid at wage rates related to minimum wage. SIR Restaurants are subject to laws that prohibit or limit smoking in enclosed workplaces and/or certain outdoor public places, such as restaurant patios.

In addition, factors such as business and economic conditions, changes in foreign exchange, availability of credit, inflation, increased food, labour and benefits costs, taxes, government regulations (including those governing alcoholic beverages and cannabis legalization), weather, seasonality, public safety issues and the availability and quality of food, services and products sold in the restaurants, and growth in off-premise traffic due to an increase in delivery and takeout orders affect the restaurant industry in general and therefore SIR. There are many well-established competitors with greater financial and other resources than SIR. Competitors include national and regional chains, as well as individually owned restaurants. Recently, competition has increased in the mid-price, full-service, casual and fine dining sectors in which many of the SIR Restaurants operate. Some of SIR's competitors have been in existence for a substantially longer period than SIR and may be better established in the markets where SIR Restaurants are or may be located. If SIR is unable to successfully compete in the casual and fine dining sectors of the restaurant industry, Pooled Revenue may be adversely affected, the amount of the Royalty reduced and the ability of SIR to pay the Royalty or interest on the SIR Loan may be impaired. Please refer to the March 14, 2024 Annual Information Form for further discussion on risks and uncertainties related to the Fund and SIR**.**

The Fund's distributions are subject to change based on a number of factors, including the cash reserves of the Fund, the Trust and the Partnership. The Trustees will continue their practice of regularly reviewing the Fund's distribution levels.

Outlook

SIR is a privately held Canadian corporation in the business of creating, owning and operating full-service restaurants in Canada. All of SIR's restaurants are corporately owned. SIR does not franchise any of its existing brands. SIR remains committed to the corporately owned restaurant model as it believes this structure gives it greater control over its brands and improved agility to proactively respond to changes in market conditions.

SIR continues to monitor consumer spending behavior in light of current evolving macroeconomic factors, including inflation and higher interest rates, and their potential impact on the Canadian economy and consumer confidence. Ongoing business impacts due to changes in the minimum wage, rising commodity costs and supply shortages have all been influential in the bar and restaurant industry's changes in pricing overall.

SIR continues to innovate and provide immersive new product and service offerings to increase dine-in guest visits to its restaurants and to capitalize on the rapid growth of take-out and delivery services in commercial foodservice. The recent amendment to SIR's Credit Agreement with its Lender provides greater certainty and availability of funding, enabling SIR to continue to invest in restaurant renovations, new restaurants and other initiatives to drive growth.

In consideration of the ongoing conditions mentioned above and the timing of new restaurant construction and renovations, the related restaurant opening schedules will be reviewed regularly by SIR and adjusted as necessary.

As at the date of this report, SIR has commitments to lease five properties in Barrie, London, Guelph and Oshawa, Ontario, and at the intersection of Queen Street East and Broadview Ave. in Toronto, upon which it plans to build one new Jack Astor's, three new Scaddabush restaurants and one new Duke's Refresher. There can be no assurance at this time that these planned new restaurants will be opened or will become part of the Royalty Pooled Restaurants.

The Reds Kitchen + Wine Bar Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ontario, opened on March 31, 2022, was added to the Royalty Pooled Restaurants effective January 1, 2023. During Q4 2023, effective December 31, 2023, SIR permanently closed this location and it ceased to be part of the Royalty Pooled Restaurants on January 1, 2024. SIR is currently evaluating alternative uses for this property.

During Q4 2023, SIR permanently closed the Scaddabush restaurant located in the Mimico neighbourhood in Etobicoke, Ontario, effective November 28, 2023. This restaurant ceased to be a Royalty Pooled Restaurant on January 1, 2024. SIR is currently evaluating alternative uses for this property.

During Q4 2023, SIR permanently closed the Reds Wine Tavern restaurant located in downtown Toronto, effective December 31, 2023 (the final day of operation). This restaurant ceased to be a Royalty Pooled Restaurant on January 1, 2024. SIR plans to open a new, Italian-themed, fine dining restaurant brand at this location called Edna + Vita which is currently under construction.

During Q3 2023, on September 1, 2023, SIR opened a new Scaddabush restaurant in Whitby, Ontario, which was added to the Royalty Pooled Restaurants on January 1, 2024.

Subsequent to Q4 2023, on February 27, 2024, SIR opened a new Scaddabush restaurant in the Don Mills neighborhood of Toronto. This new Scaddabush restaurant is anticipated to be added to the Royalty Pooled Restaurants on January 1, 2025.

During Fiscal 2023, SIR completed renovations to ten restaurants (the Jack Astor's locations in Kanata, Etobicoke, Kingston, London, Vaughan, Newmarket, Ottawa, Scarborough, Ontario, Dundas Square in downtown Toronto, and the Reds® Square One location in Mississauga, Ontario). Subsequent to the year-end, on February 25, 2024, SIR completed renovations to its Jack Astor's location in Ancaster, Ontario. The Company is pleased with the success of these renovations and plans to invest in similar restaurant renovations throughout Fiscal 2024.

SIR's insurer has denied any business interruption claims due to COVID-19 related operating restrictions or closures. However, SIR continues to pursue a Business Interruption claim due to Civil Authority orders against its insurer by way of Notice of Application in the Ontario Superior Court. On January 10, 2023, the application was dismissed. On May 24, 2023, the Court of Appeal for Ontario ("ONCA") reviewed the application anew and on November 22, 2023, the application was dismissed by the ONCA. SIR has applied to the Supreme Court of Canada for leave to appeal. There can be no assurance that such leave will be granted or that such appeal would be successful.

Description of Non-IFRS Accounting Standards measures

Management believes that disclosing certain non-IFRS Accounting Standards financial measures provides a useful supplemental measure to evaluate the Fund's performance. By considering these measures in combination with the most closely comparable IFRS Accounting Standards measure, management believes that investors are provided with additional and more useful information about the Fund than investors would have if they simply considered IFRS Accounting Standards measures alone.

The non-IFRS Accounting Standards financial measures do not have standardized meanings prescribed by IFRS Accounting Standards. The Fund's method of calculating these non-IFRS Accounting Standards financial measures may differ from that of other issuers and, accordingly, may not be comparable to measures used by other issuers.

<u>Same Store Sales and Same Store Sales Growth</u>

The Fund believes that Same Store Sales ("SSS") and Same Store Sales Growth ("SSSG") are useful measures and provide investors with an indication of the change in year-over-year sales. SSS includes revenue from all SIR Restaurants included in Pooled Revenue for the fiscal years 2023 and 2022, except for those locations that were not open for the entire comparable periods in Fiscal 2023 and Fiscal 2022. The seasonal Abbey's Bakehouse is not a SIR Restaurant. SSSG is the percentage increase in SSS over the prior comparable period. When a SIR Restaurant is closed, the revenue for the closed restaurant is excluded from the calculation of SSS and SSSG for both the quarter in which the restaurant is closed and the current year-to-date.

<u>Distributable Cash and Payout Ratio</u>

The Fund believes that distributable cash and the payout ratio are useful measures as they provide investors with an indication of cash available for distribution. Investors are cautioned that distributable cash and the payout ratio should not be construed as an alternative to the statement of cash flows as a measure of liquidity and cash flows of the Fund. The payout ratio is calculated as cash distributed for the period as a percentage of the distributable cash for the period. Distributable cash represents the amount of money which the Fund expects to have available for distribution to Unitholders of the Fund, and is calculated as cash provided by operating activities of the Fund, adjusted for the net change in non-cash working capital items including a reserve for income taxes payable and the net change in the distribution receivable from the Partnership.

Forward-Looking Information

Certain statements contained in this report, or incorporated herein by reference, including the information set forth as to the future financial or operating performance of the Fund or SIR, that are not current or historical factual statements may constitute forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws ("forward-looking statements"). Statements concerning the objectives, goals, strategies, intentions, plans, beliefs, expectations and estimates, and the business, operations, financial performance and condition of the Fund, the SIR Holdings Trust (the "Trust"), the Partnership, SIR, the SIR Restaurants or industry results, are forward-looking statements. The words "may", "will", "should", "would", 'could", "expect", "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "intend", "estimate" and other similar terminology and the negative of such expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Fund, the Trust, the Partnership, SIR, the SIR Restaurants or industry results, to differ materially from the anticipated results, performance, achievements or developments expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements reflect Management's current expectations, estimates and projections regarding future events and operating performance and speak only as of the date of this document. Readers should not place undue importance on forward-looking statements and should not rely upon this information as of any other date. Risks related to forward-looking statements include, among other things, challenges presented by a number of factors, including: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; market conditions at the time of this filing; competition; changes in demographic trends; weather; changing consumer preferences and discretionary spending patterns; changes in consumer confidence; changes in national and local business and economic conditions; pandemics or other material outbreaks of disease or safety issues affecting humans or animals or food products; the ability to maintain staffing levels; the impact of inflation, including on input prices and wages; the impact of the war in the Ukraine; changes in tariffs and international trade; changes in foreign exchange and interest rates; changes in availability of credit; legal proceedings and challenges to intellectual property rights; dependence of the Fund on the financial condition of SIR; legislation and governmental regulation, including the cost and/or availability of labour as it relates to changes in minimum wage rates or other changes to labour legislation and forced closures of or other limits placed on restaurants and bars; laws affecting the sale and use of alcohol (including availability and enforcement); changes in cannabis laws; changes in environmental laws; privacy matters; accounting policies and practices; changes in tax laws; and the results of operations and financial condition of SIR. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Many of these issues can affect the Fund's or SIR's actual results and could cause their actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, the Fund or SIR. There can be no assurance that SIR will remain compliant in the future with all of its financial covenants under the Credit Agreement and imposed by the lender. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and should not place undue reliance on them. The Fund and SIR expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to publicly disclose or release any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements except as expressly required by law. Forward-looking statements are based on Management's current plans, estimates, projections, beliefs and opinions, and the Fund and SIR do not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements should assumptions related to these plans, estimates, projections, beliefs and opinions change, except as expressly required by applicable securities laws. This Management's Discussion and Analysis is provided as of March 14, 2024.

All of the forward-looking statements made herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and other cautionary statements or factors contained herein, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, the Fund or SIR. See 'Risk Factors' in the Fund's Annual Information Form dated March 14, 2024 for the period ended December 31, 2023.

Additional information related to the Fund, the Partnership, and SIR can be found at www.sedarplus.ca under SIR Royalty Income Fund and on SIR's website at www.sircorp.com