



# Financing Structures for Road Infrastructure

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### **Executive Summary**

- Transportation infrastructure is increasingly reliant on non-bank debt financing
  - Driven by regulation imposing new constraints on bank lending
  - Growing sophistication among investors
  - Growing investor appetite for yield
- This gives rise to infrastructure debt as an asset class in and of itself
  - Increasing specialisation of debt investors across geographies, sectors and credit risk
  - Equity sponsors have better access to the appropriate types of debt capital
- Private Debt funds offer a number of advantages:
  - Better asset-liability matching compared with banks benefits both investors (LPs) and borrowers
  - Investor (LP) appetite for risk is better aligned with the opportunity
  - Enhanced flexibility and faster deal execution compared to most banks
- Debt capital offers tremendous flexibility. Needs of investors and borrowers can be addressed simultaneously by developing capital structures where the risk-return profiles of investors are matched with the right position in the capital stack.









#### Simple capital structure

#### Capital structure with junior debt

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#### Equity

- Classic project capital structure
- All debt at the opco level, with direct pledge over all assets of the project
- Significant difference between debt yield vs equity IRR
- Requires significant owners' equity contribution
- More conservative risk-return profile

OpCo debt (1<sup>st</sup> lien Senior Secured)

Junior debt (2<sup>nd</sup> lien / Mezzanine / Holdco)

#### Equity

- Opco debt as before, now with the addition of a further layer of debt with 2nd lien on assets and/or shares of the opco
- Offers investors the opportunity to capture a yield between opco debt and equity yields
- Less owners' equity needed
- Higher equity IRR achievable





- 22.5 miles of new Express Lanes alongside three regular lanes on an interstate in the vicinity of Washington DC
- Dynamically-tolled Express Lanes available to solo drivers choosing to pay a toll and free to vehicles with 3+ passengers
- Sponsors: 50/50 JV between two large construction firms.

#### The need

- Maintain IG rating on senior debt
- Limited senior debt to \$2 out of \$3.5bn total capital needs
- Funding gap of \$500 million created
- JV partner 1 sought
  \$250m in new equity

#### Sequoia's proposition

- Support JV partner
  2 with \$250m holdco
- Build a syndicate of lenders, who wish to benefit from higher than IG returns on a landmark asset
- JV partner 2 keeps \$250m cash available on B/S

#### The value add

- Provide subordinate capital to support opco debt IG rating
- Holdco debt is cheaper than equity
- JV partner 2 could place less of its own capital at risk
- Enhancement of equity returns





- Headquartered in Paris, France and active in the solar power (60% of portfolio) and wind power (40%) sectors
- Significant presence in France, Portugal and Australia
- Entered Euronext in 2018, raising €450 million
- First French unicorn in the renewables field

#### The need

- Raise €40 million equity on existing portfolio to fund new asset development
- Need to achieve quick turnaround of change of control waivers from various lenders at opco level

#### Sequoia's proposition

- Provide a loan at the holding company level
- Free up €40 million of equity to fund new projects
- No change of control triggered at the opco level of any project

#### The value add

- Faster execution than equity raise
- No mandatory prepayment triggered at the opco debt level
- No equity ownership dilution
- Enhancement of equity returns



- Classic project capital structures and the resulting difference between senior debt yields and equity IRRs – leave significant value on the table that can be captured by mezzanine lenders.
- Private Debt funds, such as Sequoia's infrastructure debt funds are best placed to provide junior debt capital and:
  - Enhance value to all capital providers to a project
  - Provide superior flexibility in financing terms, which reflect the nature of our capital
  - Offer an attractive risk-return asset profile to investors
- Growth of Private High Yield Debt funds goes hand in hand with:
  - Increased appetite of investors for a piece of the capital structure that sits between senior secured debt and equity, i.e. with better asset coverage than equity but higher returns than senior secured debt
  - Need of equity sponsors to add a further layer of debt in order to enhance equity IRR
  - Need of equity sponsors to carefully budget fund allocation between investment opportunities.



# INTRODUCTION TO SEQUOIA INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO.

### Sequoia Investment Management Company



Sequoia profile ( <u>www.seqimco.com</u> )		Sequoia	as a Lender	Sequoia Partners				
Founded	2009	Seasoned infrastructu capital mark	re, asset management and ets professionals	Randall Sandstrom CEO and CIO				
AUM	£1.2 billion	Top infrastructure In the global markets	origination experience. every day arranging assets	Dolf Kohnhorst				
Professional staff	14 full time employees (4 partners, 9 credit analysts and 1 support)	Strong investment m of <b>more tha</b> r	nanagement track record 1 <b>00 investments</b>	Chief Risk Officer Steve Cook				
	Approved by FCA for inter alia portfolio	Flexibility on key term PIK, call protecti	s including tenor, ability to on and borrower tier	Co-Portfolio Manager				
Regulation management. EU pass- ported. MiFID II compliant		Speed and certainty partners own	y of execution: the four n 100% of Sequoia	Greg Taylor Co-Portfolio Manager				
Investment Advisor to two funds								
	Sequoia Economic In "'	frastructure Income Fund SEQI" <sup>(1)</sup>	Sequoia Infrastructure	Debt Fund "IDF" <sup>(2)</sup>				
	£1.2 billio IPO N Seventh fund	market cap1st close July 13 2017. 2nrch 2015Fundraising throughise October 2018€1 bn maxim		<sup>id</sup> close July 12 2018. n December 2019 num size				

(1) Listed on the Main Market All-Share Index of the London Stock Exchange. Ticker symbol SEQI, and website <u>www.seqifund.com</u>. Market cap as at 30 April 2019.

(2) Website: <u>www.sequoiaidf.com</u>



Sequoia has originated or acquired more than 100 infrastructure debt investments in 15 jurisdictions.<sup>(1)</sup>



#### Sequoia's Capital Deployment Experience

#### 38 Sub-sectors, including: Rail, toll road, airports

Aircraft, rolling stock, shipping

Elec. distribution and supply, pipelines, waste and water

Electricity generation, power purchase agreements

Solar and wind

Alternative fuel, PFI, renewables equipment

Broadband, cable, data centres, satellites, towers

Elderly care, student accommodation



(1) This includes assets that have been sold or have pre-paid as of 30 April 2019.

## What we are looking for



Credit Quality	AA / AAA	А	BBB	BB	В	ссс	Кеу	
UK							Strong appetite	
Northern Europe							Some appetite	
Spain and Italy							No interest	
Greece and Portugal								
US, Canada								
Australia, NZ								
EM								

Status	Interest type	Term	Rating	Performance
Operational	Fixed	1-2 year bridge loans	Unrated	Performing
In construction	Floating	Up to 30 years	Rated	Stressed
	Index-linked	Over 30 years		Distressed



# **Transportation investments including**

6 roads, 2 rail projects, 2 airport, 3 maritime services, 2 aircraft, 1 port, 1 tunnel and 2 motorway services

