

# Investment Grade Private Credit Quarterly Update

As of March 31, 2023





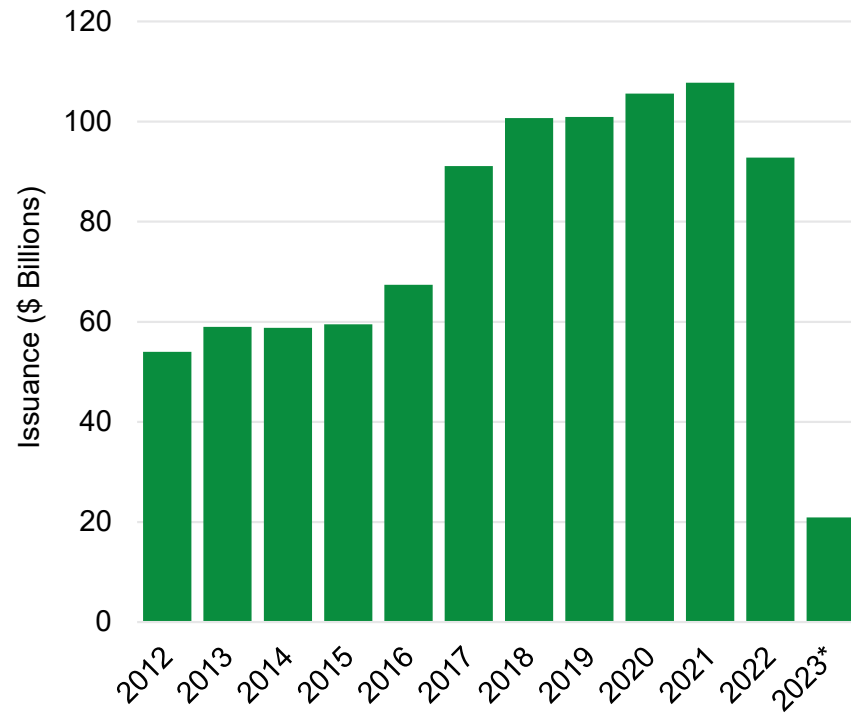
## Rising rates

- Contagion fears in the financial sector following the closure of Signature Bank and Silicon Valley Bank caused public credit spreads to widen significantly in the latter half of the first quarter. Public markets experienced a significant pullback in issuance, however, private market issuance increased on a year over year basis.
- Securian Asset Management deployed over \$300MM despite market volatility. Demand for yield made private credit a desired asset class given the acquisition yield premium. Despite the high volume, we remained selective by committing to approximately 19% of transactions reviewed in the first quarter.
- Securian AM's private capital deployment was mainly focused on U.S. issuers. We continue to monitor potential second-order effects caused by stress in the financial sector, future rate hikes, inflation, the Russia/Ukraine conflict, and COVID-19.
- Despite market challenges, the portfolio has remained resilient to increased volatility and stresses.

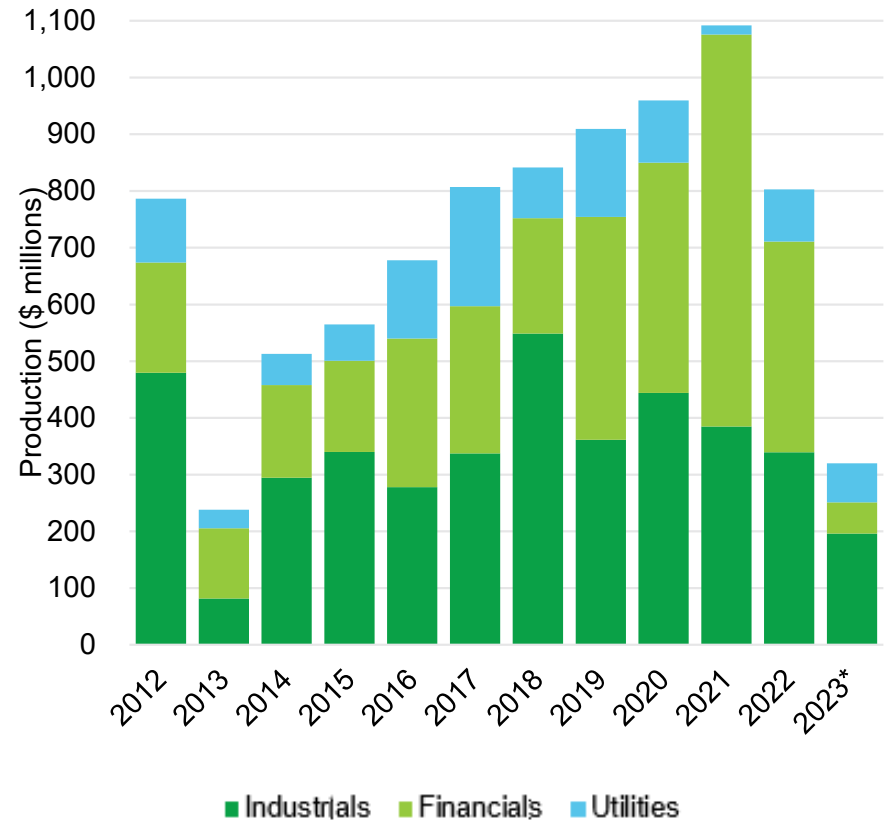


# Private Placement issuance overview

## PRIVATE PLACEMENT ISSUANCE



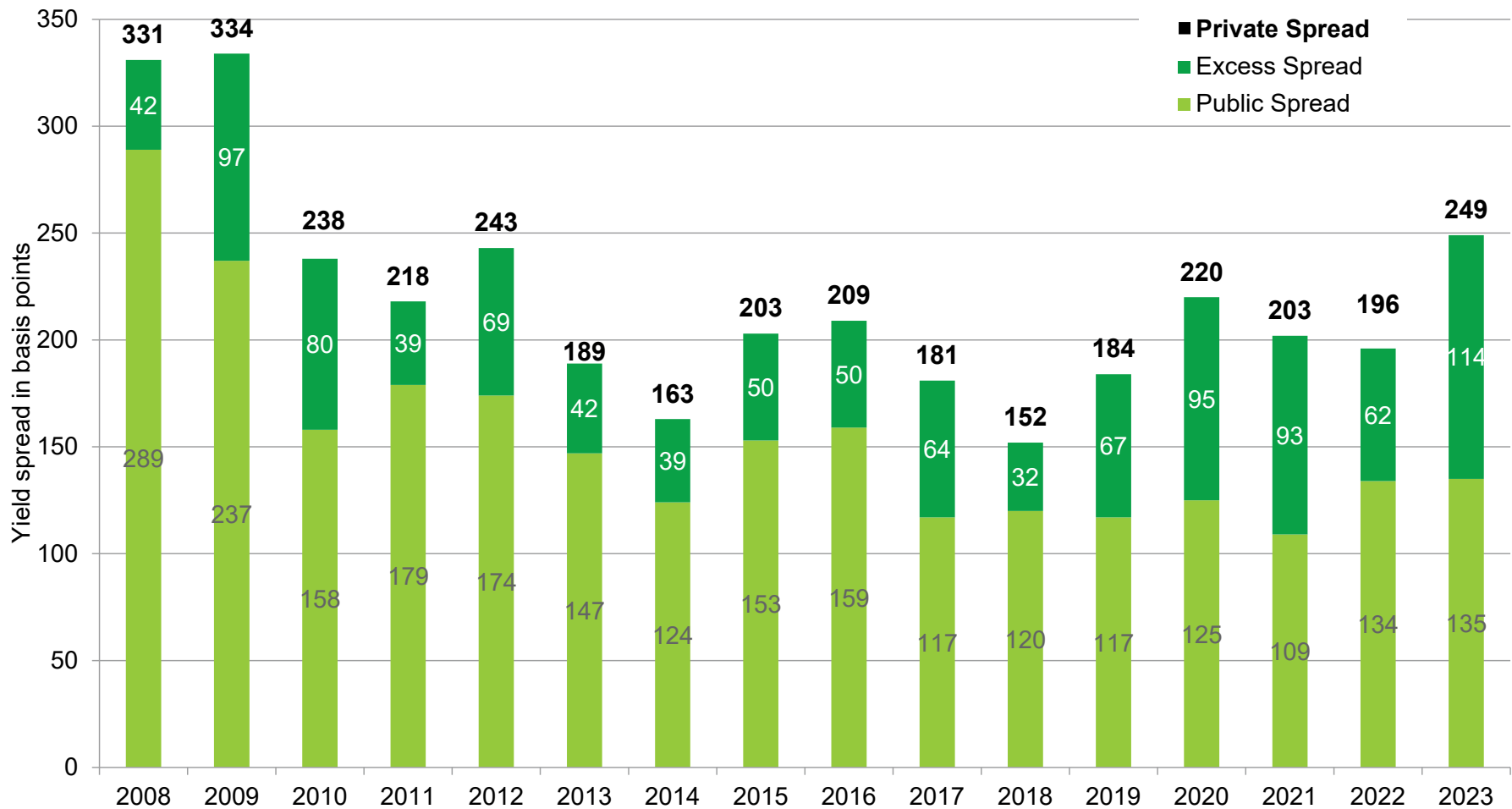
## ANNUAL PRODUCTION BY SECTOR



Source: Private Placement Monitor. As of 03/31/2023. The chart on the right shows annual production by sector data spans from 01/01/2012 to 03/31/2023. 2023\* is a Year-to-date figure. See important disclosures at the end of this presentation.



## Spread advantage over public comparables



Source: Securian Asset Management, Inc. Data spans from 01/01/2008 to 03/31/2023. See Private Placement Acquisition Spreads Disclosure in Appendix. Private spreads represent average for all securities purchased by Securian AM during the calendar year and public spreads refer to the sector-specific (FIN, IND and UTIL) Factset derived daily matrices beginning 09/01/2018, and to the Merrill Lynch U.S. Corporate Master Index derived spread matrix for the periods prior to 09/01/2018. Spreads are the difference between a private credit security or public security and a government security of comparable duration. Excess spread represents the private spread minus the public spread for that calendar year shown in basis points.



## Attractive opportunity set puts financials in focus

### Q1 2023 SUMMARY

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Total Commitments	\$320 million
Internal Rating*	A3
Average Life	12.4
Acquisition Yield*	6.09%
Excess spread over UST*	+114 bps
# of issuers	7
# of securities	15



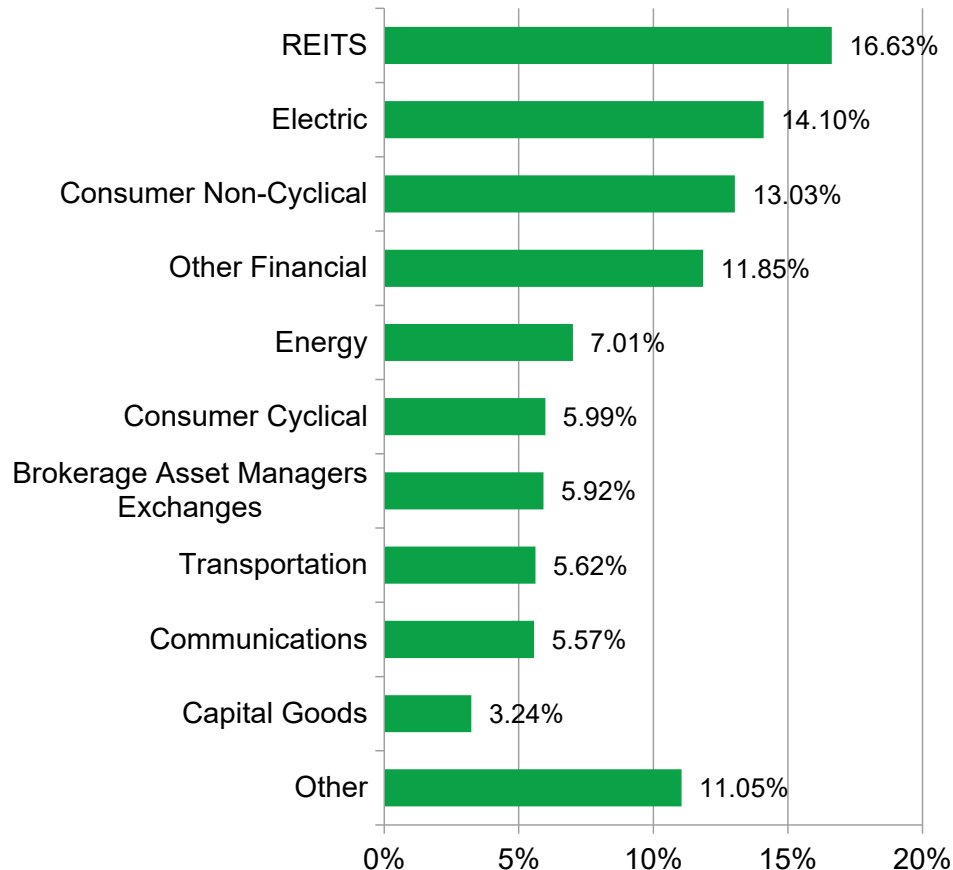
## Investment Grade Private Credit – characteristics

Summary statistics for our Investment Grade Private Credit representative account

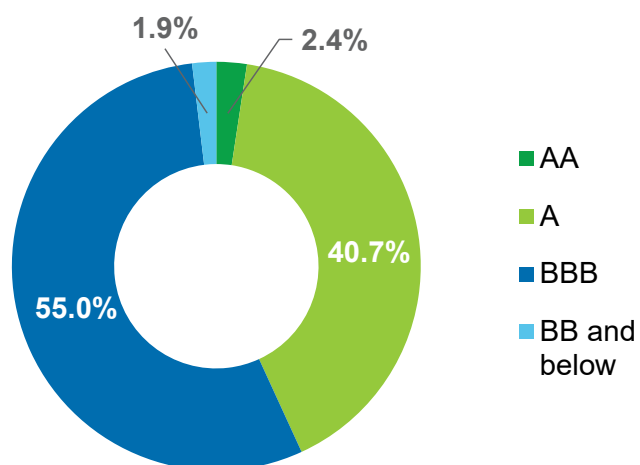
### CHARACTERISTICS

Average Life	6.46
Average Credit Quality	BBB+
Effective Duration	5.14

### SECTOR WEIGHTS



### CREDIT QUALITY



Source: Securian Asset Management, Inc. Data is as of 03/31/2023. Investment characteristics shown are of the Securian AM-selected representative account that invests its assets pursuant to the Investment Grade Private Credit strategy. See additional disclosures at the end of the materials.

# Disclosures

Source: Private Placement Monitor, GIP, S&P, Moody's and Securian Asset Management, Inc.

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## Private Placement Acquisition Spreads Disclosure

The "Spread Advantage" and "Average Quality" rows represent the average data for all securities purchased by Securian AM that provide a yield pick-up to plain vanilla, public corporate bonds. For each year through 2008, this data includes all private placement securities and certain 144a structured securities purchased by Securian AM. The 144a securities were included because each security had a combination of one or more of the following characteristics that made them more similar to private placements rather than public bonds, lack of registration rights, collateral, covenants, non-DTC eligibility and/or amortization. Beginning in 2009, private placement securities include securities that are private placements only.

The data represents 10-year industrial public corporate bonds of comparable quality to those purchased by Securian AM during the same period. Years 2006 to 9/1/2018 are compared to the Merrill Lynch U.S. Corporate Master Index derived spread matrix, in order to match term. The Merrill Lynch spreads is an interpolation between maturities and credit quality. Public spreads refer to the sector-specific (FIN, IND and UTIL) Factset derived daily matrices beginning 09/01/18 to present.

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