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## **Lion Selection** Group ASX: LSX 47cps (share price 30 Nov 2022) 63.6cps (NTA 30 Nov 2022) <sup>1</sup> 5cps (Dividends paid in 2022) ASX:LSX

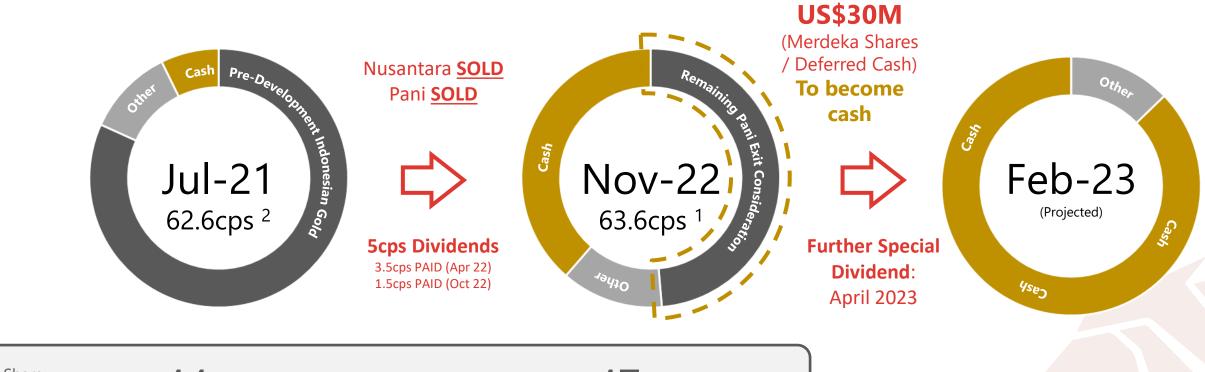
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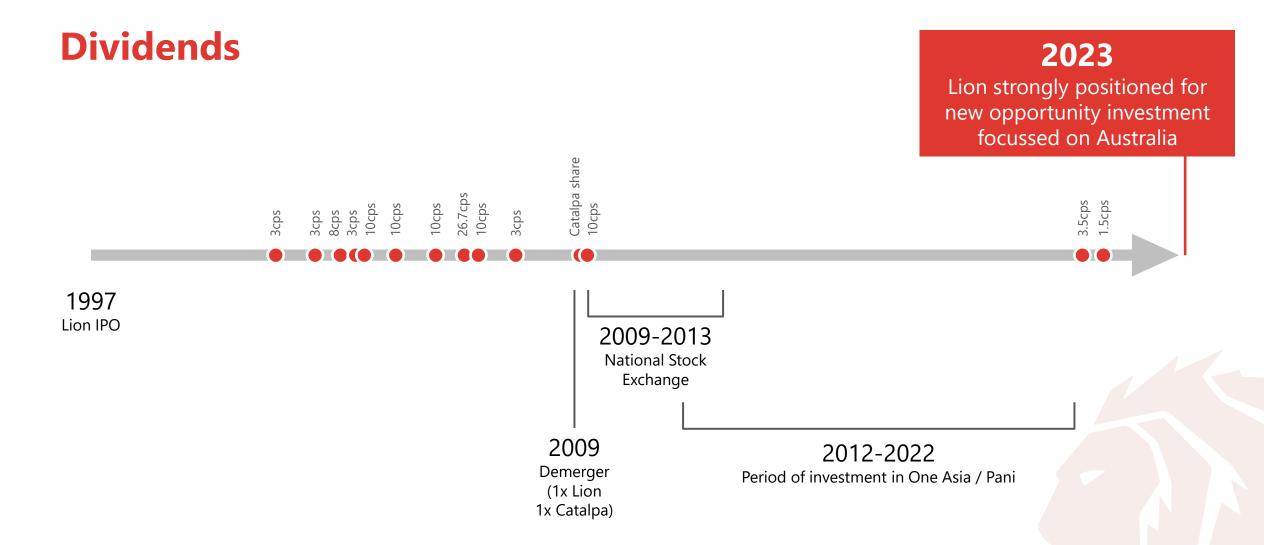
Lion provides a simple way to invest in high growth mineral companies, with a track record of value creation and dividends. NTA: Will become predominantly cash in 2023

Lion is extremely strongly positioned to invest in a weakening market

## **Net Tangible Assets**





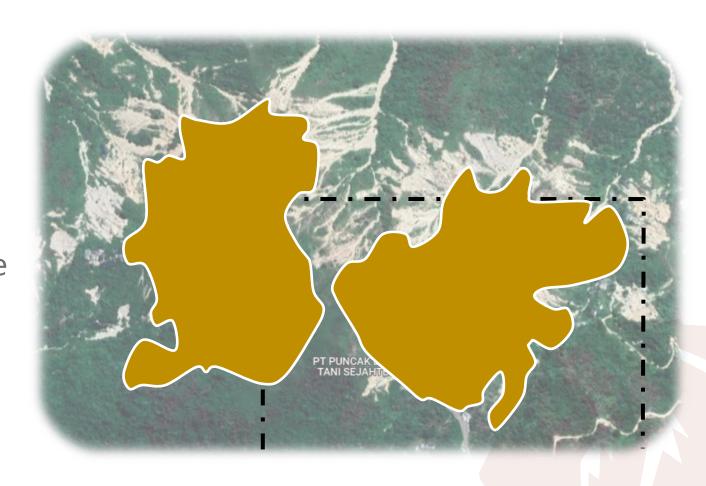


Lion aims to pay sustainable dividends, from surplus investment proceeds, whilst balancing the investment requirements of the Company with market conditions and capital growth

#### **Pani Exit**

- [at least] **US\$52M** total value <sup>3</sup>
- **17%** above NTA
- 3.5x return on investment
- Exit at logical point of asset cycle
   Prior to substantial capex

- Lion recommenced dividends
- Return to investing



### Pani Exit Consideration [at least] US\$52M

US\$22m

US\$10m

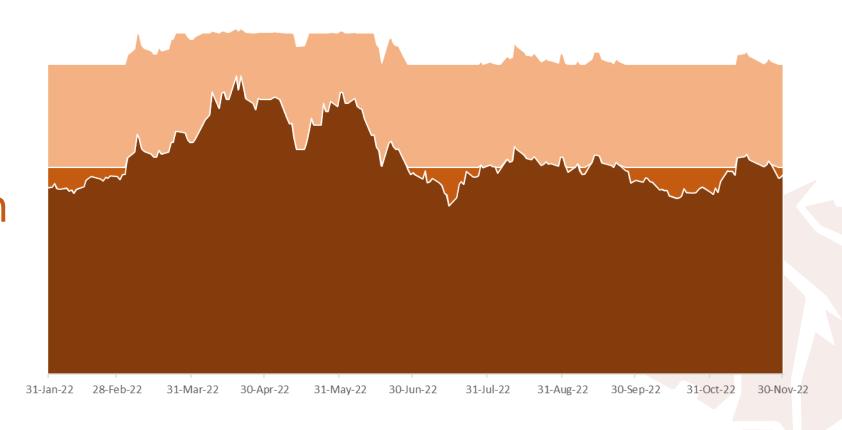
**Deferred Cash** 

Value Protection

Cash top up

US\$20m

Merdeka Stock



### Pani Exit Consideration [at least] US\$52M

## Pani sale completion Early 2023:

- Sale of Merdeka stock
- Receipt of deferred cash



**ASX:LSX** 

#### **PhosCo Limited**

ASX: PHO (A\$3.2M invested / A\$5.5M market value) Tunisia / Rock Phosphate

#### **Chaketma Phosphate Project**

Potential Tier-1, long life mine with downstream fertiliser production optionality

- Global JORC 2012
   Resource: 146.4Mt @
   20.6% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 4
- Tier-1 resource companies active incountry including BP, Shell, Anglo Oil & Gas



#### **Sekarna Phosphate Project**

100% PhosCo

- Large scale, outcropping phosphate target
- Reported high grade rock chip samples grading between 19.7% and 27.8% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- Located 10km northeast of Chaketma

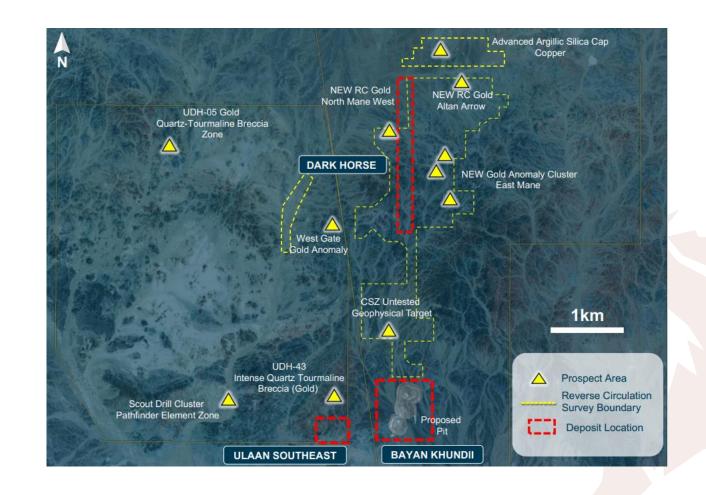
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## **Erdene Resource Devt Corp**

TSX : ERD (A\$2.9M invested / A\$4.1M market value) Mongolia / Gold

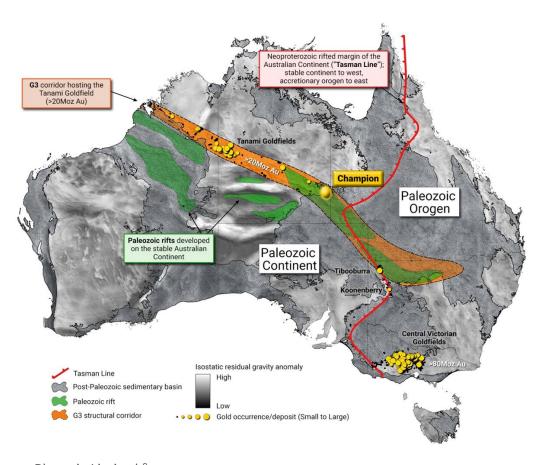
## Shovel-ready gold project, expanding into a district

- Dec 2015: Bayan Khundii high grade gold discovery (7m at 27.5g/t gold)
- Sep 2018: *Bayan Khundii Maiden Resource*
- Jul 2020: Bayan Khundii BFS
- Jan 2021: Dark Horse high grade gold discovery (45m at 6g/t gold) <sup>6</sup>
- Aug 2021: Ulaan gold discovery (258m at 0.98g/t gold)<sup>7</sup>



#### **Plutonic Limited**

UNLISTED (A\$1.0M *invested* / A\$1.0M *market value*) Australia / Gold







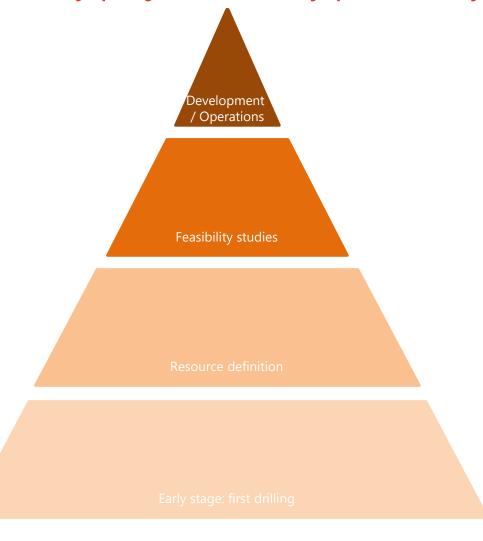
- Association with G3 structural corridor: Hosts multiple large deposits (e.g. Tanami)
- Reactivated as a rift zone at same time as formation of Victorian Gold fields
- Rift-zones at right angles to orogenic belts are commonly particularly well-mineralised

- Epizonal quartz strong colloform, infill and crustiform textures. Very strong ex-sulphides bands and pits throughout.
- Anomalous gold (0.59 and 0.33 g/t Au fire assays from Plutonic collected rock chips).

Source: Plutonic Limited <sup>8</sup>

#### **Portfolio**

Industry project maturity profile – typically a pyramid



- Merdeka <u>To be sold</u>: early 2023

  In compliance with the Pani sale agreement
- Erdene Legacy investments
- PhosCoKasbah

- Very well understood
- Lion intends to be opportunistic, without committing significant extra capital

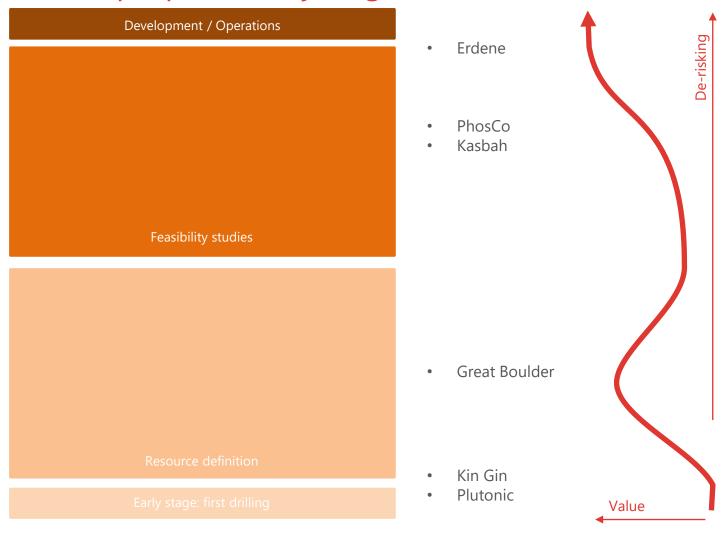
Great Boulder

Invested 2020 - 2022

- Kin Gin
- Plutonic

### **Investment Approach**

Investment proportionally targeted



Cautious investor whilst market weakens

## Balance sheet provides *huge* optionality

#### Target portfolio:

- Diverse commodity mix (precious / base / strategic)
- Australia focus
- Targeted to project stages with greatest value growth potential
- Driven by deep conviction value

## To be built up during weak market

## **Investment Approach**

"Periods of extreme volatility have historically provided some of the most lucrative investment opportunities in companies that depend on market funding"



## **New Investment Opportunities**











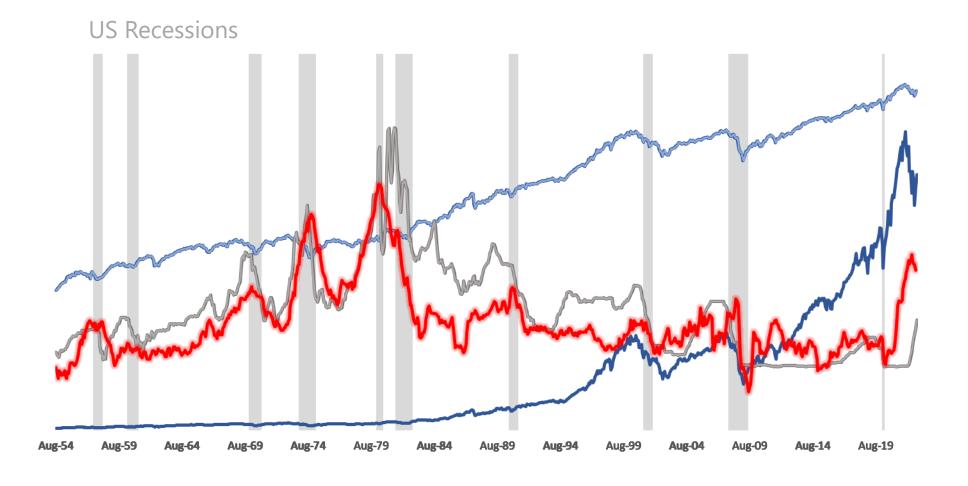




## Equity market – sensitive to inflation / rates outlook and *volatile*

Junior resources companies are the biggest victims of liquidity collapse

## **Equities, Rates and Inflation**



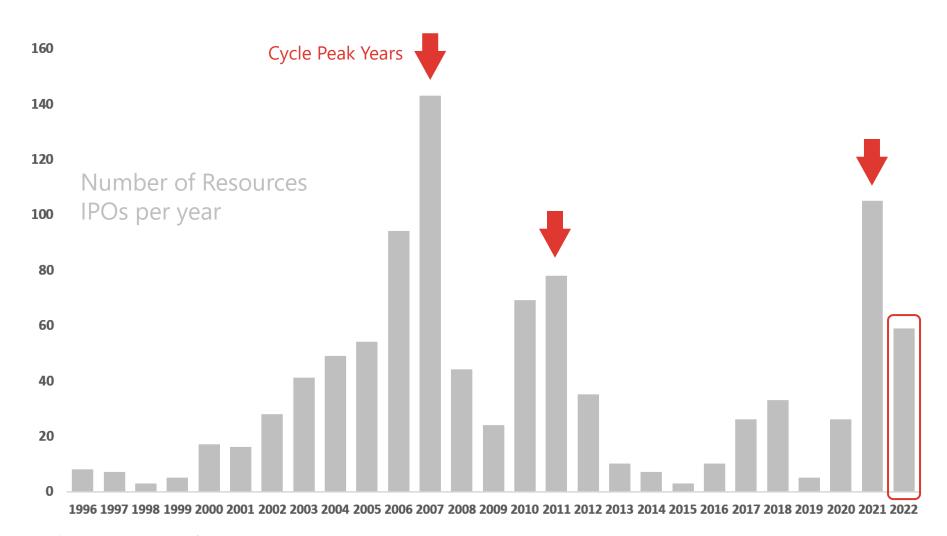
S&P500 US Equity index

Rates
US Fed Funds Rate

Inflation
US CPI 12mo %

Source: IRESS data, US Federal Reserve

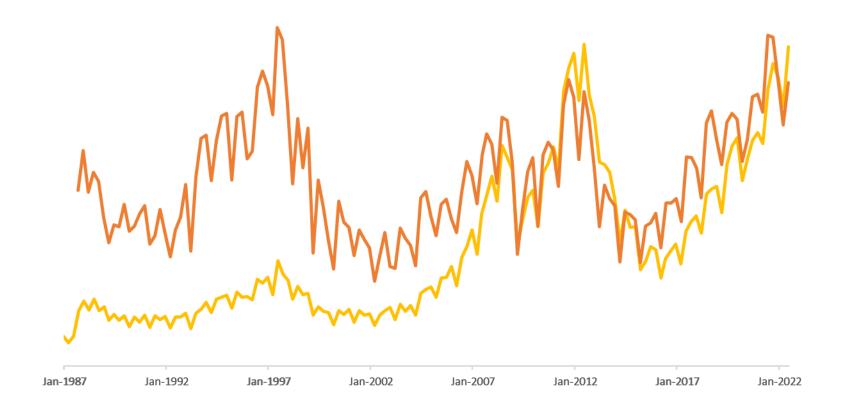
## **Liquidity – ASX Resources IPOs**



Liquidity
has
dropped...

Source: ASX Announcements, Lion Manager

## **Liquidity – Exploration Expenditure (Australia)**



A\$ Millions Per Quarter

**Meters Drilled** 

...Activity not yet impacted

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

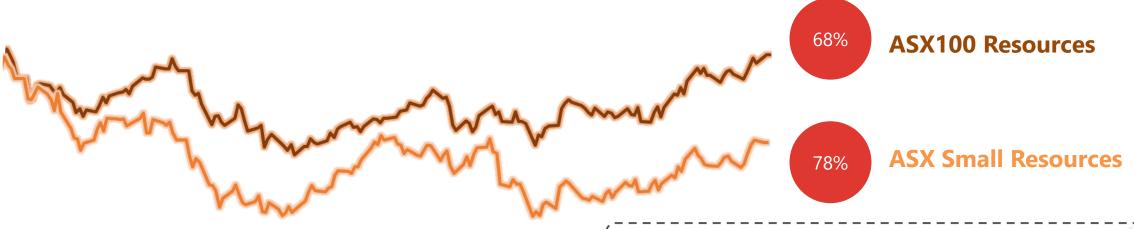
## Liquidity – 2023 test

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a cum-issue explorer to enter the kingdom of fund raising in February"

## 19 April 2022 - Present

Resources Equities: Volatility & Weakness

% of co's in group with negative performance

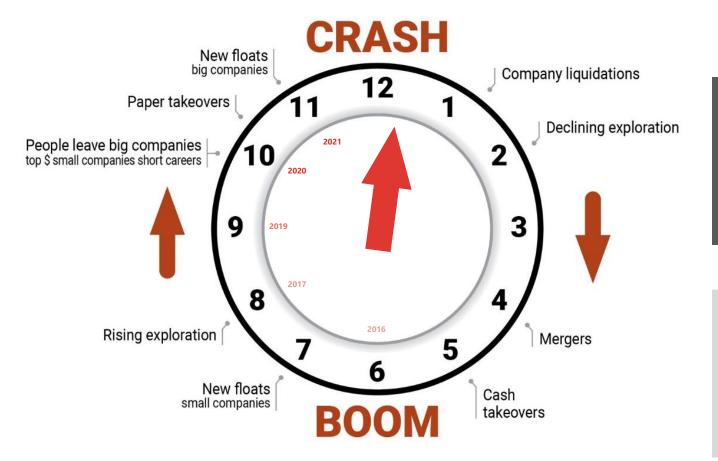


Greater prevalence of negative performance in smaller market capitalisation companies



Source: IRESS data

### **The Lion Clock**



#### **Conclusions**

Just past 12.

This is the time when junior resources stocks are most at risk – funding challenges lead to equity price weakness

Tech led weakness
Miners resilient
Junior miners –
liquidity removed

2023

Many junior resources companies need to raise funds

3 Liquidity
NOW is a great time
to hold CASH

Mining
Strong outlook
beyond the horizon
of inflation

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## APPENDICES

## **Lion Selection Group – Established 1997**

Strongly positioned to invest in a weakening market

Well Funded	Strong cash position following large asset divestment
Proven Approach	25 years experience / strong deal flow / exceptional people networks
Target Investments	Pre-production mining: companies and projects
Country & Commodity	Australia / Precious Metals / Base Metals / Strategic Materials
Live Distributions	Dividends re-commenced / On-market buy-back
Sustainability	Follows World Bank's sustainability policies for exploration and mining

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## **Lion Investing Focus**

#### Australia Focus

for new investments



- ✓ Global mining investment destination of choice
- ✓ Efficient and accessible
- ✓ Geologically rich and diverse

Lion is well funded: by February 2023 will have Net Tangible Assets comprising predominantly cash – Very strongly positioned to invest in a weakening market

#### **Commodity Diversity**

Precious, Base and Strategic materials

#### **Precious Metals**







## Base Metals & Strategic Materials

















- ✓ Low to moderate processing risks
- ✓ No ex-site infrastructure capital requirements
- ✓ Future facing / excellent ESG credentials
- ✓ Outright best demand growth projections

**ASX:LSX** 



#### **Barry Sullivan**

Chairman

Barry is a mining engineer with over 40 years experience. Barry has held numerous Non-Executive Directorships and was previously Chairman of EganStreet Resources.

#### Peter Maloney

Non-Executive Director

Peter has commercial background developed through various roles at WMC Resources, Santos and FH Faulding. Peter was Chairman at Catalpa Resources when it merged into Evolution Mining Limited.

#### **Chris Melloy**

Non-Executive Director

Chris is a mining engineer with 40+ years experience in mining operations, securities analysis and investment. He has worked with Lion since inception, and held directorships of several Lion investee companies.

#### **Robin Widdup**

**Managing Director** 

Robin's mining experience spans Africa, UK and Australia. Robin led the mining analyst team at JB Were and was the founder of Lion Selection Group.

#### **Craig Smyth**

**Executive Director** 

15 years mining investment experience.
Craig is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia with experience working for Coopers & Lybrand, Credit Suisse First Boston (London) and ANZ Investment Bank.

#### **Hedley Widdup**

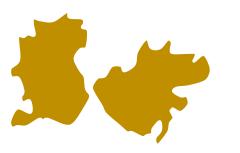
**Executive Director** 

13 years mining investment experience.
Hedley has extensive experience as a mine geologist covering the Mt Keith nickel mine, Olympic Dam, Mt Isa and the St Ives gold mine.

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# **History** Long-term investments Active Exit Management Profitable Outcomes ASX:LSX

#### Experience: Funding / Strategic Development / M&A



#### Pani JV Interest

- Gold / Indonesia
- \$21m invested
- \$74m exit <sup>3</sup>



\$5.9m invested \$9.5m exit



C\$16.8m invested C\$25.4m exit



\$33.8m invested \$88m exit



Foundation assets: Evolution Mining



\$23.4m invested \$113.5m exit

#### MPI Mines Limited

\$9.4m invested \$43.2m exit



\$9.8m invested \$99.9m exit



\$11.8m invested \$42.5m exit



\$31.7m invested \$90.3m exit



\$6.1m invested \$48.3m exit



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