

The Private Lending Capital Protection Framework

A practical guide to how real estate private lending protects capital and generates predictable monthly income, drawn from Chris Lopez and Richard McGirr's webinar, Mastering Capital Protection and Cash Flow in a Volatile Macro Environment through Private Lending.

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What Is Real Estate Private Lending?

Real estate private lending is non-bank lending for real estate projects. Instead of buying property directly, a private lender funds a real estate borrower's project and is repaid principal plus interest, often at an 8-20% annualized return.

Common loan types:

- **Fix & Flip:** Short-term loans for property renovations (3-12 months)
- **Bridge Loans:** Temporary financing between transactions or refinances (6-24 months)
- **Ground-Up Construction:** Funding to build new properties (12-36 months)

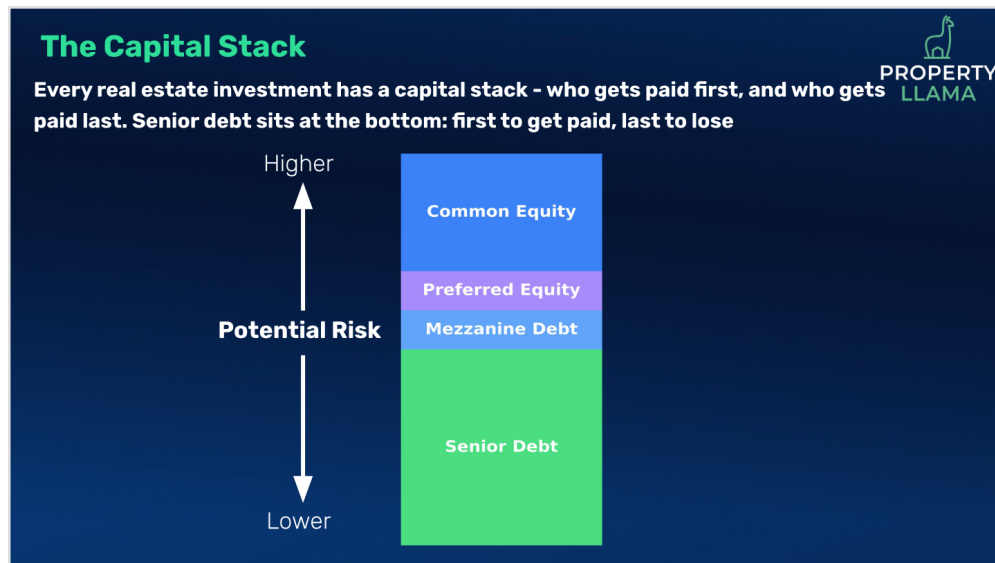


\$5+ Trillion Market

Real estate private credit is larger than the high-yield bond market (\$2.1T) or the municipal bond market (\$4.0T), yet most retail

How Lending Protects Your Capital

“Rule #1: Don't lose money. Rule #2: Don't forget Rule #1.” — Warren Buffett. Every real estate investment has a capital stack: who gets paid first, and who gets paid last. Senior debt sits at the bottom of the stack — first to get paid, last to lose.



Example: a \$1,000,000 multifamily deal

70% senior debt (\$700,000, the lender's position) and 30% equity (\$300,000, the owner's money). If property values crash 25%, the property is worth \$750,000.

Senior Debt Lender

Fully protected. Owed \$700,000; property is worth \$750,000. Gets paid in full.

Equity Investor

Loses \$250,000 of the original \$300,000 investment. Only \$50,000 left.

The cushion: equity sits below the lender and absorbs all losses first. Even in foreclosure, lenders typically still profit — just on

Two Strategies for Private Lending

Option 1: Direct Lending

Pros

- You keep 100% of fees and interest
- You choose your borrowers
- Direct relationship with the borrower

Cons

- Requires \$100k-\$1M+ per deal
- Limited diversification
- You source, underwrite, and service every loan

Option 2: Private Lending Fund

Pros

- Instant diversification across 20-50+ loans
- Professional underwriting
- Passive, monthly or quarterly distributions

Cons

- Less control over individual deals
- You don't keep 100% of returns



Reading Loan Tapes Like a Pro

A loan tape is a detailed spreadsheet showing every loan in a portfolio: status, loan type, amounts, terms, maturity dates, and performance. When you invest in a fund with an existing loan portfolio, you can evaluate real data, not projections.

Equity deals: “Here's what we think will happen.”

Debt funds: “Here's what IS happening.”

Loan Tape Example

Lots of Data! 🐼 Great for Underwriting (Over 80 Columns)





	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	Status	Loan Type	Note Date	Original Maturity Date	Original Term Length (Months)	Extension?	Extension Length (Months)	Total Term Length (Months)	Current Maturity Date	Matured (Y/N)	Default (Y/N)	Default Date	Months in Default		
128	In Servicing	Rehab	6/30/2025	1/1/2026	6.0	N	—	6.0	1/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
129	In Servicing	Rehab	7/8/2025	2/1/2026	6.0	N	—	6.0	2/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
130	In Servicing	Rehab	7/17/2025	2/1/2026	6.0	N	—	6.0	2/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
131	In Servicing	Rehab	7/18/2025	2/1/2026	6.0	N	—	6.0	2/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
132	In Servicing	Rehab	7/29/2025	2/1/2026	6.0	N	—	6.0	2/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
133	In Servicing	Rehab	8/7/2025	3/1/2026	5.0	N	—	5.0	2/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
134	In Servicing	Bridge	6/13/2025	1/1/2026	6.0	N	—	6.0	1/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
135	In Servicing	Rehab	8/25/2025	3/1/2026	12.0	N	—	12.0	3/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
136	In Servicing	Rehab	1/31/2025	8/1/2025	6.0	N	—	6.0	8/1/2025	N	N	N/A	—		
137	In Servicing	GUC	7/18/2024	8/1/2025	12.0	N	—	12.0	8/1/2025	N	N	N/A	—		
138	In Servicing	GUC	8/28/2024	9/1/2025	12.0	N	—	12.0	9/1/2025	N	Y	7/1/2025	7		
139	In Servicing	Rehab	11/1/2024	5/1/2025	6.0	N	1	7.0	7/1/2025	N	N	N/A	—		
140	In Servicing	Rehab	2/28/2025	9/1/2025	6.0	N	—	6.0	9/1/2025	N	N	N/A	—		
141	Paid Off	GUC	10/23/2023	5/1/2024	6.0	N	—	6.0	11/1/2024	Y	N	N/A	—		
142	In Servicing	GUC	4/30/2025	5/1/2026	12.0	N	—	12.0	5/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
143	In Servicing	GUC	4/30/2025	5/1/2026	12.0	N	—	12.0	5/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
144	In Servicing	GUC	4/30/2025	5/1/2026	12.0	N	—	12.0	5/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
145	In Servicing	Rehab	4/16/2025	11/1/2025	6.0	N	—	6.0	11/1/2025	N	N	N/A	—		
146	In Servicing	Rehab	5/22/2025	12/1/2025	6.0	N	—	6.0	12/1/2025	N	N	N/A	—		
147	In Servicing	Rehab	5/27/2025	12/1/2025	6.0	N	—	6.0	12/1/2025	N	N	N/A	—		
148	Paid Off	Rehab	11/29/2023	6/1/2024	6.0	N	—	6.0	12/1/2024	Y	N	N/A	—		
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159	In Servicing	Bridge	7/3/2025	2/1/2026	6.0	N	—	6.0	2/1/2026	N	N	N/A	—		
160	Paid Off	Rehab	10/27/2023	4/24/2024	5.0	N	—	5.0	4/24/2024	Y	N	N/A	—		
161	Paid Off	Rehab	1/10/2024	8/1/2024	6.0	N	—	6.0	10/1/2024	Y	N	N/A	—		
162	Paid Off	Bridge	1/10/2024	7/10/2024	5.0	N	—	5.0	7/10/2024	Y	N	N/A	—		
163	Paid Off	Rehab	1/30/2024	8/1/2024	6.0	N	—	6.0	10/1/2024	Y	N	N/A	—		
164	Paid Off	Rehab	2/2/2024	7/31/2024	5.0	N	—	5.0	7/31/2024	Y	N	N/A	—		
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166	Paid Off	Rehab	2/28/2024	9/1/2024	6.0	N	—	6.0	11/2/2024	Y	N	N/A	—		
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169	Paid Off	GUC	8/30/2024	9/1/2025	12.0	N	—	12.0	9/1/2025	Y	N	N/A	—		

Data Source: PLD 2 Redacted Loan Tape

Before you invest in a debt fund, ask to see:

- Loan status (paid off , in servicing, in default) across the full portfolio
- Loan-to-value and loan-to-cost ratios on every loan
- Interest rates, fees, and how defaults / late fees are handled
- Borrower experience level and FICO scores

Want to See This in Practice?

This guide condenses the frameworks Chris Lopez and Richard McGirr teach in their full webinar, including a real walkthrough of an actual (redacted) loan tape and Q&A. Watch the complete session for the full picture.

Watch the Full Webinar

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Chris Lopez and Richard McGirr are the Co-Founders of Property Llama, a real estate portfolio analytics platform. Chris and Richard have been general partners together on over \$40 million of successful private lending partnerships.