#### **XAInvestments**





XAI Octagon Floating Rate & Alternative Income Term Trust (the "Trust" or "XFLT")

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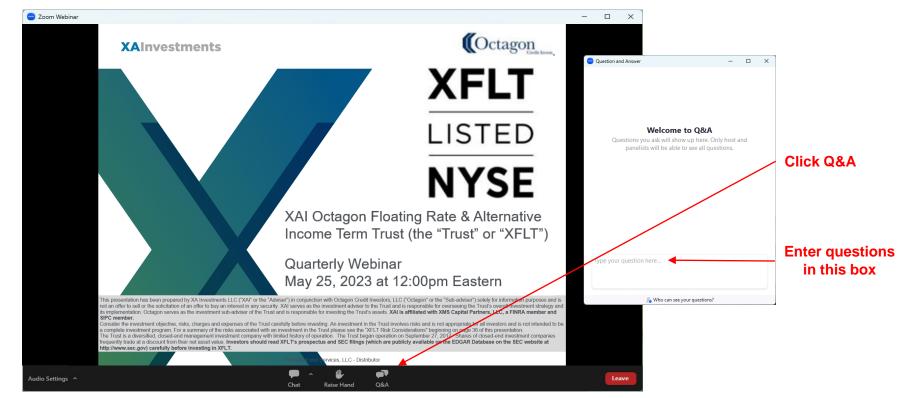
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### Today's Speakers



**Gretchen Lam** Senior Portfolio Manager Octagon Credit Investors, LLC



**Kimberly Flynn** Managing Director XA Investments LLC



**Steven Perry** Vice President XA Investments LLC

Ms. Lam is a member of Octagon's Investment Committee and serves as a Portfolio Manager across CLOs, Separately Managed Accounts and Commingled Funds. Ms. Lam oversees the Firm's Structured Credit (CLO debt & equity) investment strategies. Ms. Lam is also a member of the Firm's ESG Committee.

Prior to becoming a Portfolio Manager, Ms. Lam oversaw Octagon's investments in the software. business services, finance & insurance, paper & packaging, gaming & lodging, homebuilding and real estate industries. She was also responsible for the structured credit exposure held in Octagon's CLO vehicles.

Prior to joining Octagon in 1999, Ms. Lam attended Babson College where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Investments. She received her CFA Charter in 2006.

Kimberly Flynn serves as Managing Director at XA Steven Perry is a Vice President at XA Investments. She is a partner in the firm and responsible for all product and business development activities. Kim is responsible for the firm's proprietary fund platform and consulting practice.

Previously, Kim was Senior Vice President and Head of Product Development for Nuveen her leadership role at Nuveen, Kim was development of new traditional and alternative commodity pools.

Kim received her MBA degree from Harvard University and her BBA in Finance and Business Economics, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Notre Dame in 1999. She received her CFA charter in 2005.

Investments focused on product and business development. Steven is responsible for overseeing XFLT's product management decisions.

Previously, Steven worked consulting lenders across the country in the government guarantee lending space at Windsor Advantage. Under his Investments' Global Structured Products Group. In management, he oversaw a portfolio of more than 1100 loans totaling over \$1.3B. Also, Steven was responsible for asset raising activities through the responsible for building the Portfolio Management and Construction Management Departments at investment funds including CEFs, ETFs, UITs and Windsor Advantage. Prior to, he played five years of professional soccer.

> Steven received his B.B.A. in Finance from the University of Notre Dame.

### **Octagon Credit Overview**



#### **CREDIT EXPERTS**

• Exclusive focus is below investment grade credit since 1994. \$34.6bn in AUM as of 3/31/23

#### **DISCIPLINED PROCESS**

• Seasoned investment process rooted in fundamental credit and relative value analysis

#### PEOPLE

• Cohesive, experienced, cycle-tested investment team

#### EXPERIENCE

• More than 25+ year track record managing and investing in CLO securities

#### INSTITUTIONAL FOCUSED

• XFLT, launched in Sept. 2017, was Octagon's first strategy to be publicly available in a registered fund

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### **Questions & Topics for the Speakers**

- 1. Please discuss the XFLT financial highlights for the quarter.
- 2. How has the XFLT common share base grown in recent years? How is the fund managing the cost of leverage given the higher interest rate environment?
- 3. The markets have been dealing with slowing economic growth, rising rates, and recession concerns; can you give us some insight into how the loan market performed and how the relative performance has been against other asset classes? What about CLOs, can you give us an update on their performance in Q1 and where CLOs are trading now?
- 4. How does Octagon analyze the underlying loans and sector exposures in the CLO debt and equity portion of the portfolio? What are the systems used to evaluate and manage risk?
- 5. How has the financial performance of loan borrowers trended in the 1Q23? How have CLO collateral managers outperformed in this environment?
- 6. What is the distribution level for XFLT and what led to the most recent increase?
- 7. XFLT can invest across multiple asset classes; where do you think the relative value is today across CLO debt, CLO equity, loans, and high yield bonds?
- 8. For the last year, loans and CLO debt have traded at discounted levels. What is driving these trading levels?
- 9. Corporate loan defaults have been near historic lows for quite some time but have started to tick up in the 1Q23. As a CLO collateral manager, how can you offset the impact of loan defaults in the current environment?
- 10. How has XFLT performed relative to its fund peer group?
- 11. What is your outlook for the loan and CLO markets going forward?

### **XFLT Financial Highlights**

- XFLT has a fiscal year end of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see XFLT's Annual Report, Semi-annual Report and quarterly financials at <u>www.XAInvestments.com</u> for more details.
- For the first quarter, XFLT issued 427,012 shares of common stock pursuant to the Company's "at-themarket" offering program for total net proceeds of approximately \$2.9mm.
- Monthly distributions paid to common shareholders increased by 16.44% to \$0.085 per share declared on May 1, 2023.
- For the six months ended March 31, 2023, net investment income ("NII") was \$0.47 and net realized/unrealized loss on investments was (\$0.10) per weighted average common share. The total gain from investment operations was \$0.37.
- For the six months ended March 31, 2023, the ratio of NII to average net assets was 14.69%.
- Weighted Average Current Yields (mark price) as of 3/31/20231:

### • CLO Equity: 23.03% CLO Debt: 12.75% Opportunistic Loans: 11.26% Loans: 9.95% Bonds: 6.98%

#### Notes:

Based on prices sourced by Markit, a third-party pricing service, and are subject to change. Octagon makes no assurances that the prices reflected herein represent the prices at which the Trust's investments will be liquidated. Any fluctuations in market prices may impact Trust returns. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. Current Yield for CLO equity positions is calculated by Octagon as the sum of all cash distributions paid by the CLO within the past 12 months as of the respective date shown (i.e. LTM), divided by the total purchase price or mark price value of the Trust's CLO equity positions as of the respective date. Based on this calculation methodology, the Current Yield of these positions, as included in the calculation of Total Portfolio Current Yield, is zero. Total LTM quarterly cash distributions received by the Fund excludes: i) any CLO Equity position(s) that did not receive a cash distribution at the CLO's most recent quarterly payment date, however, the purchase cost amount and market value of any such CLO Equity position(s) is reflected in the total purchase cost amount and market value of the Fund's CLO Equity positions and the Current Yield. As of March 31, 2023, no Fund holdings qualify for this treatment. Total LTM quarterly cash distributions also excludes outsized par flush distributions executed upon a deal's reset or refinancing. These distributions and the Current Yield are subject to change on a prospective basis. Yield is not a projection or guarantee of future returns, due to expected changes in asset prices and changing market factors.

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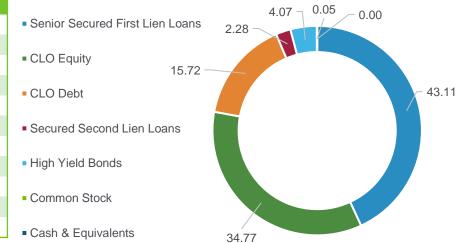
#### XFLT Overview and Top 10 Holdings As of 3/31/2023

Summary Trust Characte	ristics		
Total Managed Assets	\$401,172,159	Current Distribution (monthly)	\$0.073
Common Shares Outstanding	37,229,874	Distribution Rate on NAV	13.86%
Average Daily Volume (in shares) <sup>1</sup>	173,167	Distribution Rate on Market Price	13.62%
Total Regulatory Leverage %	41.32%	Number of Holdings (count) <sup>2</sup>	454
Average Cost of Leverage % <sup>1</sup>	5.97%	Avg. Asset Price (% of par) <sup>2</sup>	84.92%
NAV	\$6.32	Avg. Effective Maturity (years) <sup>2</sup>	7.96
Market Price	\$6.43	Fund Inception Date	9/27/2017

#### Top 10 Holdings<sup>2</sup>

Top 10 Holdings	Asset Type	% Portfolio
Carlyle US CLO 2019-4, Ltd.	CLO Equity	1.64%
Elmwood CLO VII, Ltd. 2020-4A	CLO Equity	1.58%
Rockland Park CLO, Ltd. 2021-1A	CLO Equity	1.40%
Regatta XIX Funding, Ltd. 2022-1A	CLO Equity	1.27%
Regatta XVIII Funding, Ltd. 2021-1A	CLO Equity	1.25%
Elmwood CLO II, Ltd. 2019-2A	CLO Equity	1.22%
Anchorage Capital CLO 13 LLC 2019-13A	CLO Equity	1.13%
Anchorage Capital CLO 19, Ltd. 2021-19A	CLO Equity	1.06%
Madison Park Funding XXXVII, Ltd. 2019-37A	CLO Equity	0.96%
Elmwood CLO VIII, Ltd. 2021-1A	CLO Equity	0.96%
	Total	12.47%

#### Asset Allocation %<sup>2</sup>



Unaudited. Source: XA Investments LLC; ALPS.

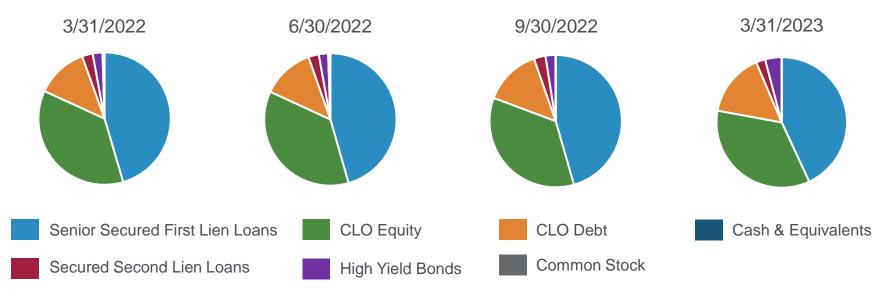
1. Quarter-to-date figures ending on 3/31/2023.

2. Holdings are measured as a percentage of market value over the Trust's total portfolio investments as of 3/31/2023. Holdings may vary and are subject to change without notice.

3. Distribution rates are not performance and are calculated by summing the monthly distributions per share over twelve months and dividing by the NAV or market price, as applicable, as of the latest month end. Distributions may be comprised of ordinary income, net capital gains, and/or a return of capital (ROC) of your investment in the fund. To date, a portion of common stock distributions has been estimated to be a return of capital as noted under the Investor Relations section on the Trust's website. The actual components of the Trust's distributions for U.S. tax reporting purposes can only be finally determined as of the end of each fiscal year of the Trust and are thereafter reported on Form 1099-DIV. The Trust's distributions for fiscal year ended 2022 comprised 90.60% net income and 9.40% return of capital. The Trust's distributions for fiscal year ending 2023 will be made available and reported to investors subsequent to the end of fiscal year 2023. A distribution comprised in whole or in part by a return of capital does not necessarily reflect the company's investment performance and should not be confused with "yield" or "income." Future distributions may consist of a return of capital.

# XFLT Portfolio Composition Over Time (as of 3/31/2023)

Asset Allocation	6/30/2022	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	3/31/2023
Senior Secured First Lien Loans	45.5%	45.6%	45.6%	43.1%
CLO Equity	36.4%	36.3%	35.2%	34.8%
CLO Debt	12.7%	12.8%	14.0%	15.7%
Secured Second Lien Loans	2.6%	2.5%	2.8%	2.3%
High Yield Bonds	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%	4.1%
Common Stock	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Cash & Equivalents	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%



Source: Octagon Credit Investors, LLC; ALPS; data as of 3/31/2023.

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#### **XFLT Net Returns**

#### Performance Period Ended Q1 2023

**XFLT Net Return Performance** assumes dividends are reinvested. NAV returns reflect NAV decreases due to unrealized losses associated with model-driven valuation changes for CLO equity.

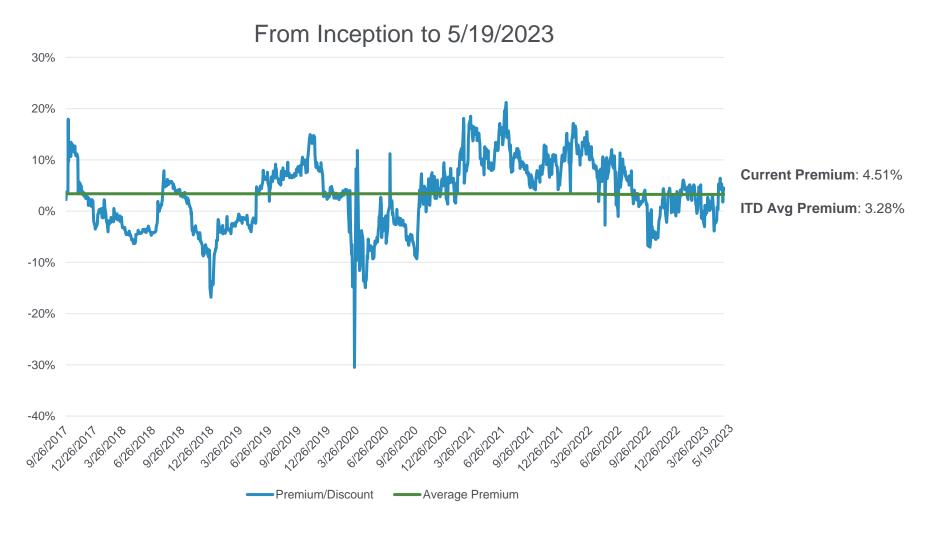
		3/31/2023 QTD TR	3/31/2023 1 YR TR	3/31/2023 3 YR TR	3/31/2023 5 YR TR	Since Inception <sup>1</sup> ITD TR (Annualized)
NAV	\$6.32	4.22%	-5.83%	23.43%	2.47%	2.87%
Price	\$6.43	5.20%	-13.58%	26.76%	3.49%	2.78%
Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan 100 Index		2.86%	2.42%	6.50%	3.37%	3.51%

Source: Unaudited financials. XA Investments LLC; ALPS

Notes: Period returns shown net of fees and expenses.

 Annualized total return as of 3/31/2023, includes reinvestment of dividends. The Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan 100 Index is the Trust's benchmark. The Index does not charge fees and expenses. Performance and other financial information included herein is unaudited. "Price" is based on the closing prices of XFLT on the NYSE at the end of trading on the last trading day of each period. "Benchmark" is the Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index, which is a market value-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the U.S. leveraged loan market. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns assume reinvestment of distributions, and NAV returns are net of fund expenses.

# **XFLT Premium/Discount History**



Source: Bloomberg

Notes: 1. Calendar days ending 5/19/2023.

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value.

### **XFLT Price/NAV History**

From Inception to 5/19/2023

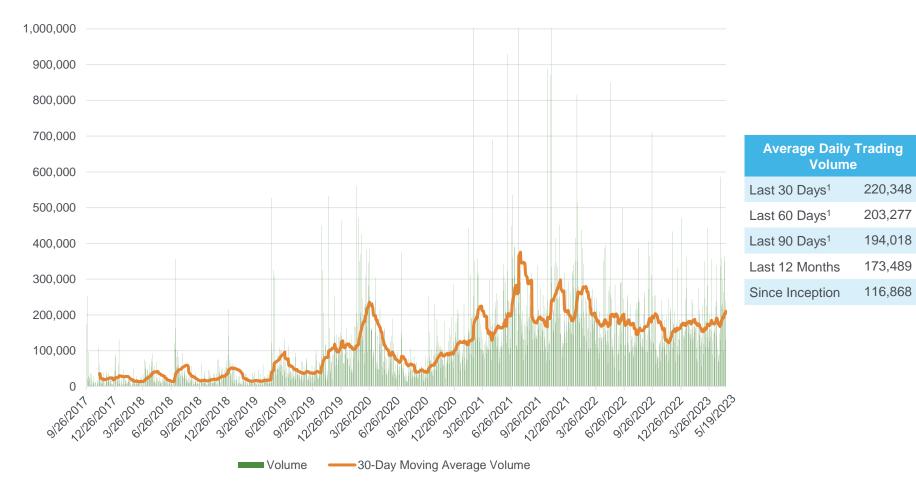


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### **XFLT Trading Volume Analysis**

From Inception to 5/19/2023



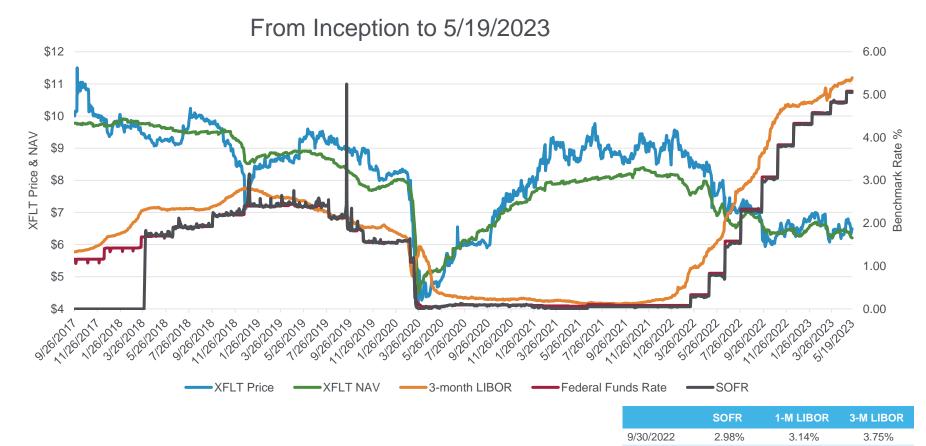
Source: Bloomberg

Note: 1. Calendar days ending 5/19/2023.

Chart maximum is set at 1,000,000 shares. Multiple trading days had volume over 1,000,000 shares.

#### **XFLT vs Benchmark Rates**

#### Fed has raised benchmark rate by 5 percentage points since the start of 2022



Source: Bloomberg

Notes:

1. Data through May 19, 2023.

2. Source: 3-month LIBOR represented by ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month, Federal Funds Rate represented by US Federal Funds Effective Rate (continuous series).

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12/30/2022

3/31/2023

5/19/2023

4.30%

4.87%

5.05%

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4.39%

4.86%

5.13%

4.68%

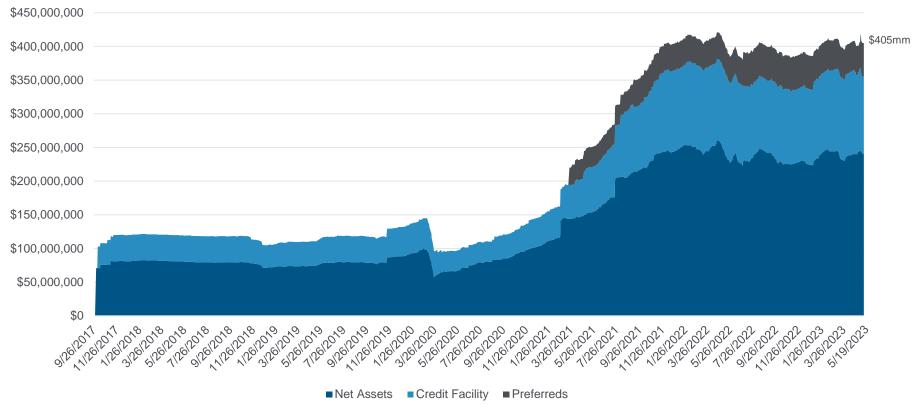
5.17%

5.39%

### XFLT Asset Growth Provides Scale Efficiencies

XFLT has grown, via the Trust's registration statement, from an At-the-Market program, follow-on equity offerings, preferred conversions, and preferred debt issuances

From Inception to 5/19/2023



### XFLT Leverage Sources (as of March 31, 2023)

Type of Leverage	Leverage % <sup>1</sup>	Leverage \$	Regulatory Limit	Average Cost of Leverage in Q1	Average Leverag	
Bank Borrowings	30.50%	\$122,350,000		5.91% <sup>4</sup>	5.11	% <sup>4</sup>
Preferreds (Retail)	9.95%	\$39,900,000		6.50%	6.50	0%
Preferreds (Convertib	le) 0.87%	\$3,500,000		6.00%	6.00	0%
Total	41.32% <sup>2</sup>	165,750,000	<b>50%</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>5.97%</b> <sup>5</sup>	5.54	!% <sup>5</sup>
	Preferred Stock Over	view	Retail Pre	eferred Share Institu	utional Owne	rship
	2026 Retail Preferreds	2029 Convertible Preferreds	Eagle Point C	redit Management	348,303	21.82%
NYSE Ticker	XFLT-PRA	N/A	Karpus Invest	ment Management	267,897	16.78%
Description	6.50% Series 2026 Term Preferred Shares	6.00% Series 2029 Convertible Preferred Shares	RiverNorth Ca	apital Management	261,486	16.38%
Principal	\$39.9mm	\$3.5mm	Putnam Inves	tments	80,000	5.01%
Current Price Per Share	\$25.08	\$25.00	First Trust Ca	pital Management	2,134	0.13%
Coupon	6.50%	6.00%	Total Institut	ional Ownership	970,768	60.83%
Current Yield	6.48%	6.00%	Total Shares	Outstanding	1,596,000	100%
Payment Frequency	Quarterly	Quarterly		outstanding	1,330,000	100 /0

Notes:

1. As a percent of total managed assets as of 3/31/2023.

2. Figures may not add to an exact total due to accrued interest.

3. With a combination of Bank Borrowings and Preferreds the Trust is allowed to a combination of leverage up to 50%.

4. Based on Q1 2023 and Q4 2022 average cost of bank borrowings.

5. Represents a weighted average cost of leverage.

## **XFLT Distribution History**

- XFLT increased its May 1, 2023, declared distribution by 16.44% to \$0.085 per share
- As of May 19th, the annualized distribution rate was 15.77% based on market price of \$6.47 and 16.40% on NAV of \$6.22
- From October 1, 2020, through April 1, 2023, XFLT declared regular monthly distributions at a steady rate of \$0.073 per share (31 level distributions)

PAYABLE DATE	RECORD DATE	EX-DATE	DECLARATION DATE	AMOUNT
6/1/2023	5/16/2023	5/15/2023	5/1/2023	\$0.085
5/1/2023	4/17/2023	4/14/2023	4/3/2023	\$0.073
4/3/2023	3/15/2023	3/14/2023	3/1/2023	\$0.073
3/1/2023	2/15/2023	2/14/2023	2/1/2023	\$0.073
2/1/2023	1/17/2023	1/13/2023	1/3/2023	\$0.073
2022				\$0.876
2021				\$0.876
2020				\$0.798
2019				\$0.860
2018				\$0.828
2017				\$0.138
Total				\$4.753

# XFLT Comparison with CLO Focused CEFs

	XFLT	CLO Focused CEFs <sup>1</sup>
Leverage Cost	Mainly Credit Facility (5.97% as of 3/31/23)	Higher, Mainly Preferred Leverage (5-7%)
NAV	Daily	Monthly Estimates; Quarterly Audited
Valuation	Third Party	Internal, Monthly Estimates; Quarterly Official NAV
Portfolio Allocation	50% Loans / 50% CLOs	~95%+ CLOs
Fees	No Performance Fee	Performance Fees / Higher Management fees <sup>2</sup>
Distribution Rate on Market Price (3/31/23)	13.63%	17.44% (Average of 4 Funds)
Average Premium LTM (as of 3/31/23)	3.27%	4.74% (Average of 4 Funds)

Source: Bloomberg; Company Websites; Adviser ADVs. Notes:

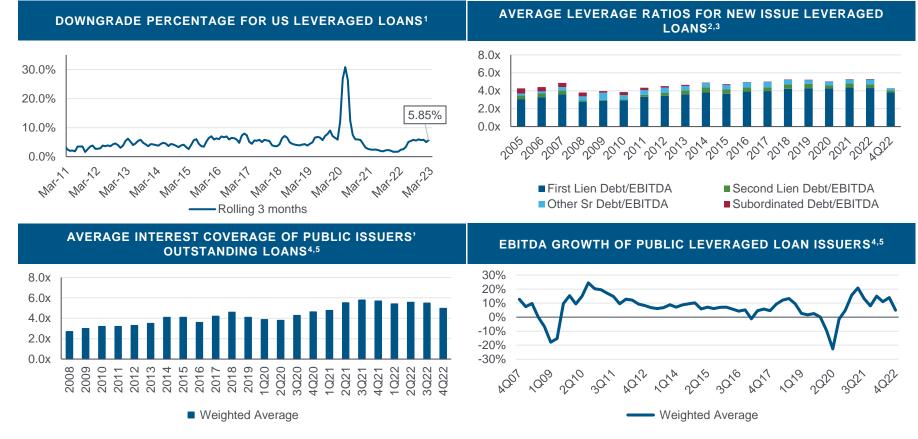
1. Comps include tickers ECC, EIC, OXLC, and OCCI.

2. EIC invests in a mix of CLO debt and equity and has a lower management fee than XFLT and does not charge a performance fee.

Distribution rates are not performance and are calculated by summing the monthly distributions per share over twelve months and dividing by the NAV or market price, as applicable, as of the latest month end. Distributions may be comprised of ordinary income, net capital gains, and/or a return of capital (ROC) of your investment in the fund. To date, a portion of common stock distributions has been estimated to be a return of capital a snoted under the Investor Relations section on the Trust's website. The actual components of the Trust's distributions for U.S. tax reporting purposes can only be finally determined as of the end of each fiscal year ended 2022 will be made available and reported to investors subsequent to the end of fiscal year 2022. A distribution comprised in whole or in part by a return of capital does not necessarily reflect the company's investment performance and should not be confused with "yield" or "income." Future distributions may consist of a return of capital. Performance achieved prior to December 31, 2021 is predominantly based on investments that use USD LIBOR as a reference rate. LIBOR is currently being phased out, with the syndicated debt and CLO securities markets transitioning to alternative reference rates. The Trust holds assets referencing LIBOR and assets referencing SOFR. There is no guarantee that the performance of individual investments or the syndicated debt and CLO securities markets as a whole during the transition period (or ultimately) will be consistent with performance achieved during the LIBOR era.

### **Credit Fundamentals**

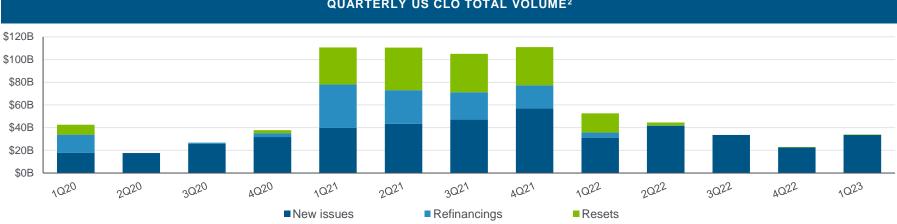
- · Increasing number of borrowers are seeing deterioration, despite average growth and high interest coverage
- EBITDA growth of public companies (weighted toward better-quality BB rated credits) remains positive



- 1. Source: Pitchbook LCD, LLI Default Rates (February 28, 2023). Data for loans represents metrics for the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index (formerly the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (the "LLI").
- 2. Source: Pitchbook LCD, "LCD Quarterly Review: Fourth Quarter 2022, Commentary Charts" (December 31, 2022). Data for loans represents metrics for the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index (formerly the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (the "LLI").
- Includes issuers with EBITDA greater than \$50mm.
- 4. Source: Pitchbook LCD, Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index: Current Credit Statistics (December 31, 2022). Data for loans represents metrics for the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index (formerly the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (the "LLI").
- 5. The sample for the latest quarter includes 141 companies within the Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index that file results publicly, or just over 12% of the Index. For this analysis, LCD draws its performance metrics and total debt levels from S&P Capital IQ.

### **Technical Dynamics**

Supply and demand outlook appears balanced as YTD 2023 CLO new issue volume stands at \$39.1B<sup>1</sup> ٠

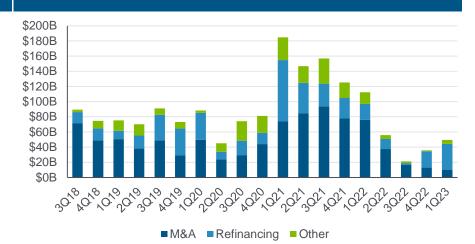


#### QUARTERLY US CLO TOTAL VOLUME<sup>2</sup>

#### RETAIL LOAN FUND FLOWS<sup>3</sup> VS. 2-10 Y TREASURY SPREADS



**INSTITUTIONAL NEW ISSUE LEVERAGED LOAN VOLUME<sup>2</sup>** 



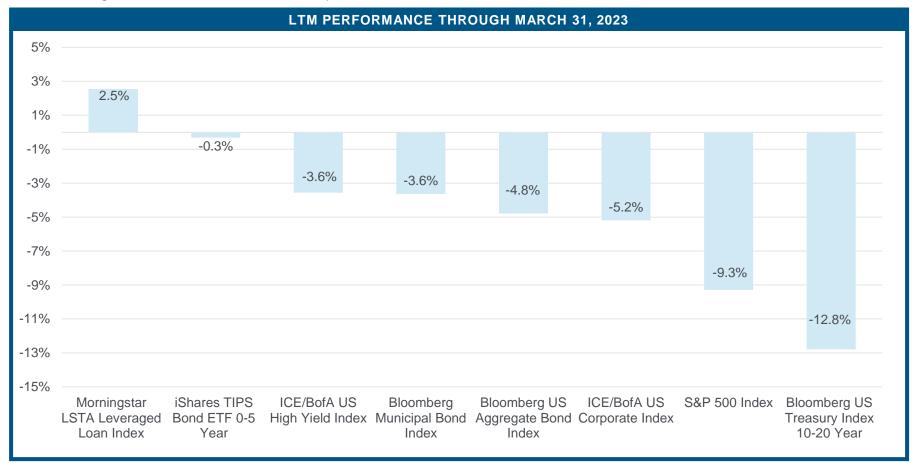
Source: J.P. Morgan North America Credit Research, "Credit Strategy Weekly" (April 28, 2023). 1.

Source: Pitchbook LCD, LCD Global CLO Databank (March 31, 2023). 2.

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Lipper, Standard & Poor's Structured Finance Group, JP Morgan, Merrill Lynch, Citigroup, Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (April 30, 2023). 3.

### Last Twelve-Month Asset Class Performance

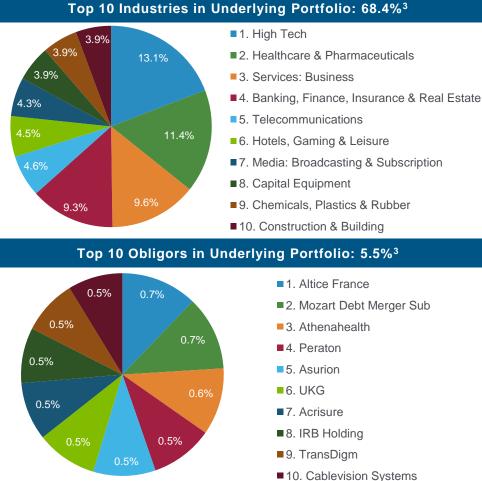
• Leveraged loans have continued to outperform certain asset classes



1. Source Bloomberg, JPMorgan Markets from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023. Senior secured loans are represented by the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index, high yield bonds are represented by the ICE/BofA US High Yield Bond Index, TIPS are represented by the Barclays TIPS Index 0-5 Year Index, Aggregate Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, which encompasses Investment Grade, taxable fixed-rate bonds, corporate bonds are represented by ICE/BofA US Corporate Index, Municipal Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index 22+ Yr and U.S. Treasury Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg US Treasury Bond 10-20 Year Index, the US equities market is being represented by the S&P 500, which is a stock market index tracking the performance of 500 large companies listed on stock exchanges in the United States. An investment cannot be made directly in an index. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Holdings in any relevant index may differ materially from holdings in an Octagon-managed account or fund.

### XFLT CLO Debt & CLO Equity Portfolio Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

Portfolio Sta	atistics <sup>2</sup>	
Account Inception Date	Se	ptember 2017
# of Positions		135
# of Collateral Managers		24
Average Manager Exposure		4.2%
Largest Manager Exposure	14.3% pa	r / 12.2% cost
ORIGINAL F	RATING	
	% of Par	% of Cost
BBB	0.4%	0.5%
BB	19.3%	24.6%
В	0.9%	1.1%
Equity	79.5%	73.8%
ORIGINAL DEA	L VINTAGE	
	% of Par	% of Cost
2013	0.3%	0.4%
2014	0.0%	0.0%
2015	9.1%	5.4%
2016	6.6%	6.3%
2017	6.7%	6.5%
2018	11.3%	11.6%
2019	17.2%	19.3%
2020	11.3%	13.0%
2021	31.2%	29.7%
2022	5.8%	7.2%
2023	0.4%	0.5%



1. Represents CLO Debt and Equity positions as of March 31, 2023.

2. Portfolio Statistics are based upon par value. Excludes the following CLO equity positions, which have been called: Catamaran CLO 2015-1 LTD. and THL Credit Wind River 2016-1 CLO, LTD. Totals may not foot to 100% due to rounding.

3. Statistics presented above are calculated on a weighted average basis across the aggregate collateral pools, and reflect the weighted average notional value of underlying collateral as of March 31, 2023. Sources: Kanerai / Intex (calculated on April 2, 2023), which utilizes data from the most recent trustee reports for each underlying collateral portfolio comprising the above statistics.

### Bank Loan Market Conditions & Outlook

#### First quarter 2023 loan performance was strong, up 3.23%<sup>1</sup>

- Despite a -0.03% return during the month of March, 1Q23 represented the second strongest first quarter performance for the asset class in the last 10 years<sup>1</sup>
- Market is differentiating risk; Average bid price by rating cohort (as of 3/31/23) BBs: \$97.78, Bs: \$94.20, CCCs: \$76.76<sup>2</sup>
- CCCs underperformed higher-rated credits in March, returning -1.97%; Bs +0.12% and BBs -0.12%<sup>2</sup>
- Leveraged loans remained resilient through banking sector turmoil
  - Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index's average bid price recouped 53% of \$1.59 price decline from SVB and Signature collapses (as of 3/31/23)<sup>1</sup>

#### We expect credit stress to increase due to strengthening macroeconomic headwinds

- The turmoil in the banking sector is likely to pressure credit availability and contribute to a slowing economy
- Our focus remains on managing risk and positioning defensively, as softer corporate earnings and higher interest rates contribute to weakening credit metrics
- We expect defaults to rise above the long-term historical average of 2.72%<sup>3</sup> for 2023
- Rating agencies remain active and downgrades to CCCs remain a headwind to portfolios; rolling 3-month downgraded-to-upgrade ratio of 2.46x<sup>1</sup>

#### Supportive supply-demand technical

- Loan forward calendar remains light, after \$17.4B of total institutional loan issuance in March<sup>4</sup>
- Sustained new CLO formation with \$11B in issuance in March<sup>4</sup>

#### All-in yields for loans have benefitted from higher base rates

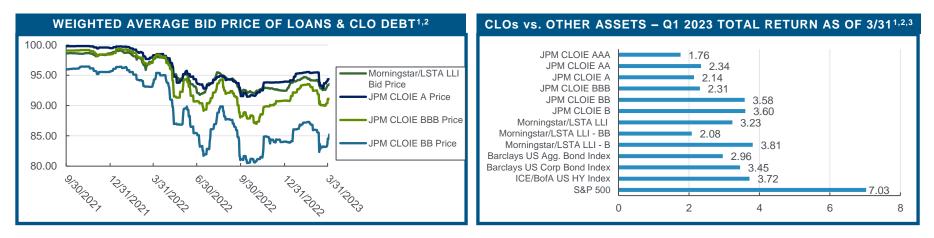
- Loan 3-Year Yield of 9.98% is near post-GFC high vs. high yield bond YTW of 8.76% (as of 3/31/23)<sup>5</sup>
- Loans continue to trade at a discount, with the LLI's weighted average bid price at \$93.38 (as of 3/31/23)<sup>1</sup>
- 1. Source: Pitchbook LCD, "March Wrap: US leveraged loans slip 0.03% as supply drought continues" (April 3, 2023).
- 2. Source: Bloomberg, Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index; Pitchbook LCD (March 31, 2023). Data for loans represents metrics for the Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (formerly the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index) (the "LLI").
- 3. Source: Pitchbook LCD. Represents the long-term historical average (beginning in January 1999) of the lagging 12-month default rate for the Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index by principal amount as of March 31, 2023. Default rate is calculated as the amount of default over the last 12 months divided by the amount outstanding at the beginning of the 12-month period. Represents all loans including loans not included in the Refinitiv/LPC mark-to-market service. Past defaults are not an indication of future default rates.
- 4. Source: J.P. Morgan North America Credit Research, "High Yield Bond and Leveraged Loan Market Monitor" (April 3, 2023).
- 5. Source: J.P. Morgan North America Credit Research, "US High Yield and Leveraged Loan Daily Updates" (March 31, 2023).

### 1Q 2023 CLO Debt Performance Buoyed by Floating Rate Structure

 1Q 2023 CLO debt performance by tranche and prices as of 3/31/23 (as measured by J.P. Morgan CLO Index or "CLOIE")<sup>1</sup>:

AAA = 1.67% / \$98.25	BBB = 2.31% / \$91.09
AA = 2.34% / \$96.75	BB = 3.58% / \$84.54
A = 2.14% / \$94.36	B = 3.60% / \$68.93

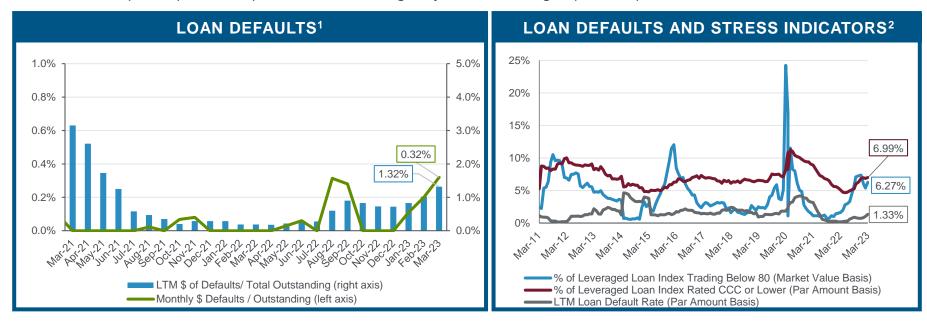
- 1Q 2023 Loans returned 3.23% (as measured by the Morningstar/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index or "Morningstar/LSTA LLI")<sup>2</sup>
  - Average bid price for Morningstar/LSTA LLI as of 3/31/2023 = \$93.38<sup>3</sup>



- 1. Source: J.P. Morgan Global Credit Research, "CLOIE Monitor March 2023" (April 3, 2023).
- 2. Source: Pitchbook Leveraged Commentary & Data (Pitchbook LCD), Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index. Represents metrics for the Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index ("Morningstar LSTA LLI") as of March 31, 2023, unless otherwise noted. In conjunction with LCD, the Leveraged Syndications & Trading Association ("LSTA") developed the Morningstar LSTA LLI, a market-value weighted index designed to measure the performance of the US leveraged loan market, the index universe comprises syndicated, senior secured, US-dollar denominated leveraged loans covered by Morningstar PitchBook/LCD, a Morningstar COD, a Morningstar CDD, a minimum size of \$50mm (initially funded). Refinitiv/LPC Mark-to-Market Pricing is used to price each loan in the index. Refinitiv/LPC Mark-to-Market Pricing is based on bid/ask quotes gathered from dealers and is not based upon derived pricing models. The index uses the average bid for its market value calculation. It is not possible to invest directly in this index. Past performance is not a predictor of future market performance.
- CLO AAA/AA/A/BBB/BB/B represents post-crisis CLOIE, as further described herein. Loans (AII)/BB/B represent the S&P/LSTA LLI or respective sub-index, as further described herein. IG Corp (AII)/AAA/AA/A represent the J.P. Morgan US JULI Index or respective sub-index. Source: J.P. Morgan Data Query. HY Corp (AII)/BB/B represents the ICE BofA US High Yield Index or respective sub-index. Source: ICE BofA, as of March 31, 2023. It is impossible to invest directly in any of the aforementioned indices. Data for UST 10Y and S&P 500 Index sourced from LCD, an offering of S&P Global Market Intelligence. Past performance is not a predictor of future market performance.

### Trailing Loan Default Rates and Stress Indicators Are Rising

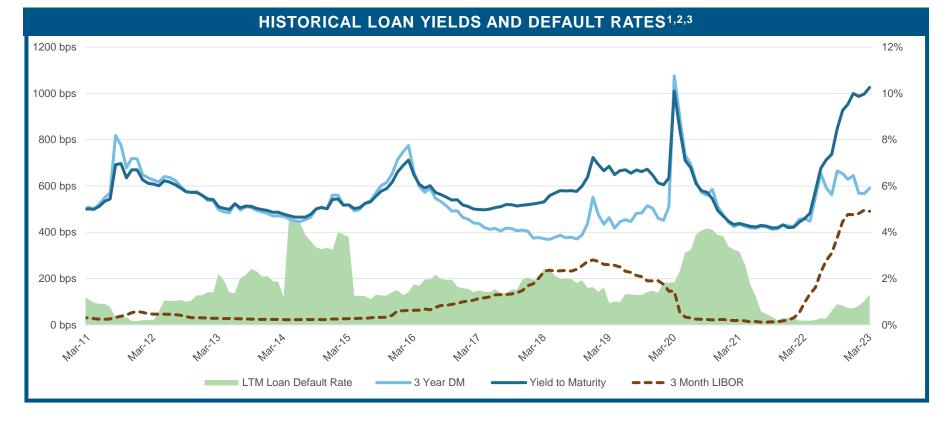
- LTM Leveraged Loan Index Default Rate is 1.32% as of 3/31<sup>1</sup>
- The percentage of leveraged loans rated CCC or lower is increasing, but number of Leveraged Loans trading at distressed prices (below \$80) has decreased marginally from recent highs (Dec. '22)



- 1. Source: Pitchbook LCD (March 31, 2023). Morningstar LSTA LLI default rate represents lagging 12-month default rate by principal amount as of the respective period. The Morningstar LSTA LLI generally mirrors the universe of leveraged loans syndicated in the US. Defaults for the Morningstar LSTA LLI do not represent the default experience of any particular investment manager or manager peer set. Defaults represent all loans including loans not included in the Refinitiv/LPC mark-to-market service. Default rate is calculated as the amount default over the last 12 months divided by the amount outstanding at the beginning of the 12-month period. Past defaults are not an indication of future default rates.
- 2. Source: Pitchbook LCD. Represents all loans (excluding defaulted loans) in the Morningstar LSTA LLI marked at an average bid price below 80 or rated CCC or below (March 31, 2023). Morningstar LSTA LLI default rate represents lagging 12-month default rate by principal amount as of the respective period. Historical LTM default rate includes EFH (aka TXU), which was included in the default rate from April 2014-March 2015. The Morningstar LSTA LLI generally mirrors the universe of leveraged loans syndicated in the US. Defaults for the Morningstar LSTA LLI do not represent the default experience of any particular investment manager or manager peer set. Index default rate is calculated as the amount defaulted over the last 12 months divided by the amount outstanding at the beginning of the 12-month period. Defaults represent all loans including loans not included in the Refinitiv/LPC mark-to-market service.

# Loan Yields Higher Than Historical Median, Trailing Defaults Remain Low but on the Rise

- Loan Yield to Maturity = 10.26% vs. long-term median of 5.54%<sup>1</sup>
- Loan 3Y Discount Margin = L+590bps vs. long-term median of L+509bps<sup>2</sup>



- 1. Represents the Yield to Maturity for the Morningstar LSTA LLI. "Long Term Median Yield to Maturity" represents the median of Yield to Maturity at month-end starting January 31, 2010.
- 2. Represents the 3 Year Discount Margin for the Morningstar LSTA LLI. "Long Term Median Loan 3 Yr Discount Margin" represents the median of 3 Year Discount Margins at month-end starting January 31, 2010.
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### **CLO Market Themes and Outlook**

#### • 2023 YTD U.S. CLO issuance second highest in 2.0 history notwithstanding a turbulent macro backdrop<sup>1</sup>

- 1Q 2023 saw \$33.5B in US CLO new issue supply (+4.2% YoY), but refi/reset activity down -98% YoY<sup>2</sup>
- Future CLO formation will be impacted by historically wide liabilities, limited new-issue loan supply, recessionary signals, and an increase in rating downgrades<sup>3</sup>
- Banking sector turmoil likely to result in a contraction of credit availability, exacerbating an already challenged lending environment

#### CLO fundamentals softening from strong starting point

- As a result of downgrades, CCC exposure has increased to 5.1% for deals within their reinvestment periods; share of B- loans in CLOs is 30%, of which 6% is attributable to downgrades from B/B+<sup>4</sup>
- YTD 2023 \$3.7B in loans within CLOs have defaulted, an amount equal to the newly defaulted holdings in CLOs for all of 2022<sup>4</sup>
- 40% of CCC loans trade below \$70 (11% in January 2022)<sup>4</sup>
- With higher quality loans trading at a significant premium to lower quality loans, managing risk has become more difficult / expensive

#### Robust new issuance despite persistently wide AAA spread

- Established top tier managers likely to continue to dominate primary volumes
  - 55% of 1Q US CLO new issue activity from top-tier managers<sup>3</sup>
- Expect domestic Bank demand to remain muted given recent banking system volatility<sup>5</sup>
- By YE 2023, roughly 40% of outstanding CLOs will be beyond their reinvestment period. These CLOs will likely remain outstanding until AAA spreads tighten or loan prices rally<sup>6</sup>

#### • SOFR transition deadline approaching in 2023

 As of 3/31, 79.8% of U.S. BSL CLOs need to transition their base rate to SOFR ahead of the June 2023 deadline. 34% of loans held in CLO portfolios are priced to SOFR<sup>7</sup>

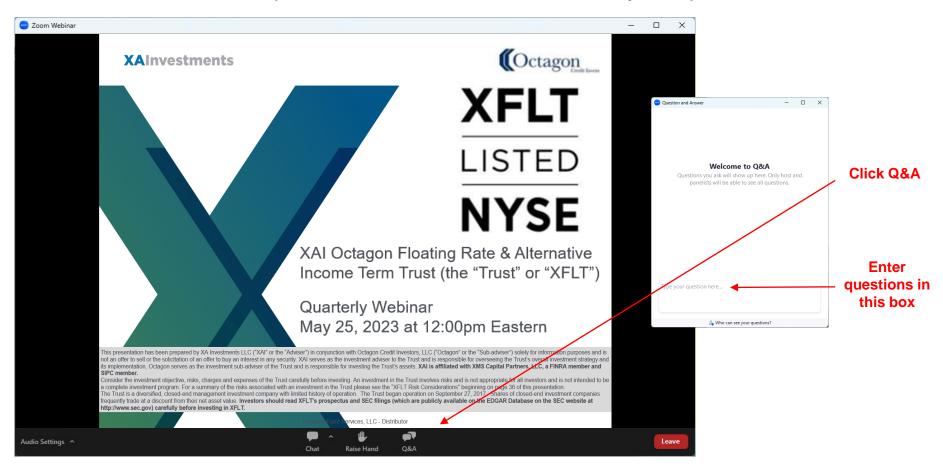
- 3. Source: Pitchbook LCD, "Q1 US CLO Wrap: Despite myriad headwinds, issuance remains strong" (March 28, 2023).
- 4. Source: BofA Global Research, "CLO Weekly" (March 31, 2023).
- 5. Source: BofA Global Research, "CLO Weekly" (April 6, 2023).
- 6. Source: Barclays Credit Research, "Leveraged Loans and CLOs: WAL of Worry" (March 31, 2023).
- 7. Source: J.P. Morgan Global Credit Research, "CLO LIBOR/SOFR Transition Report" (April 6, 2023).

<sup>1.</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Research, "Global CLOS: CLO Tracker April 2023 – Extrapopalooza" (April 6, 2023).

<sup>2.</sup> Source: J.P. Morgan North America Credit Research, "US Corporate Credit Issuance Monthly: March and 1Q23" (April 4, 2023).

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APPENDIX: Additional Information, Glossary and Risk Considerations

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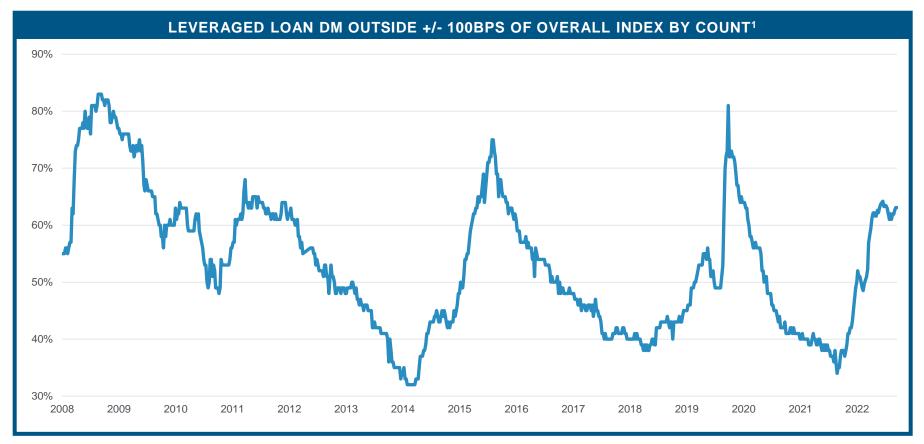
#### XFLT CLO Debt & CLO Equity Portfolio Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

Summary of Underlying Loan Portfolio Characteristics	
Number of unique underlying borrowers	~1,513
Largest exposure to any individual borrower	0.67%
Average individual borrower exposure	0.07%
Exposure to ten largest obligors	5.49%
Aggregate exposure to senior secured loans	97.18%
Weighted average stated spread (bps)	L/S+361
Weighted average Junior OC Cushion	4.63%
Lowest Junior OC Cushion	0.05%
Weighted average Interest Diversion Test Cushion	4.09%
Lowest Interest Diversion Test Cushion	0.03%
Weighted average credit rating	B2 / B
Weighted average price	\$94.38

Represents CLO Debt and Equity level data for the Account. Statistics presented above are calculated on a weighted average basis across the aggregate collateral pools, and reflect the weighted average notional value of underlying collateral as of March 31, 2023. Sources: Kanerai / Intex (calculated on April 2, 2023), which utilizes data from the most recent trustee reports for each underlying collateral portfolio comprising the above statistics.

### Dispersion is on the Rise

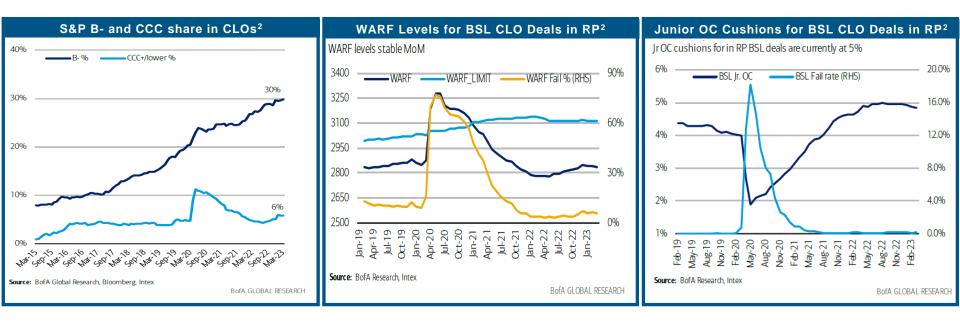
• Performance dispersion increasing through 2023, we believe creates an attractive backdrop for active managers who can differentiate via credit selection



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### CLOs Exhibited Resilience in Q1 2023 Despite Broader Market Volatility

- · Banking sector volatility interrupted broad-based spread tightening
  - Despite intra-month volatility, primary spreads finished the month unchanged AAA at 192bps and weighted average cost of capital at 259bps over SOFR<sup>1</sup>
  - Absent domestic Bank participation and an increase in AAA investor demand, spreads likely to remain wide to historical levels
- CLO Managers focus on tail risk amidst anticipated credit stress
  - Average WARF of US BSL CLOs within their reinvestment periods remained stable MoM<sup>2</sup>
  - Despite downgrades and defaults, junior OC ratios have remained healthy at 4.8%<sup>2</sup>



- 1. Source: Barclays Credit Research, "CLO & Leveraged Loan Monthly Update March 2023" (April 4, 2023).
- 2. Source: BofA Global Research, "CLO Weekly" (March 31, 2023).

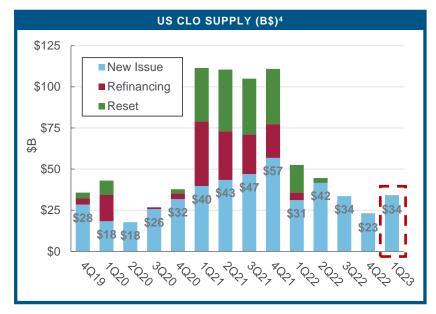
# CLO Supply / Demand Dynamics

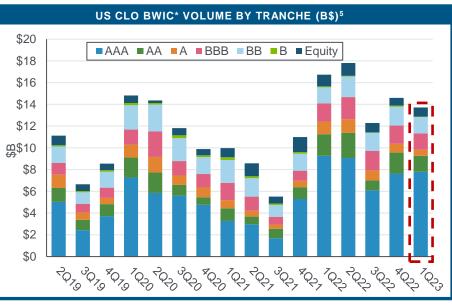
#### Strong US CLO issuance in 1Q 2023; Challenging arb may result in slower issuance going forward

- · Much of 1Q's CLO origination driven by managers' internal/captive equity investments
- New-issue arbitrage could remain challenged unless primary loan issuance increases, liabilities tighten, or secondary loan prices fall<sup>1</sup>
- CLO manager consolidation expected to continue. ~40 managers have not issued a deal since January 2022, and may not in the next two years if tiering remains wide into market weakness<sup>2</sup>

#### Secondary CLO trading activity remained elevated in 1Q at ~\$13B

- Investment grade tranches (rated AAA-A) comprised 72% of total 1Q BWIC activity
- Secondary CLO trading had been strong until final weeks of March, in line with last year's record pace. Weekly AAA BWIC volumes are highest on record, averaging \$626.1MM this year<sup>3</sup>





\*Bids Wanted in Competition

- 1. Source: Pitchbook LCD, "Global CLO Roundup: Benchmark CLO platforms roll out first 2023 prints" (April 4, 2023).
- 2. Source: Nomura Global Markets Research, "CLO Special Topics" (April 10, 2023).
- 3. Source: J.P. Morgan Global Credit Research, "CLO Special Report: Liquidity in the time of Bank Stress" (March 23, 2023).
- 4. Source: Pitchbook LCD, "CLO Global Databank" (April 10, 2023).
- 5. Source: J.P. Morgan CLO Research (April 10, 2023).

### **CLO Considerations**

#### Is there a CLO equity benchmark index?

Currently, no CLO equity index exists and none is expected since CLO equity returns differ by vintage (year of issuance), making index creation challenging. As such, there are no historical returns for the CLO equity marketplace. There are two fairly new CLO debt indices (J.P. Morgan CLO Index and Palmer Square CLO Debt Index) which provide historical post-crisis index return information.

#### What is XFLT's performance benchmark?

Because there is no CLO equity index, XFLT uses the leading senior loan benchmark which is the Morningstar LSTA 100 Leveraged Loan Index as its performance benchmark.

Life of the Typ	bical CLO	
Pre-closing	Month 1 to Month 6	Warehouse Period: Underwriting bank provides CLO manager with financing to begin acquiring assets in advance of CLO closing. Equity investors provide first loss capital during the warehouse period
Closing	CLO comes into legal	existence
Post-closing	Month 1 to Month 3	Ramp-Up Period: Post-closing, proceeds from CLO debt issuance used to repay warehouse and purchase additional assets
	Month 4 to Year 4	Non-Call Period: Post Year 2, the equity investor(s) may direct original CLO liabilities to be refinanced (prepaid at par) and replaced with new liabilities in order to reduce interest expense
		Reinvestment Period: Collateral manager permitted to actively trade underlying assets to maximize value and ensure portfolio remains in compliance with collateral quality tests. Principal cash flows from underlying loan/bond assets used by the Collateral Manager to purchase new assets
	Year 5 to Maturity	Amortization Period: A portion of cash flows from asset amortization, prepayments/repayments, and sales are used to pay down outstanding CLO debt in order of seniority

#### What does the life of a typical CLO look like?

#### What does it mean to reset or refinance a CLO?

When refinancing a CLO, the CLO capital stack is replaced at lower spreads, which reduces equity-tranche holders' cost of leverage and thus increases their return. The portfolio can be refinanced either partially or in full. In a CLO reset, the original deal, including the loans it owns, remains in place and its reinvestment period or maturity is extended to allow the deal to remain outstanding longer. CLOs typically have a four-year reinvestment and once that timeframe is up, there may be restrictions on buying new loans. A CLO can only be reset or refinanced after its non-call period.

# Glossary

TERM	DEFINITION
Accredited Investor	Generally, anyone who earned income that exceeded \$200,000 (or \$300,000 together with a spouse) in each of the prior two years, and reasonably expects the same for the current year, or has a net worth over \$1 million, either alone or together with a spouse (excluding the value of the person's primary residence).
Alpha	A measure of the excess return of a manager or a fund relative to the return of the benchmark index.
Alternative Investments	Investments in assets other than stocks, bonds and cash or investments using strategies that go beyond traditional ways of investing. Because alternatives tend to behave differently than typical stock and bond investments, adding them to a portfolio may provide broader diversification, reduce risk, and enhance returns.
Barclays Corporate Bond Index	This index measures the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD denominated securities publicly issued by US and non-US industrial, utility, and financial markets.
Basis Point	A unit of measure used to describe the percentage changes in the value or rate of an instrument. One basis point is equivalent to 0.01%.
BDC (Business Development Company)	A type of closed-end fund that must invest at least 70% of its assets in private or public U.S. firms with market values of less than \$250 million. BDCs may be structured as listed or non-listed funds.
BWIC (Bids Wanted in Competition)	Refers to a type of secondary "auction" of loans of bonds where an institutional investor/security holder offers up a portfolio of securities via a dealer. The dealer will then put out a BWIC, asking potential buyers to submit bids for the securities/portfolio as a whole.
Cash Drag	Uninvested assets in a fund or account are sometimes called cash drag because your cash is not participating in the market and has no upside or downside potential.
CLO (Collateralized Loan Obligation)	A type of structured credit. CLOs invest in a diverse portfolio of broadly syndicated senior secured loans. CLOs finance this pool of loans with a capital structure that consists of debt and equity.
Collateral	A property or other asset that a borrower offers as a way for a lender to secure the loan. If the borrower stops making the promised loan payments, the lender can seize the collateral to recoup its losses.
Correlation	A statistical measure of how two securities move in relation to one another. The correlation coefficient, or indicator of related movement, ranges from 1 to -1.
Duration	A measure expressed in years of the sensitivity of the price of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates.
J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index	This index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic high yield corporate debt market.
J.P. Morgan Collateralized Loan Obligation Index ("CLOIE")	The CLOIE index is a benchmark to track the market for US dollar denominated broadly-syndicated, arbitrage CLOs. The CLOIE is divided by origination (pre- versus post-crisis) and is broken out further into six original rating classes (AAA, AA, A, BBB, BB, B).

# Glossary (cont.)

TERM	DEFINITION
First Lien	A security interest in one or more assets that lenders hold in exchange for secured debt financing. The first lien to be recorded is paid first.
LIBOR	A benchmark rate that some of the world's leading banks charge each other for short-term loans. LIBOR stands for 'London Interbank Offered Rate.' LIBOR is currently being phased out, with the syndicated debt and CLO securities markets transitioning to alternative reference rates.
LIBOR/SOFR Floor	Ensures that investors receive a guaranteed minimum yield on the loans in which they invest, regardless of how low the LIBOR or SOFF benchmark rates falls.
LTM (Last Twelve Months)	The timeframe of the immediately preceding 12 months.
Mark-to-Market	A measure of the value of an asset or liability, based on current market price.
MLP (Master Limited Partnership)	A type of publicly-traded limited partnership which must generate 90% of their income from qualifying sources, such as exploration, extraction, refining and transporting oil and alternative fuels.
REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust)	A type of security that invests in real estate through property or mortgages. At least 75% of a REIT's assets must be invested in real estate, cash or U.S. Treasuries and 75% of gross income must be derived from real assets. REITs are structured as listed or non-listed REITs.
S&P 500 Index	The S&P 500 Index is a market-capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies. The index is widely regarded as the best gauge of large-cap U.S. equities.
Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan 100 Index	The Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index ("Morningstar LLI or LLI") is designed to reflect the performance of the largest facilities in the leveraged loan market.
Second Lien	Debts that are subordinate to the rights of more senior debts (i.e., first lien instruments) issued against the same collateral or portions of the same collateral.
Morningstar Leveraged Loan Index (LLI)	The Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index ("Morningstar LLI or LLI") is designed to reflect the performance of the all the leveraged loan facilities in the leveraged loan market.
Senior Secured Loans	Debt obligations (also commonly referred to as "senior loans" or "floating rate loans"), issued by a bank to a corporation that holds legal claim to the borrower's assets above all other debt obligations. Senior secured loans have floating rates that typically fluctuate according to the LIBOR.
Sharpe Ratio	Measure of an investment's historical returns adjusted for risk or volatility.
SOFR	The Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) is a broad measure of the cost of borrowing cash overnight collateralized by Treasury securities.
Standard Deviation	Measures the volatility of an investment return. The larger the standard deviation, the larger the potential movement – up or down – of a investment return.
Tranche	Related securities that are portions of a deal or structured financing, but have different risks, return potential and/or maturities.
Volcker Rule	Prohibits banks from proprietary trading and restricts investment in hedge funds and private equity by commercial banks and their affiliates.
Waterfall	A hierarchy establishing the order in which funds are to be distributed in a CLO.

### **XFLT Summary Risks**

Investment in the Trust involves special risk considerations, which are summarized below. The Trust is designed as a long-term investment and not as a trading vehicle. The Trust is not intended to be a complete investment program. The Trust's performance and the value of its investments will vary in response to changes in interest rates, inflation and other market factors.

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Performance achieved prior to December 31, 2021 is predominantly based on investments that use USD LIBOR as a reference rate. LIBOR is currently being phased out, with the syndicated debt and CLO securities markets transitioning to alternative reference rates. The Trust holds assets referencing LIBOR and assets referencing SOFR. There is no guarantee that the performance of individual investments or the syndicated debt and CLO securities markets as a whole during the transition period (or ultimately) will be consistent with performance achieved during the LIBOR era. For additional risks relating to investments in the Trust, please see "Risks" in the Trust's prospectus, which is publicly available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>.

Investment in the Trust involves special risk considerations, which are summarized below. The Trust is designed as a long-term investment and not as a trading vehicle. The Trust is not intended to be a complete investment program. The Trust's performance and the value of its investments will vary in response to changes in interest rates, inflation and other market factors. Investors should see the "Risks" section in the Trust's most recent Annual Report on Form N-CSR for a detailed discussion of factors investors should consider carefully before deciding to invest in the Trust's Shares.

**Investment and Market Risk.** An investment in Common Shares is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest. Your investment in Common Shares represents an indirect investment in the securities owned by the Trust. Your Common Shares at any point in time may be worth less than your original investment, even after taking into account the reinvestment of distributions. A prospective investor should invest in the Common Shares only if the investor can sustain a complete loss in its investment.

Structured Credit Instruments Risk. Holders of structured credit instruments bear risks of the underlying investments, index or reference obligation as well as risks associated with the issuer of the instrument, which is often a special purpose vehicle, and may also be subject to counterparty risk.

Below Investment Grade Securities Risk. The Trust intends to invest primarily in below investment grade credit instruments, which are commonly referred to as "high-yield" securities or "junk" bonds. Investment in securities of below investment grade quality involves substantial risk of loss. Securities of below investment grade quality are considered predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal when due and therefore involve a greater risk of default or decline in market value due to adverse economic and issuer-specific developments. Issuers of below investment grade securities are not perceived to be as strong financially as those with higher credit ratings. These issuers face ongoing uncertainties and exposure to adverse business, financial or ecosion than more creditworthy issuers, which may impair their ability to make interest and principal payments. Securities of below investment grade quality involves and recession than more creditworthy issuers, which may impair their ability to make interest and principal payments. Securities to the flect individual issuer developments to a greater extent than do higher-rated securities, which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. The market values for securities for an extended period of time, if at all. To the extent that a secondary market does exist for certain below investment grade securities, which could result in the Trust being unable to sell such securities for an extended trade settlement periods. Because of the substantial risks associated with investments in below investment grade securities, you could have an increased risk of losing money on your investment in Common Shares, both in the short-term and the long-term. To the extent that the Trust invests in below investment grade securities.

Market Discount Risk. Shares of closed-end management investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value, which is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the Trust's net asset value could decrease as a result of its investment activities. Although the value of the Trust's net assets is generally considered by market participants in determining whether to purchase or sell Common Shares, whether investors will realize gains or losses upon the sale of Common Shares will depend entirely upon whether the market price of Common Shares at the time of sale is above or below the investor's purchase price for Common Shares. Because the market price of Common Shares will be determined by factors such as net asset value, dividend and distribution levels (which are dependent, in part, on expenses), supply of and demand for Common Shares, stability of dividends or distributions, trading volume of Common Shares, general market and economic conditions and other factors beyond the control of the Trust, the Trust cannot predict whether Common Shares will trade at, below or above net asset value or at, below or above the initial public offering price. This risk may be greater for investors expecting to sell their Common Shares soon after the completion of the public offering, as the net asset value of the Common Shares will be reduced immediately following the offering as a result of the payment of certain offering costs. Common Shares of the Trust as a vehicle for trading purposes.

**CLO Risk.** CLOs often involve risks that are different from or more acute than risks associated with other types of credit instruments. For instance, due to their often complicated structures, various CLOs may be difficult to value and may constitute illiquid investments. In addition, there can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist in any CLO when the Trust seeks to sell its interest therein. Moreover, the value of CLOs may decrease if the ratings agencies reviewing such securities revise their ratings criteria and, as a result, lower their original rating of a CLO in which the Trust has invested.

Restructuring of Investments Held by CLOs. The manager of a CLO has broad authority to direct and supervise the investment and reinvestment of the investments held by the CLO, which may include the execution of amendments, waivers, modifications and other changes to the investment documentation in accordance with the collateral management agreement. During periods of economic uncertainty and recession, the incidence of amendments, waivers, modifications and restructurings of investments may increase. Such amendments, waivers, modifications and other restructurings will change the terms of the investments and in some cases may result in the CLO holding assets not meeting its criteria for investments. This could adversely impact the coverage tests under an indenture governing the notes issued by the CLO. If as a result of any such restructurings, the Sub-Adviser determines that continuing to hold instruments issued by such CLO is no longer in the best interest of the Trust, the Sub-Adviser may dispose of such CLO instruments. In certain instances, the Trust may be unable to dispose of such investments at advantageous prices and/or may be required to reinvest the proceeds of such disposition in lower-yielding investments.

CLO Management Risk. The activities of any CLO in which the Trust may invest will generally be directed by a collateral manager. In the Trust's capacity as holder of subordinated notes, the Trust is generally not able to make decisions with respect to the management, disposition or other realization of any investment, or other decisions regarding the business and affairs, of that CLO.

**CLO Subordinated Note Risk.** The Trust may invest in subordinated notes issued by a CLO, which are junior in priority of payment and are subject to certain payment restrictions generally set forth in an indenture governing the notes. In addition, they generally have only limited voting rights and generally do not benefit from any creditors' rights or ability to exercise remedies under the indenture governing the notes. The subordinated notes are not guaranteed by another party. The subordinated notes are unsecured and rank behind all of the secured creditors, known or unknown, of the issuer, including the holders of the secured notes it has issued. Consequently, to the extent that the value of the issuer's portfolio of loan investments has been reduced as a result of conditions in the credit markets, defaulted loans, capital gains and losses on the underlying assets, prepayment or changes in interest rates, the value of the subordinated notes realized at their redemption could be reduced. Accordingly, the subordinated notes may not be paid in full and may be subject to up to 100% loss. Subordinated notes are subject to greater risk that the senior notes issued by the CLO. CLO subordinated notes do not have a fixed coupon and payments on CLO subordinated notes will be based on the income received from the underlying collateral and the payments made to the secured notes, both of which may be based on floating notes. While payments on CLO subordinated notes will vary, CLO subordinated notes may not offer the same level of protection against changes in interest rates as other floating-rate instruments. Subordinated notes are illiquid investments and subject to extensive transfer restrictions, and no party is under any obligation to make a market for subordinated notes.

**Corporate Credit Investments Risk.** Corporate debt instruments pay fixed, variable or floating rates of interest. The value of fixed-income securities in which the Trust invests will change in response to fluctuations in interest rates. In addition, the value of certain fixed-income securities can fluctuate in response to perceptions of creditworthiness, political stability or soundness of economic policies. Fixed-income securities are subject to the risk of the issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on its obligations (i.e., credit risk) and are subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (i.e., market risk).

Senior Loan Risk. Senior Loans are generally of below investment grade credit quality and are subject to greater risks than investment grade corporate obligations. The prices of these investments may be volatile and will generally fluctuate due to a variety of factors that are inherently difficult to predict, including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates, prevailing credit spreads, general economic conditions, financial market conditions, U.S. and non-U.S. economic or political events, developments or trends in any particular industry, and the financial condition of certain Borrowers.

Second Lien Loans Risk. Second lien loans are secured by liens on the collateral securing the loan that are subordinated to the liens of at least one other class of obligations of the related obligor, and thus, the ability of the Trust to exercise remedies after a second lien loan becomes a defaulted loan is subordinated to, and limited by, the rights of the senior creditors holding such other classes of obligations. In many circumstances, the Trust may be prevented from foreclosing on the collateral securing a second lien loan until the related senior loan is paid in full.

**Unsecured Loan Risk.** Unsecured loans do not benefit from any security interest in the assets of the Borrower. Liens on such Borrowers' assets, if any, will secure the applicable Borrower's obligations under its outstanding secured indebtedness and may secure certain future indebtedness that is permitted to be incurred by the Borrower under its secured loan agreements. The holders of obligations secured by such liens will generally control the liquidation of, and be entitled to receive proceeds from, any realization of such collateral to repay their obligations in full before unsecured instruments held by the Trust. In addition, the value of such collateral in the event of liquidation will depend on market and economic conditions, the availability of buyers and other factors. There can be no assurance that the proceeds, if any, from sales of such collateral would be sufficient to satisfy the Trust's unsecured obligations against the Borrower's outstanding secured loan obligations, then the Trust's unsecured claims against the Borrower's outstanding secured loan obligations, then the Trust. In sufficient to satisfy the Trust's unsecured claims against the Borrower's outstanding secured loan obligations, then the Trust's unsecured claims against the Borrower's new ould rank equally with the unpaid portion of such secured creditors' claims against the Borrower's remaining assets, if any. As a result, the prices of unsecured loans may be more volatile than those of senior loans, second lien and other secured loans and other investments held by the Trust.

Loan Participation and Assignment Risk. The Trust may purchase Senior Loans, second lien loans and unsecured loans on a direct assignment basis from a participant in the original syndicate of lenders or from subsequent assignees of such interests. The Trust may also purchase, without limitation, participations in Senior Loans, second lien loans and unsecured loans. The purchaser of an assignment typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations of the assigning institution and becomes a lender under the credit agreement with respect to the debt obligation; however, the purchaser's rights can be more restricted than those of the assigning institution, and, in any event, the Trust may not be able to unilaterally enforce all rights and remedies under the loan and with regard to any associated collateral. A participation typically results in a contractual relationship only with the institution participating out the interest, not with the Borrower. In purchasing participations, the Trust generally will have no right to enforce aparticipation. As a result, the Trust will be exposed to the credit risk of both the Borrower and the institution participation.

Further, in purchasing participations in lending syndicates, the Trust may not be able to conduct the same due diligence on the Borrower with respect to a loan hat the Trust would otherwise conduct. In addition, as a holder of the participations, the Trust may not have voting rights or inspection rights that the Trust would otherwise have if it were investing directly in the loan, which may result in the Trust being exposed to greater credit or fraud risk with respect to the Borrower.

**Illiquid Investments Risk.** The Trust expects to invest in restricted, as well as thinly traded, instruments and securities (including privately placed securities and instruments, which are assets which are subject to Rule 144A. There may be no trading market for these securities and instruments, and the Trust might only be able to liquidate these positions, if at all, at disadvantageous prices.

Stressed and Distressed Investments Risk. The Trust may invest in stressed and distressed securities. The ability of the Trust to obtain a profit from these investments may often depend upon factors that are intrinsic to the particular issuer, rather than the market as a whole. Appreciation in the value of such securities may be contingent upon the occurrence of certain events, such as a successful reorganization or merger. If the expected event does not occur, the Trust may incur a loss on the position. Distressed securities may have a limited trading market, resulting in limited liquidity and presenting difficulties to the Trust in valuing its positions. Due to the illiquid nature of many distressed investments, as well as the uncertainties of the reorganization and active management process, the Sub-Adviser may be unable to predict with confidence what the exit strategy will ultimately be for any given position, or that one will definitely be available. Certain distressed investment opportunities may allow a holder to have significant influence on the management, operations and strategic direction of the portfolio companies in which it invests.

Leverage Risk. The Trust uses leverage to seek to enhance total return and income. The Trust may use leverage through (i) the issuance of senior securities representing indebtedness, including through borrowing from financial institutions or issuance of debt securities, including notes or commercial paper (collectively, "Indebtedness"), (ii) the issuance of preferred shares ("Preferred Shares") and/or (iii) reverse repurchase agreements, securities lending, short sales or derivatives, such as swaps, futures or forward contracts, that have the effect of leverage ("portfolio leverage"). The Trust may utilize leverage to the maximum extent permitted under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

The Trust has entered into a revolving credit facility and any borrowings through the credit facility are secured by eligible securities held in the Trust's portfolio of investments. The Trust has also issued preferred shares, which are senior securities that constitute shares of beneficial interest of the Trust. Preferred shares rank senior to the Trust's Common Shares in priority of payment of dividends and as to the distributions of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Trust's affairs; equal in priority with all other future series of preferred shares the Trust may issue as to priority of payment of dividends and as to distributions of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or the winding-up of the Trust's affairs; and subordinate in right of payment to amounts owed under the Trust's existing credit facility, and to the holder of any future senior indebtedness, which may be issued without the vote or consent of preferred shareholders. The use of leverage is a speculative technique that involves special risks. The Trust currently anticipates utilizing leverage to seek to enhance total return and income. There can be no assurance that the Advisor's and the Sub-Adviser's expectations will be realized or that a leveraging strategy will be successful in any particular time period. Use of leverage creates an opportunity for increased income and capital appreciation but, at the same time, creates special risks. Leverage is a speculative technique that exposes the Trust to greater risk and increased to the common shares to fluctuate significantly in response to changes in interest rates and other economic indicators. As a result, the net asset value, market price and dividend rate of the common shares is likely to be more volatile than those of a fund that is not exposed to leverage. Leverage increases operating costs, which may reduce the Trust's Managed Assets, increase, the amount of the investment advisory fee paid by the Trust will be higher than if the Trust did not utilize leverage because

Other Investment Companies Risk. Investments in other investment companies present certain special considerations and risks not present in making direct investments in securities in which the Trust may invest. Investments in other investment companies involve operating expenses and fees that are in addition to the expenses and fees borne by the Trust. Such expenses and fees attributable to the Trust's investments in other investment companies are borne indirectly by Common Shareholders. Accordingly, investment in such entities involves expense and fee layering.

**Exchange-Traded Fund Risk.** For ETFs tracking an index of securities, the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the net asset value of the shares of an ETF may over time diverge significantly from the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the relevant index due to the compounding effect experienced by an ETF which results from a number of factors, including, leverage (if applicable), daily rebalancing, fees, expenses and interest income, which in turn results in greater non-correlation between the return of an ETF and its corresponding index.

Short Sales Risk. Short sales involve selling securities of an issuer short in the expectation of covering the short sale with securities purchased in the open market at a price lower than that received in the short sale. If the price of the issuer's securities declines, the Trust may then cover the short position with securities purchased in the market. The profit realized on a short sale will be the difference between the price received in the sale and the cost of the securities purchased to cover the sale. The possible losses from selling short a security differ from losses that could be incurred from a cash investment in the security; the former may be unlimited, whereas the latter can only equal the total amount of the cash investment. Short selling activities are also subject to restrictions imposed by the federal securities laws and the various national and regional securities exchanges, which restrictions could limit the Trust's investment activities. There can be no assurance that securities necessary to cover a short position will be available for purchase.

Derivatives Risk. Derivatives are financial contracts in which the value depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index. The Trust may, but is not required to, engage in various derivatives transactions for hedging and risk management purposes, to facilitate portfolio management and to seek to enhance total return of earn income. The Trust's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Derivatives are subject to a number of risks, such as interest rate risk, market risk, counterparty risk, and credit risk.

Off-Exchange Derivatives Risk. The Trust may invest a portion of its assets in investments which are not traded on organized exchanges and as such are not standardized. Such transactions may include forward contracts, swaps or options. While some markets for such derivatives are highly liquid, transactions in off-exchange derivatives may involve greater risk than investing in exchange-traded derivatives because there is no exchange market on which to close out an open position.

**Options Risk.** Trading in options involves a number of risks. Specific market movements of the option and the instruments underlying an option cannot be predicted. No assurance can be given that a liquid offset market will exist for any particular option or at any particular time. If no liquid offset market exists, the Trust might not be able to effect an offsetting transaction in a particular option.

**Futures Risk.** Futures contracts markets are highly volatile and are influenced by a variety of factors, including national and international political and economic developments. In addition, because of the low margin deposits normally required in futures trading, a high degree of leverage is typical of a futures trading account. As a result, a relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in substantial losses to the trader.

Swaps Risk. The Trust may utilize swap agreements including, without limitation, interest rate, index and currency swap agreements. The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary securities transactions. There are risks relating to the financial soundness and creditworthiness of the counterparty to swap agreements.

Credit Default Swaps Risk. The Trust may enter into credit default swap agreements. The "buyer" in a credit default contract is obligated to pay the "seller" a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default on an underlying reference obligation has occurred. The Trust may be either the buyer or seller in a credit default swap transaction. Credit default swap transactions involve greater risks than if a Trust had invested in the reference obligation directly. Credit default swaps are subject to the risk of non-performance by the swap counterparty, including risks relating to the financial soundness and creditworthiness of the swap counterparty.

Hedging Transactions Risk. The success of any hedging strategy utilized by the Trust's will be subject to the Sub-Adviser's ability to correctly assess the degree of correlation between the performance of the instruments used in the hedging strategy and the performance of the investments in the portfolio being hedged. Since the characteristics of many securities change as markets change or time passes, the success of the Trust's hedging strategy will also be subject to the Sub-Adviser's ability to continually recalculate, readjust, and execute hedges in an efficient and timely manner.

Counterparty Risk. The Trust will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties to the derivative contracts entered into by the Trust.

Synthetic Investment Risk. The Trust may be exposed to certain additional risks should the Sub-Adviser uses derivatives transactions as a means to synthetically implement the Trust's investment strategies. Customized derivative instruments will likely be highly illiquid, and it is possible that the Trust will not be able to terminate such derivative instruments prior to their expiration date or that the penalties associated with such a termination might impact the Trust's performance in a materially adverse manner.

Segregation and Cover Risk. In connection with certain derivatives transactions, the Trust may be required to segregate liquid assets or otherwise cover such transactions and/or to deposit amounts as premiums or to be held in margin accounts. Such amounts may not otherwise be available to the Trust for investment purposes. The Trust may earn a lower return on its portfolio than it might otherwise earn if it did not have to segregate assets in respect of, or otherwise cover, its derivatives transactions positions.

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that credit securities will decline in value because of changes in market interest rates. When market interest rates rise, the market value of fixed income credit securities generally will fall. These risks may be greater in the current market environment because interest rates are near historically low levels. Prevailing interest rates may be adversely impacted by market and economic factors. If interest rates rise the markets may experience increased volatility, which may adversely affect the value and/or liquidity of certain of the Trust's investments. The prices of longer-term securities primarily in variable and floating rate credit instruments and other structured credit investments, which generally are less sensitive to interest rate changes than fixed rate instruments, but generally will not increase in value if interest rates decline.

Prepayment Risk. The frequency at which prepayments (including voluntary prepayments by the obligors and accelerations due to defaults) occur on bonds and loans will be affected by a variety of factors including the prevailing level of interest rates and spreads as well as economic, demographic, tax, social, legal and other factors. The adverse effects of prepayments may impact the Trust's portfolio in several ways. During periods of declining interest rates, when the issuer of a security exercises its option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled, the Trust may be required to reinvest the proceeds of such prepayment in lower-yielding securities. Particular investments may experience outright losses, as in the case of an interest-only security in an environment of faster actual or anticipated prepayments. In addition, particular investments may underperform relative to hedges that the Sub-Adviser may have constructed for these investments, resulting in a loss to the Trust's overall portfolio.

Inflation/Deflation Risk. Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of the Common Shares and distributions can decline. Deflation risk is the risk that prices throughout the economy decline over time — the opposite of inflation. Deflation may have an adverse effect on the creditworthiness of issuers and may make issuer default more likely, which may result in a decline in the value of the Trust's portfolio.

**Duration and Maturity Risk.** The Trust has no set policy regarding maturity or duration of credit instruments in which it may invest or of the Trust's portfolio generally. The price of fixed rate securities with longer maturities or duration generally is more significantly impacted by changes in interest rates than those of fixed rate securities with shorter maturities or duration. Therefore, generally speaking, the longer the duration of the Trust's portfolio, the more exposure the Trust will have to interest rate risk described above. The Sub-Adviser may seek to adjust the portfolio's duration or maturity based on its assessment of current and projected market conditions and all factors that the Sub-Adviser deems relevant. The Trust may incur costs in seeking to adjust the portfolio average duration or maturity. There can be no assurance that the Sub-Adviser's assessment of current and projected market conditions will be correct or that any strategy to adjust the portfolio's duration or maturity will be successful at any given time.

Credit Risk. Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of securities will be unable to pay principal and interest when due, or that the value of the security will suffer because investors believe the issuer is less able to pay.

Non-U.S. Investments Risk. The risk of loss associated with investments in securities of foreign issuers include currency exchange risks, expropriation, or limits on repatriating an investment, government intervention, confiscatory taxation, political, economic or social instability, illiquidity, less efficient markets, price volatility and market manipulation.

Equity Investments Risk. Incidental to the Trust's investments in credit instruments, the Trust may acquire or hold equity securities, or warrants to purchase equity securities, of a Borrower or issuer. Common equity securities prices fluctuate for a number of reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer, the general condition of the relevant stock market and broader domestic and international political and economic events.

Limited Term Risk. Unless the Trust completes an Eligible Tender Offer, and converts to perpetual existence, the Trust will terminate on or about the Termination Date. The Trust should not be confused with a so called "target date" or "life cycle" fund whose asset allocation becomes more conservative over time as the fund's target date, often associated with retirement, approaches, and does not typically terminate on the target date. In addition, the Trust should not be confused with a "target term" fund whose investment objective is to return the fund's original net asset value on the termination date. The Trust's investment objective and policies are not designed to seek to return to investors that purchase Common Shares in this offering their initial investment of \$10.00 per Common Share on the Termination Date or in an Eligible Tender Offer.

Because the assets of the Trust will be liquidated in connection with the termination, the Trust will incur transaction costs in connection with dispositions of portfolio securities. The Trust does not limit its investments to securities having a maturity date prior to the Termination Date and may be required to sell portfolio securities when it otherwise would not, including at times when market conditions are not favorable, which may cause the Trust to lose money. In particular, the Trust's portfolio may still have significant remaining average maturity and duration, and large exposures to below investment grade securities, as the Termination Date approaches, losses due to portfolio liquidation may be significant. Beginning one year before the Termination Date (the "wind-down period"), the Trust may begin liquidating all or a portion of the Trust's portfolio, and may deviate from its investment policies, including its policy of investing at least 80% of its Managed Assets in floating rate credit instruments and other structured credit investments and may not achieve its investment objective. During the wind-down period, the Trust's portfolio composition may change as more of its portfolio holdings are called or sold and portfolio holdings are disposed of in anticipation of liquidation. Rather than reinvesting the proceeds in cash, which may adversely affect its performance. The Trust may distribute the proceeds in one or more liquidating distributions prior to the final liquidation, which may cause fixed expenses to increase when expressed as a percenties of assets under management Upon a termination, it is anticipated that the Trust will have distributed substantially all of its net assets to shareholders, if any, may be placed in a liquidating trust. Common Shareholders will be art the costs associated with establishing and maintaining a liquidating trust, if necessary. Securities placed in a liquidating trust.

If the Trust conducts an Eligible Tender Offer, the Trust anticipates that funds to pay the aggregate purchase price of Common Shares accepted for purchase pursuant to the tender offer will be first derived from any cash on hand and then from the proceeds from the sale of portfolio investments held by the Trust. In addition, the Trust may be required to dispose of portfolio investments in connection with any reduction in the Trust's outstanding leverage necessary in order to maintain the Trust's desired leverage ratios following a tender offer. The disposition of portfolio investments by the Trust could cause market prices of such instruments, and hence the net asset value of the Common Shares, to decline. In addition, disposition of portfolio investments will cause the Trust to incur increased brokerage and related transaction expenses. The Trust may receive proceeds from the disposition of portfolio investments that are less than the valuations of such investments by the Trust. It is likely that during the pendency of a tender offer, and possibly for a time thereafter, the Trust will hold a greater than normal percentage of its total assets in cash and cash equivalents, which may impede the Trust's ability to achieve its investment objective and decrease returns to shareholders. If the Trust's tax basis for the investments sold is less than the sale proceeds, the Trust will recognize capital gains, which the Trust will be required to distribute to shareholders. In addition, the Trust's purchase of tendered Common Shares pursuant to a tender offer will have tax consequences for tendering shareholders and may have tax consequences for non-tendering shareholders. The purchase of Common Shares by the Trust pursuant to a tender offer will have the effect of increasing the proportionate interest in the Trust of non-tendering shareholders. All shareholders remaining after a tender offer will be subject to proportionately higher expenses due to the reduction in the Trust's total assets resulting from payment for the tendered Common Shares. Such reduction in the Trust's total assets may also result in less investment flexibility, reduced diversification and greater volatility for the Trust, and may have an adverse effect on the Trust's investment performance. The Trust is not required to conduct an Eligible Tender Offer. If the Trust conducts an Eligible Tender Offer, there can be no assurance that tendered Common Shares will not exceed the Termination Threshold, in which case the Eligible Tender Offer will be terminated, no Common Shares will be repurchased pursuant to the Eligible Tender Offer and the Trust will terminate on or before the Termination Date (subject to possible extensions). Following the completion of an Eligible Tender Offer in which the tendered Common Shares do not exceed the Termination Threshold, the Board of Trustees may eliminate the Termination Date upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees and without a shareholder vote. Thereafter, the Trust will have a perpetual existence. The Trust is not required to conduct additional tender offers following an Eligible Tender Offer and conversion to perpetual existence. Therefore, remaining shareholders may not have another opportunity to participate in a tender offer. Shares of closed-end management investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value, and as a result remaining shareholders may only be able to sell their Common Shares at a discount to net asset value.

LIBOR. CLO debt and bank syndicated loans historically used LIBOR as an interest rate benchmark, which is currently being phased out, with new instruments being issued with an alternative rate and all existing instruments tied to LIBOR required to transition by June 30, 2023. Replacement of LIBOR could adversely affect the market value or liquidity of CLO securities and/or loans, and pose tangential risk for markets and assets that do not rely directly on LIBOR. On July 29, 2021, the Alternative Reference Rates Committee formally recommended CME Group's forward-looking Term SOFR rate as the replacement of LIBOR with proposed alternative reference rates, and it is possible that different markets might adopt different rates, resulting in unltiple rates at the same time and a potential mismatch between CLO securities and underlying collateral, the effects of which are uncertain at this time, and could include increased volatility or illiquidity. In addition, operational and technology challenges during the transition from LIBOR as well as inconsistent communication from issuers could result in delayed investment analyses and reduced investment opportunities.

Additional Risks. For additional risks relating to investments in the Trust, please see "Risks" in the Trust's prospectus, which is publicly available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>.