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XAI Octagon Floating Rate & Alternative  
Income Trust (the “Trust” or “XFLT”)

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# Today's Speakers



**Lauren Law**  
Senior Portfolio Manager  
Octagon Credit Investors, LLC

Lauren Law is a member of Octagon's Investment Committee and serves as a Senior Portfolio Manager across CLOs, Separately Managed Accounts and Commingled Funds. Ms. Law joined Octagon in 2004. In addition, she helps oversee the Firm's Structured Credit (CLO debt and equity) investment strategies.

Prior to becoming a Portfolio Manager, Ms. Law was an Investment Team Principal whose coverage areas included healthcare, industrials, financials, business services, and the Firm's CLO debt and equity investments.

She holds a Bachelor of Science from Babson College, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She received her CFA charter in 2009.



**Kimberly Flynn**  
President  
XA Investments LLC

Kimberly Flynn serves as Managing Director 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 Investments' Global Structured Products Group. In her leadership role at Nuveen, Kim was responsible for asset raising activities through the development of new traditional and alternative investment funds including CEFs, ETFs, UITs and commodity pools.

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



**Kevin Davis**  
Managing Director  
XA Investments LLC

Kevin Davis is a Managing Director and Head of Sales & Distribution at XA Investments. He is responsible for all aspects of fund sales and distribution and leads the XA Investments team efforts for the RIA, Broker Dealer and Family Office channels.

Previously, Kevin was a Senior Vice President, Client Strategist for BNY Mellon. There he led a team of specialists assisting family offices and the advisors that support them to identify, analyze and execute investment management mandates, wealth planning, philanthropic initiatives, and special financing engagements.

Kevin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity University and holds various industry specific certifications including the CFP® designation. He also holds FINRA Series 7 and 63 licenses.

# Octagon Credit Overview



## CREDIT EXPERTS

- Exclusive focus is below investment grade credit since 1994. \$33.8bn in AUM as of 6/30/24

## 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

# Questions & Topics for the Speakers

1. Can you review the strategic mix of loans, CLO debt, and CLO equity in the portfolio? Why does Octagon like this asset mix?
2. How does XFLT grow its common share base? Do shareholders benefit from such growth?
3. Can you provide an overview of the XFLT fund's growth over the last 12 months?
4. What types of leverage does XFLT employ and how would potential rate cuts impact XFLT's cost of leverage?
5. Does XFLT charge performance fees? How does XFLT's fees compare to competitor funds?
6. Please discuss the performance of the leveraged loan and CLO markets over the last 6 months. How did the financial performance of borrowers trend in the 2Q24?
7. Does Octagon anticipate that credit stress will increase over the next quarter?
8. What is the Trust's outlook for primary CLO issuance and CLO arbitrage in the second half of 2024? Where in the CLO capital structure is Octagon seeing the most opportunity?
9. Can you discuss how volatility impacts the credit spread environment across the CLO tranches?
10. Given the decline in leveraged loan origination and its effect on non-reset/refinance CLO issuance, what is the outlook for the return of robust leveraged loan activity? Are there any key factors or indicators that might influence this, such as Federal Reserve policies or upcoming elections?

# XFLT Financial Highlights

- XFLT has a fiscal year end of September 30th. Please see XFLT’s Annual Report, Semi-annual Report and quarterly financials at [www.XAInvestments.com](http://www.XAInvestments.com) for more details.
- For the six months ended June 30, 2024, net investment income (“NII”) was \$0.49.
- Throughout Q1 and Q2, XFLT issued 8,022,268 shares of common stock pursuant to the Company’s “at-the-market” offering program for total net proceeds of approximately \$56.57mm.
- Monthly distributions for the quarter were declared on April 1, May 1, and June 3 in the amounts of \$0.085, \$0.085, and \$0.085, respectively.<sup>2</sup>
- \$696mm in total managed assets as of June 30, 2024, up 36% from \$511mm on September 19, 2023 (the first day XFLT surpassed \$500mm in total managed assets).
- Weighted Average Current Yields (price) as of 7/31/2024<sup>1</sup>:

**CLO Equity: 23.43%   CLO Debt: 12.25%   Loans: 9.40%   Bonds: 6.45%**

## Notes:

1. 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 positions that have been called; and, ii) 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 used to calculate the Current Yield. As of July 31, 2024, 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.
2. Distributions may be comprised of ordinary income, net capital gains, and/or a return of capital (ROC) of your investment in the fund. 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 2023 comprised 100% net income and 0% return of capital. The Trust’s distributions for fiscal year ending 2024 will be made available and reported to investors subsequent to the end of fiscal year 2024. 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.

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# XFLT Overview and Top 10 Holdings

As of June 30, 2024

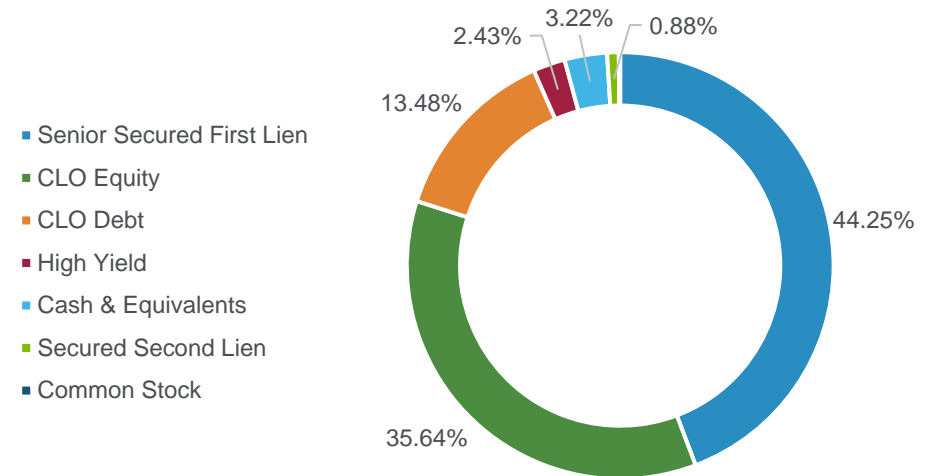
## Summary Trust Characteristics

Total Managed Assets	\$696,425,916	Current Distribution (monthly)	\$0.085
Common Shares Outstanding	61,923,357	Distribution Rate on NAV	14.96%
Average Daily Volume (in shares) <sup>1</sup>	423,117	Distribution Rate on Market Price	14.47%
Total Regulatory Leverage %	39.34%	Number of Holdings (count) <sup>2</sup>	554
Average Cost of Leverage % <sup>1</sup>	6.89%	Avg. Asset Price (% of par) <sup>2</sup>	87.82%
NAV	\$6.82	Avg. Effective Maturity (years) <sup>2</sup>	8.06
Market Price	\$7.05	Fund Inception Date	9/26/2017

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

Top 10 Holdings	Asset Type	% Portfolio
Apidos CLO XLVIII Ltd.	CLO Equity	1.14%
OHA Credit Partners XII Ltd.	CLO Equity	1.14%
RR 25 Ltd.	CLO Equity	1.11%
Elmwood CLO 14 Ltd.	CLO Equity	1.01%
CARLYLE US CLO 2019-4 Ltd.	CLO Equity	0.88%
Generate CLO 12 Ltd.	CLO Equity	0.87%
Clover CLO 2019-1 Ltd.	CLO Equity	0.85%
Sixth Street CLO XXIV Ltd.	CLO Equity	0.84%
Rockland Park CLO Ltd.	CLO Equity	0.83%
RR 19 Ltd.	CLO Equity	0.82%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9.49%</b>

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



Unaudited. Source: XA Investments LLC; Paralel.

- Quarter-to-date figures ending on 6/30/2024.
- Holdings are measured as a percentage of market value over the Trust's total portfolio investments as of 6/30/2024. Holdings may vary and are subject to change without notice.
- 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. 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 2023 comprised 100% net investment income and 0.00% return of capital. The Trust's distributions for fiscal year ending 2024 will be made available and reported to investors after the end of fiscal year 2024. 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.

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# XFLT Portfolio Composition Over Time

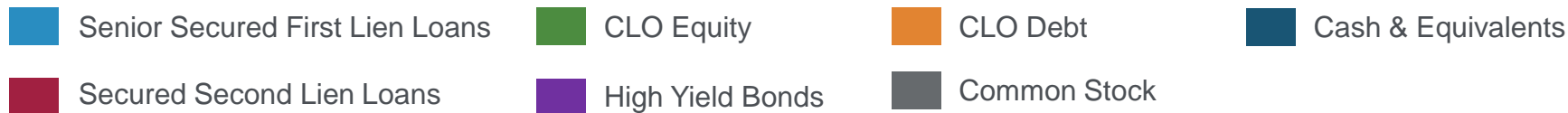
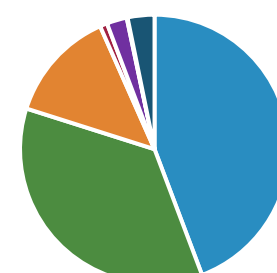
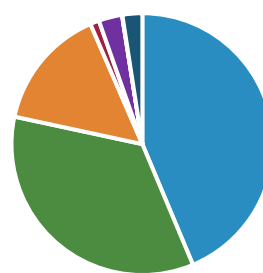
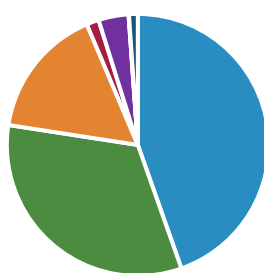
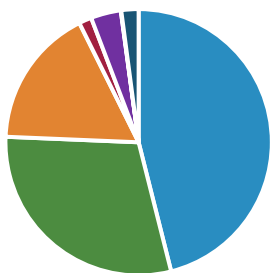
Asset Allocation	9/30/2023	12/31/2023	3/31/2024	6/30/2024
Senior Secured First Lien Loans	46.07%	44.60%	43.68%	44.25%
CLO Equity	29.59%	32.84%	34.69%	35.64%
CLO Debt	17.00%	16.20%	15.13%	13.48%
Secured Second Lien Loans	1.54%	1.53%	1.11%	0.88%
High Yield Bonds	3.65%	3.70%	2.89%	2.43%
Common Stock	0.06%	0.06%	0.05%	0.10%
Cash & Equivalents	2.09%	1.08%	2.45%	3.22%

9/30/2023

12/31/2023

3/31/2024

6/30/2024



Source: Octagon Credit Investors, LLC; Paralel; data as of 6/30/2024.

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# XFLT Net Returns

## Performance Period Ended Q2 2024

**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.

	6/30/2024	6/30/2024	6/30/2024	6/30/2024	6/30/2024	6/30/2024
		YTD	1 Year Annualized Total Return <sup>1</sup>	3 Year Annualized Total Return <sup>1</sup>	5 Year Annualized Total Return <sup>1</sup>	ITD Annualized Total Return <sup>1</sup>
NAV	\$6.82	6.62%	24.02%	7.74%	7.74%	6.39%
Price	\$7.05	6.20%	22.44%	3.04%	7.52%	6.56%
Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan 100 Index		4.10%	10.78%	5.85%	5.24%	4.93%

Source: Unaudited financials. XA Investments LLC; Paralel.

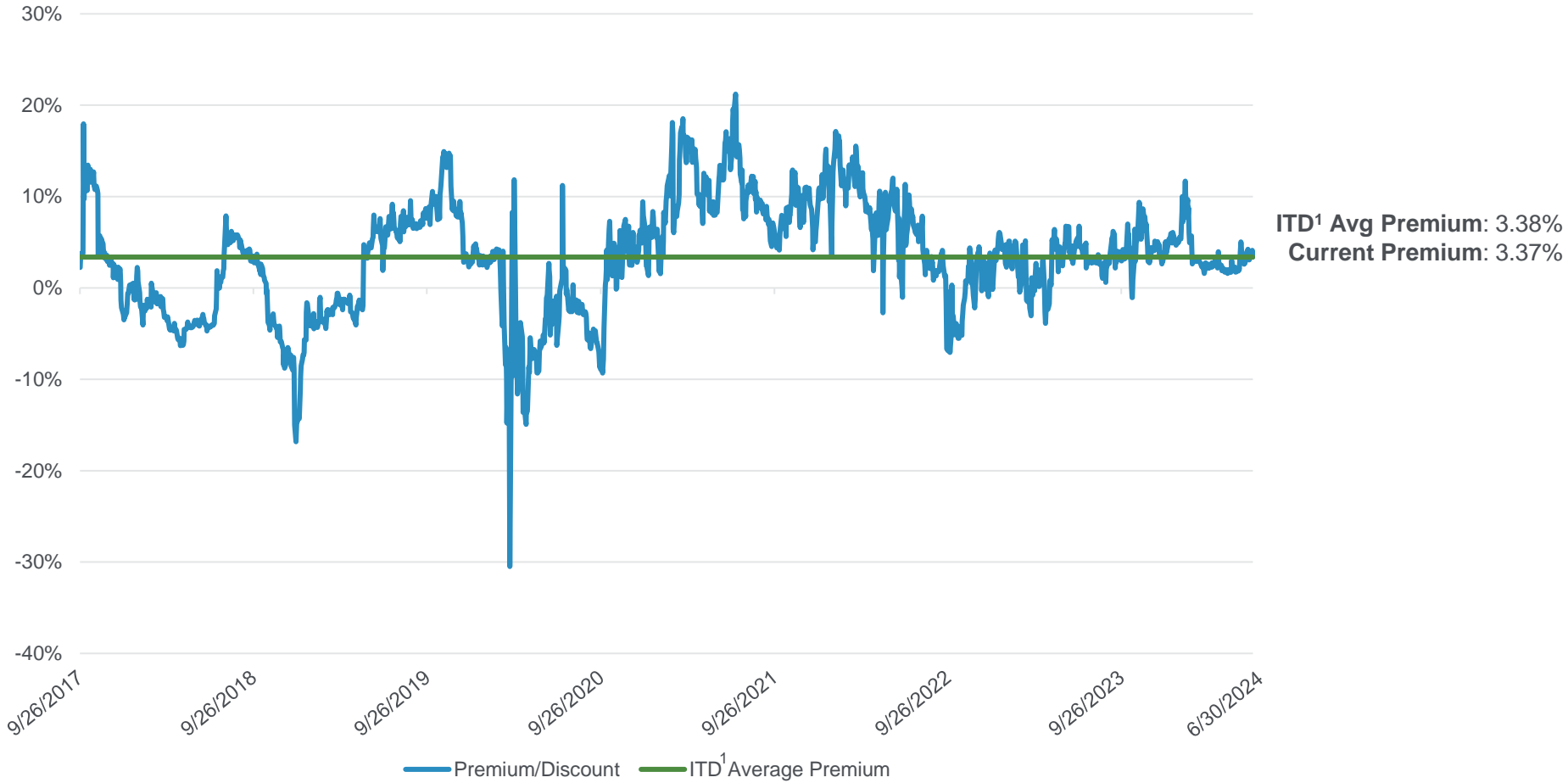
Notes: Period returns shown net of fees and expenses.

1. Annualized total return as of 6/30/2024, includes reinvestment of dividends. The Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan 100 Index is the Trust's benchmark. CLO Debt is represented by the JP Morgan CLOIE BB Index. Neither index charges 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's inception date is 9/26/2017.

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# XFLT Premium/Discount History

From Inception to 6/30/2024



ITD<sup>1</sup> Avg Premium: 3.38%  
Current Premium: 3.37%

Source: Bloomberg

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

1. ITD represents inception to date.

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# XFLT Price/NAV History

From Inception to 6/30/2024



High/Low	Price
<b>Inception to Date</b>	
High Price	\$11.50
Low Price	\$4.08
High NAV	\$9.91
Low NAV	\$4.49
High S&P	\$5,487
Low S&P	\$2,237
<b>Last 12 Months</b>	
High Price	\$7.73
Low Price	\$6.48
High NAV	\$7.01
Low NAV	\$6.40
High S&P	\$5,487
Low S&P	\$4,117
<b>Current</b>	
Price	\$7.05
NAV	\$6.82
Premium	3.37%
S&P	\$5,460

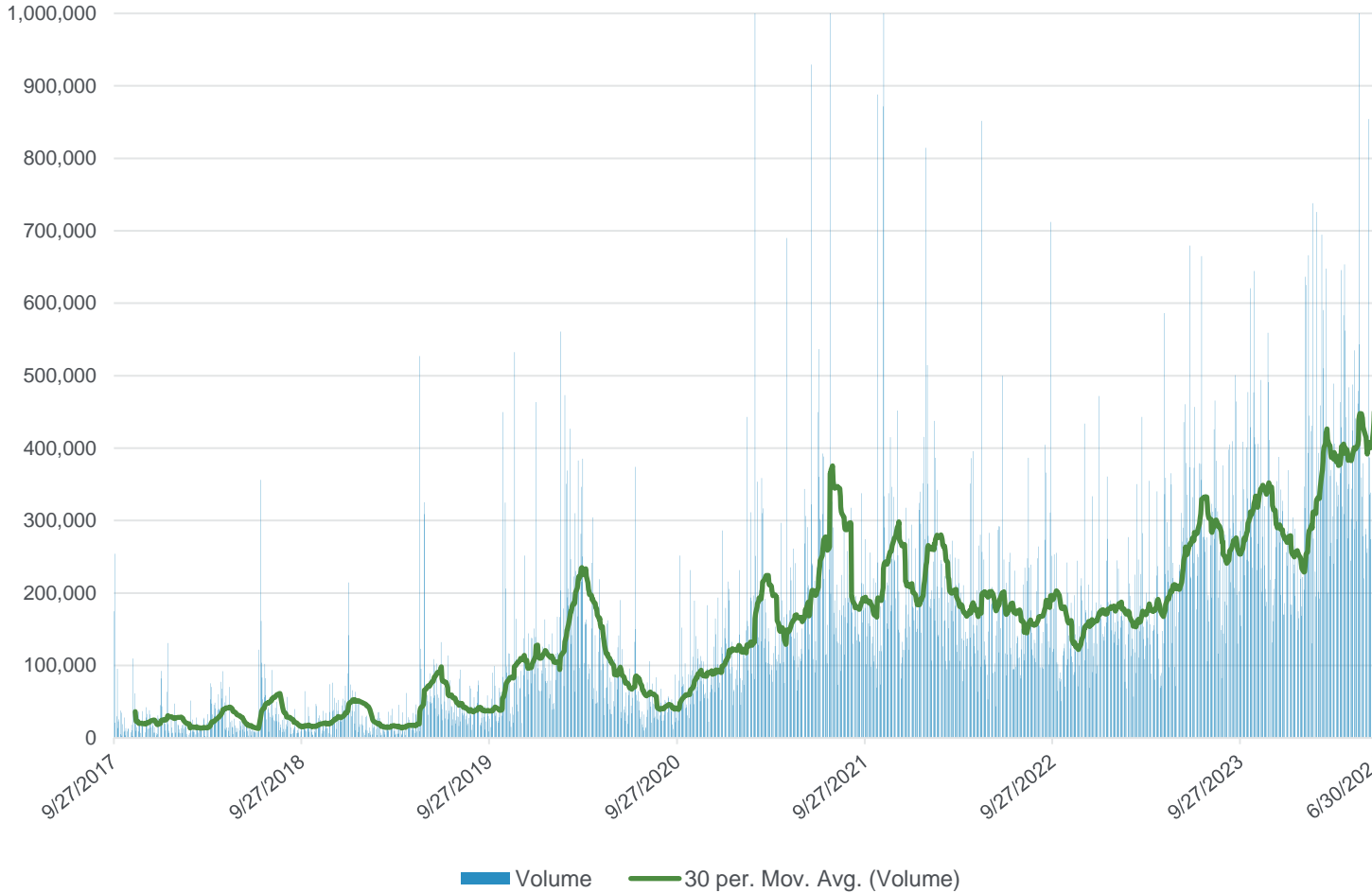
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# XFLT Trading Volume Analysis

From Inception to 6/30/2024



Average Daily Trading Volume	
Last 30 Days <sup>1</sup>	470,102
Last 60 Days <sup>1</sup>	435,838
Last 90 Days <sup>1</sup>	423,117
Last 12 Months	336,202
Since Inception	152,041

Source: Bloomberg

Note: 1. Represents trading days ending 6/30/2024.

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

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# Governance, Management and Board Actions

XFLT is overseen by a team of experienced professionals with expertise in closed-end funds and alternative investments

## Recent Corporate Actions

- **Board Re-elections** **May 2024**
  - Theodore Brombach and Danielle Cupps reelected as trustees by shareholders
- **Octagon Credit Investors Ownership** **April 2024**
  - Conning Holdings Limited, the parent of Octagon Credit Investors, announced that its acquisition by Generali Investments Holding S.p.A. has closed
  - Generali, which was established in 1831, is one of the largest global insurance and asset management providers
- **Special Shareholder Meeting** **Jan. 2024**
  - Shareholders approved both the new Sub-Advisory Agreement with Octagon and the Amendment of Declaration of Trust to Remove the Termination Date
- **Special Shareholder Meeting Proxy** **Nov. 2023**
  - Notice of special meeting on December 19, 2023 (adjourned to January 24, 2024). Proposals for shareholder approval included:
    - New Sub-Advisory Agreement with Octagon.
    - Amendment of Declaration of Trust to Remove Termination Date.

## Recent Board of Trustee and Shareholder Meetings

Date	Type	9 Board Meetings in the last 12 Months
August 13, 2024	Quarterly Board Meeting	
May 21, 2024	Quarterly Board Meeting	
May 7, 2024	Special Board Meeting	
February 20, 2024	Quarterly Board Meeting	
February 1, 2024	Special Board Meeting	
January 24, 2024	Special Shareholder Meeting	
November 6, 2023	Quarterly Board Meeting	
October 24, 2023	Special Board Meeting	
August 15, 2023	Quarterly Board Meeting	

## Recent Transactions Overview

- **At-the-Market Program**
  - XFLT issued, via the at-the-market program, 5.3mm common shares in Q2 2024 for total net proceeds of \$37.4mm. During the same period, XFLT traded at an average premium of 2.64%
- **6.00% Series 2029 Convertible Preferred Shares Conversions**
  - All 6.00% Series 2029 Convertible Preferred Shares have been converted to common shares as of April 26, 2024
- **6.95% Series I 2029 Convertible Preferred Shares Conversions**
  - On November 6, 2023, XFLT entered into a purchase agreement in connection with the issuance and sale of up to 1,200,000 shares. All 1,200,00 shares have been issued
- **6.95% Series II 2029 Convertible Preferred Shares**
  - On June 10, 2024, XFLT entered into a purchase agreement in connection with the issuance and sale of up to 1,800,000 shares.
- **Registered Direct**
  - On February 1, 2024, the Trust agreed to sell 3,546,854 Common Shares in an accretive transaction at a price of \$7.0485 per Common Share (premium to net asset value of 2.15%), receiving net proceeds of approximately \$25 million

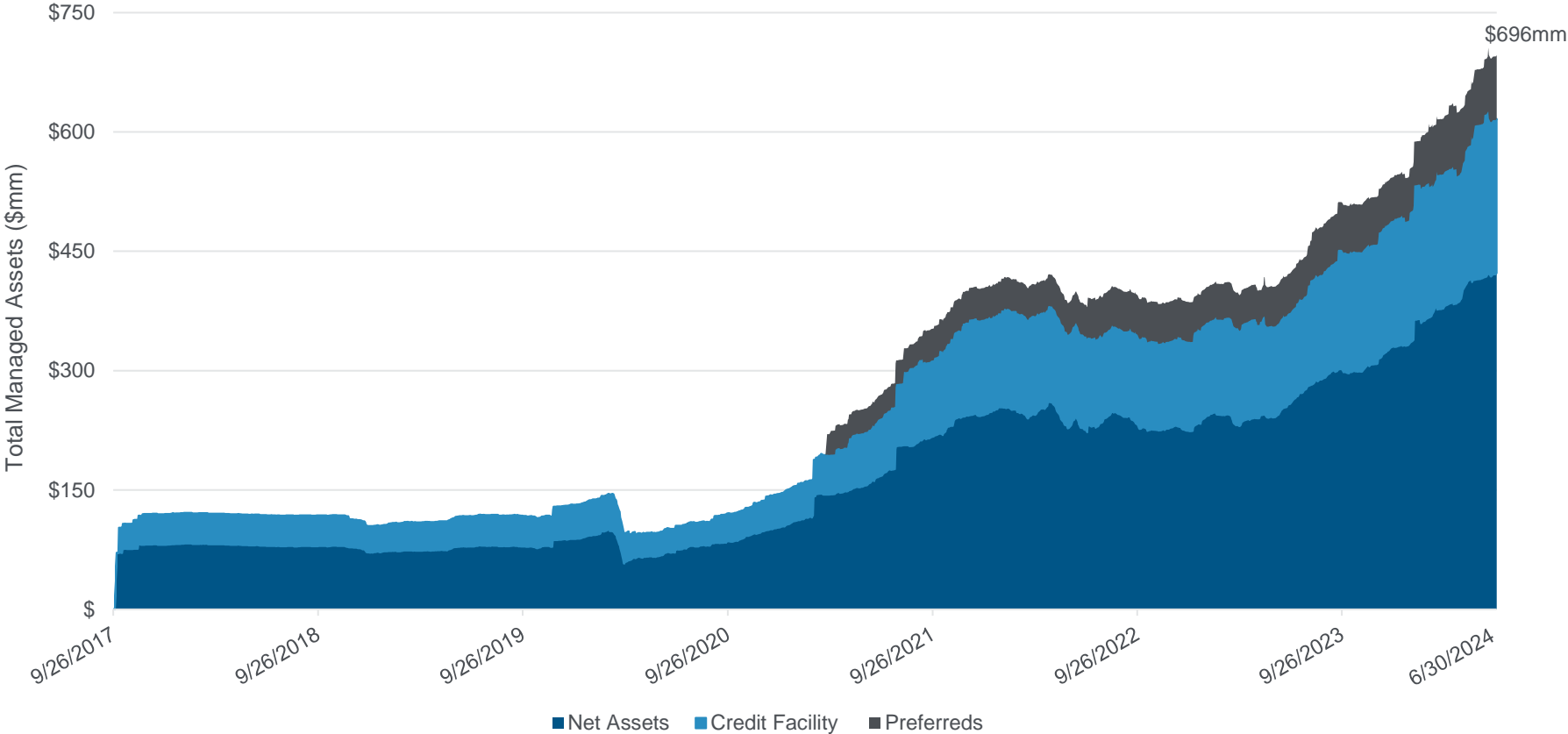
## Independent Trustees

- **Gregory G. Dingens, Chair of the Board**
  - Trustee since 2017 and currently is a partner at Siena Capital Partners. He was formerly the Head of Investment Banking at Monroe Financial Partners
  - B.A., University of Notre Dame; J.D. Harvard Law School
- **Scott C. Jones, CFA**
  - Trustee since 2017 and currently is a Director at Carne Global and a Managing Director at Park Agency, Inc.
  - B.A. Trinity College-Hartford; J.D., Northwestern University School of Law.
- **Philip G. Franklin**
  - Trustee since 2017 and was formerly Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President at Littelfuse Inc. Chairman of Tribune Publishing Company from 2014 to 2021
  - B.A. Dartmouth College; M.B.A. Tuck School of Business
- **Danielle Cupps**
  - Trustee since 2017 and was formerly a Director of Digital Customer Engagement at McDonald's Corporation and Managing Director at Kinzie Capital Partners
  - B.A. Harvard College; M.B.A. Kellogg Graduate School of Management
- **Bill Meyers**
  - Trustee since January 2024 with 28 years of experience in various management and leadership roles at Nuveen
  - B.S. Marquette University; M.B.A University of Chicago

# 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 6/30/2024



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# XFLT Distribution History<sup>1</sup>

- XFLT increased its May 1, 2023, declared distribution by 16.44% to \$0.085 per share
- As of June 30, 2024, the annualized distribution rate was 14.47% based on market price of \$7.05 and 14.96% based on NAV of \$6.82
- From May 1, 2023, through July 1, 2024, XFLT has declared regular monthly distributions at a steady rate of \$0.085 per share (15 level distributions)

PAYABLE DATE	RECORD DATE	EX-DATE	DECLARATION DATE	AMOUNT
8/1/2024	7/15/2024	7/15/2024	7/1/2024	\$0.085
7/1/2024	6/17/2024	6/17/2024	6/3/2024	\$0.085
6/3/2024	5/15/2024	5/15/2024	5/1/2024	\$0.085
5/1/2024	4/15/2024	4/12/2024	4/1/2024	\$0.085
4/1/2024	3/15/2024	3/14/2024	3/1/2024	\$0.085
3/1/2024	2/15/2024	2/14/2024	2/1/2024	\$0.085
2/1/2024	1/16/2024	1/12/2024	1/2/2024	\$0.085
<b>2023</b>				<b>\$0.972</b>
<b>2022</b>				<b>\$0.876</b>
<b>2021</b>				<b>\$0.876</b>
<b>2020</b>				<b>\$0.798</b>
<b>2019</b>				<b>\$0.860</b>
<b>2018</b>				<b>\$0.828</b>
<b>2017</b>				<b>\$0.138</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$5.688</b>

Source: XA Investments

1. Future common share distributions and amounts will be made if and when declared by the Trust's Board of Trustees, based on a consideration of number of factors. There can be no assurance that the amount or timing of common share distributions in the future will be equal or similar to that described herein or that the Board of Trustees will not decide to suspend or discontinue the payment of common share distributions in the future. Distributions may be comprised of ordinary income, net capital gains, and/or a return of capital (ROC) of your investment in the fund. 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 2023 comprised 100% net income and 0% return of capital. The Trust's distributions for fiscal year ending 2024 will be made available and reported to investors subsequent to the end of fiscal year 2024. 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.

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# XFLT Leverage Sources (as of June 30, 2024)

Type of Leverage	Leverage % <sup>1</sup>	Leverage \$	Regulatory Limit	Cost of Leverage in Q2 2024	Cost of Leverage in Q1 2024
Bank Borrowings	27.86%	\$194,050,000		6.85% <sup>3</sup>	6.79% <sup>3</sup>
Retail Preferreds	5.73%	\$39,900,000		6.50%	6.50%
Convertible Preferred (6.95%) I	4.31%	\$30,000,000		6.95%	6.95%
Convertible Preferred (6.95%) II	1.44%	\$10,000,000		6.95%	6.95%
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.34%</b>	<b>\$273,950,000</b>	<b>50%<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>6.89%<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>6.79%<sup>4</sup></b>

Preferred Stock Overview			
	2026 Retail Preferreds	2029 Convertible Preferreds (Series I)	2029 Convertible Preferreds (Series II)
NYSE Ticker	XFLT-PRA	N/A	N/A
Description	6.50% Series 2026 Term Preferred Shares	6.95% Series 2029 Convertible Preferred Shares	6.95% Series 2029 Convertible Preferred Shares
Principal	\$39.9mm	\$30.0mm	\$10.0mm
Current Price Per Share	\$24.55	\$25.00	\$25.00
Coupon	6.50%	6.95%	6.95%
Current Yield	6.62%	6.95%	6.95%
Payment Frequency	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly

Preferred Share Institutional Ownership <sup>5</sup>		
Eagle Point Credit Management <sup>5</sup>	1,948,303	60.96%
RiverNorth Capital Management	255,824	8.00%
Karpus Investment Management	255,122	7.98%
Putnam Investments	80,000	2.50%
<b>Total Institutional Ownership</b>	<b>2,539,249</b>	<b>79.45%</b>
<b>Total Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>3,196,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Notes:

- As a percent of total managed assets as of 6/30/2024.
- With a combination of Bank Borrowings and Preferreds the Trust may utilize leverage up to a total leverage limit of 50%.
- Based on Q1 2024 and Q2 2024 average cost of bank borrowings.
- Represents a weighted average cost of leverage.
- Includes 6.50% 2026 Retail Preferred, 6.00% 2029 Convertible Preferred, and 6.95% 2029 Convertible Preferred Shares as of 6/30/2024.

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# XFLT Comparison with CLO Focused CEFs

	XFLT	CLO Focused CEFs <sup>1,5</sup>
<b>Leverage Cost</b>	Combination of Floating Credit Facility and Fixed-rate Preferreds (6.89% as of 6/30/2024)	Higher, Mainly Fixed-rate Preferred Leverage (6.00-8.10%)
<b>NAV</b>	Daily	Monthly Estimates; Quarterly Audited
<b>Valuation</b>	Independent Third-party Valuations	Internal, Monthly Estimates; Quarterly Official NAV
<b>Portfolio Allocation</b>	~50% Loans / ~50% CLOs	~92%+ CLOs
<b>Fees</b>	No Performance Fee	Performance Fees / Higher Management Fees <sup>2</sup>
<b>Distribution Rate on Market Price (6/30/2024)</b>	14.47%	17.33% (Average of 4 Funds) <sup>3</sup>
<b>Average Premium LTM (as of 6/30/2024)</b>	3.84%	7.57% (Average of 3 Funds) <sup>4</sup>

Source: Bloomberg; Company Websites; Adviser ADVs.

Notes:

- Comps include tickers CCIF, ECC, EIC, OXLC, and OCCI.
- 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.
- CCIF altered their investment mandate to invest in CLOs on July 17th, 2023. Annual statistics prior to the change are not used as they do not reflect the Fund's status a peer group member.
- CCIF and OCCI have been omitted from this statistic. CCIF was omitted for altering their investment mandate within the TTM of 6/30/2024, and OCCI was omitted for not reporting a daily net asset value.
- Source: CEF Connect. Figures represent the latest observable distribution rates. Data as of 6/30/2024.

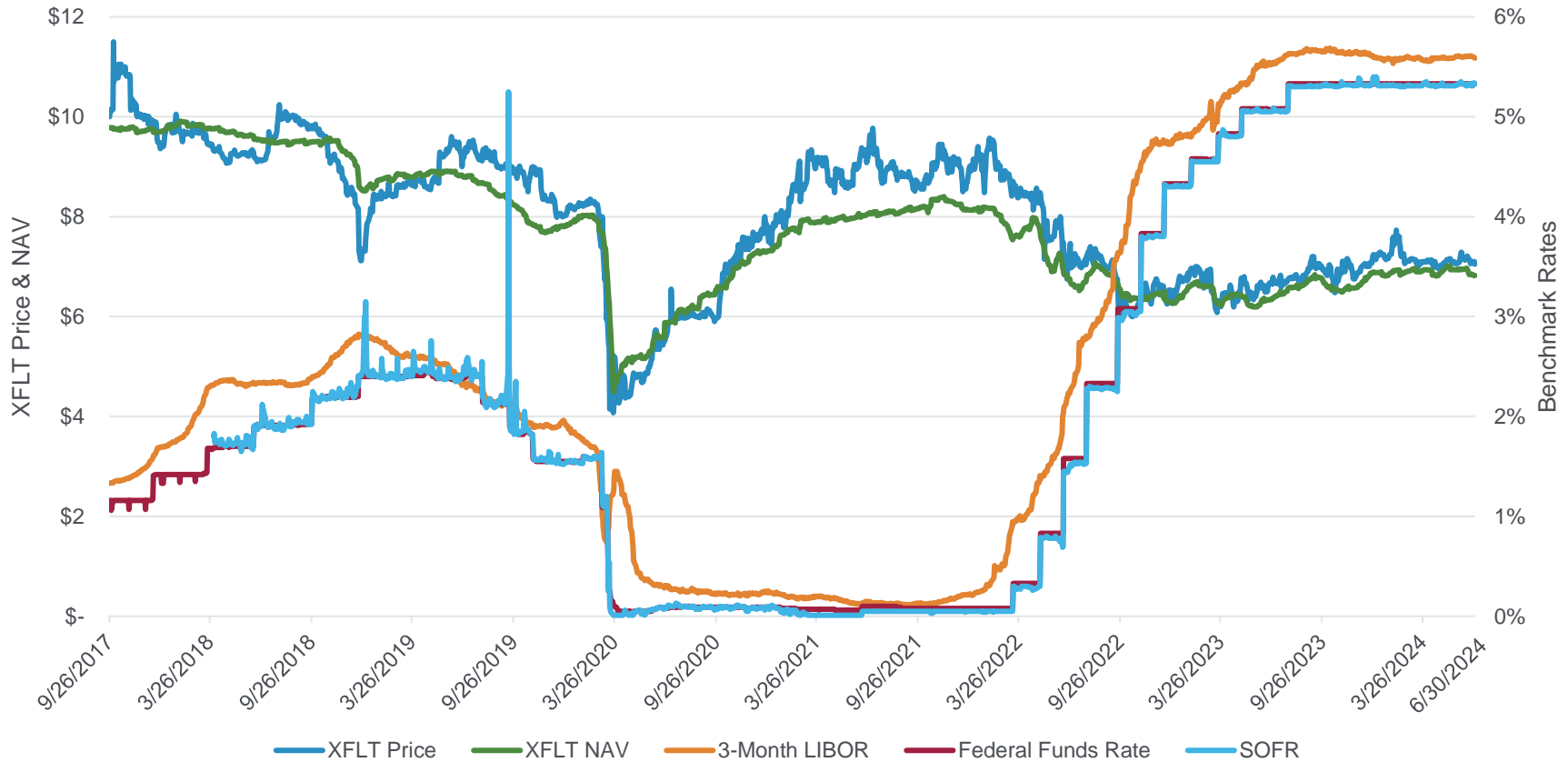
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# XFLT vs Benchmark Rates

The Fed raised benchmark rates by 5.28 percentage points from Q1 22' to Q3 23'

From Inception to 6/30/2024

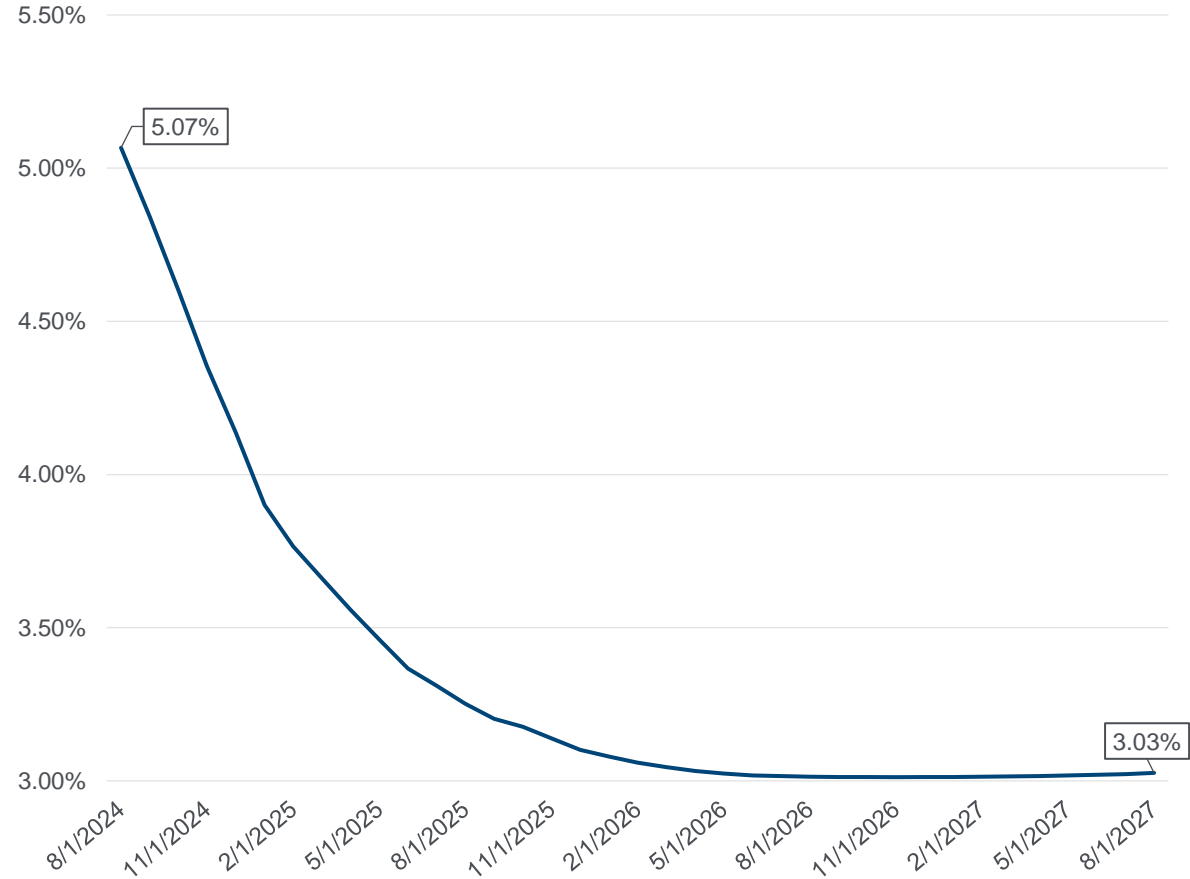


Source: Bloomberg  
 Notes: 3-month LIBOR represented by ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month; Federal Funds Rate represented by US Federal Funds Effective Rate (continuous series).  
 Performance achieved prior to December 31, 2021, is predominantly based on investments that use USD LIBOR as a reference rate. Overnight and 12-month US dollar LIBOR permanently ceased as of June 30, 2023. 1-, 3-, and 6-month U.S. dollar LIBOR settings will continue to be published using a synthetic methodology until September 2024. As an alternative to LIBOR, the Financial Reporting Council, in conjunction with the Alternative Reference Rates Committee, recommended replacing LIBOR with SOFR. There is no guarantee that the performance of individual investments or the syndicated debt and CLO securities markets during or after the transition period will be consistent with performance achieved during the LIBOR era.  
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# Forward Rate Curve and Upcoming Fed Meetings

As of 8/26/2024

3-Month Term SOFR From Aug 2024 - Aug 2027<sup>1</sup>



Upcoming 8 FOMC Meeting Dates <sup>2</sup>	
August 2024 Onward	
*September 18 <sup>th</sup>	
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	
*December 18 <sup>th</sup>	
2025	
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	
*March 19 <sup>th</sup>	
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	
*June 18 <sup>th</sup>	
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	

\* Meeting associated with a Summary of Economic Projections

1. Source: Chatham Financial, "Term SOFR and Treasury Forward Curves" (Accessed August 26, 2024).

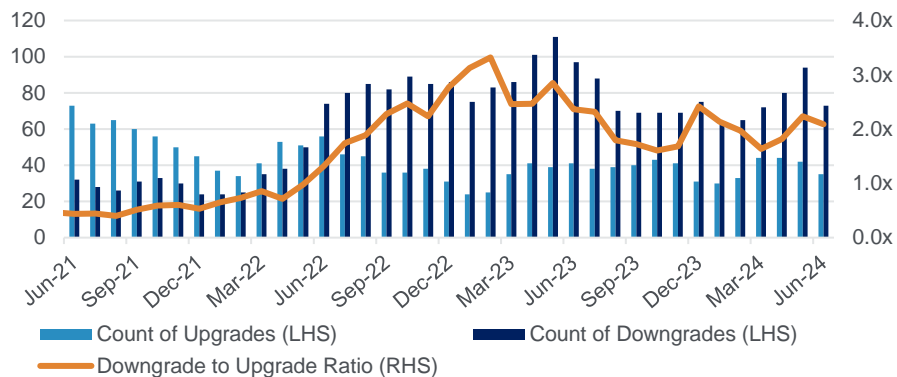
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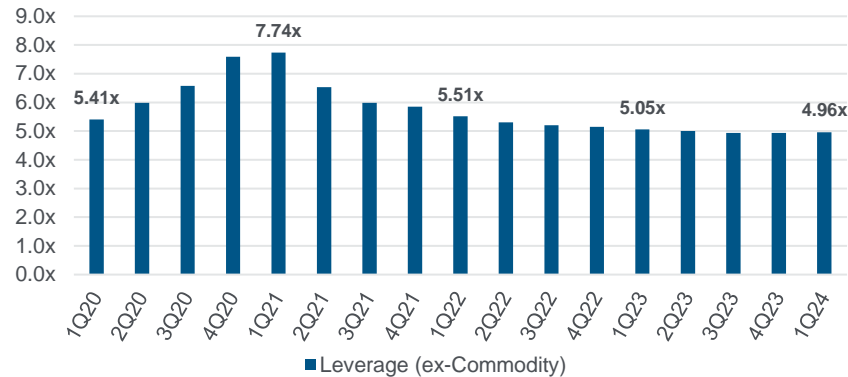
# Credit Fundamentals

- Issuer fundamentals represent the loan borrower base of publicly reporting companies tracked by J.P. Morgan Research and Capital IQ, and private companies tracked by Bixby Research and Analytics Inc.
  - Interest coverage and leverage ratios for publicly and privately reporting companies remain healthy by historical standards, though highly variable among issuers

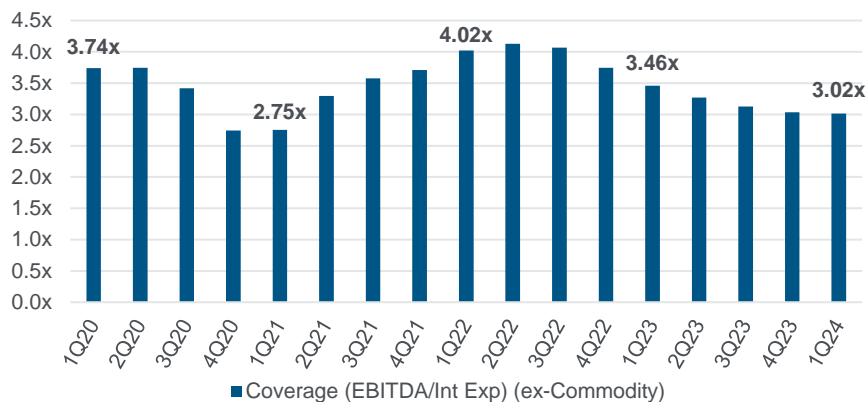
## Loan Ratings Actions (S&P, Rolling 3-Month Basis)<sup>1</sup>



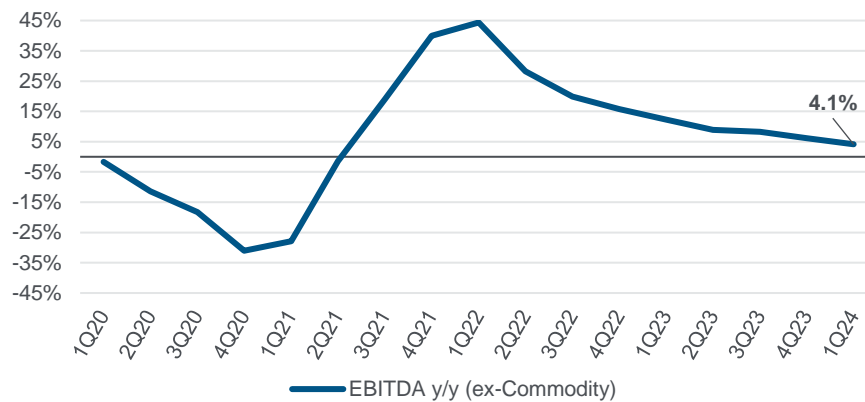
## Total Leverage Ratio For Public & Private Loan Issuers<sup>2</sup>



## Interest Coverage of Public & Private Loan Issuers<sup>2</sup>



## EBITDA Growth of Public Leveraged Loan Issuers<sup>2</sup>



1. Source: J.P. Morgan North America Credit Research, "MY24 Outlook - Fire Burn and Cauldron Bubble" (June 18, 2024).

2. Source: BofA Global Research, "US and Euro CLOs - shifting supply/demand dynamics and rel-val" (July 9, 2024).

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# Broadly Syndicated Loan Market - Conditions & Outlook

## Performance

**Loans returned 1.90% in 2Q (June 2024 = +0.35%);<sup>1</sup> YTD return as of 6/30/2024 = 4.40%<sup>1</sup>**

- Lower-rated assets are outperforming higher quality loans YTD, despite some weakness in mid-June<sup>1</sup>
  - CCC loans returned 6.48% YTD as of 6/30/2024 vs. 4.57% for Bs and 3.84% for BBs<sup>1</sup>
- Loans are outpacing other credit assets YTD as of 6/30/2024, including HY bonds (+2.62%), IG bonds (+0.04%), and 10Y US Treasury bonds (-1.90%)<sup>2</sup>

## Credit Fundamentals

**Continued growth and higher rate environment remain favorable for loan returns**

- Credit performance remains healthy overall in the loan market, driven by broadly positive corporate revenue growth and a favorable economic outlook, though we expect some softness and increased dispersion in earnings results
  - Average 1Q 2024 YoY EBITDA growth for loan issuers = 4.1%<sup>3</sup>
- LTM loan default rate (by par amount, excl. distressed exchanges) decreased 16bps MoM to 0.92% as of 6/30/2024<sup>4</sup>
- LTM loan dual-track default rate (by issuer count, incl. distressed exchanges and out-of-court liability management transactions or “LMTs”) decreased 4bps MoM to 4.31% as of 6/30/2024<sup>4</sup>

## Technicals

**Repricings and refinancings have dominated loan supply amid strong demand for loans<sup>5</sup>**

- Gross institutional loan issuance reached a record \$404.9B in 2Q24 driven by repricings, while true new money supply comprised only 13% (\$51.4B) of total quarterly volume<sup>5</sup>
- Approximately 30% of all outstanding term loans have been repriced YTD as of 6/30/2024, reducing spreads by an average of 54bps for those borrowers<sup>5</sup>
- Investor demand retreated in June but still hit a record level for 2Q overall<sup>5</sup>
  - New BSL CLO issuance totaled \$52.6B in 2Q24, an 8% increase QoQ<sup>5</sup>
  - Net retail loan fund inflows totaled \$6.5B in 2Q24;<sup>5</sup> meanwhile ETFs investing in CLO tranches saw record inflows of \$4.1B in 2Q<sup>6</sup>

## Outlook

**Loans are on pace to generate historically strong annual return in 2024**

- At 10.37% as of 6/30/2024, the average 3Y yield for loans compares favorably to 7.94% YTW for HY bonds as of 6/30/2024<sup>7,8</sup>
- Average loan bid price of 96.59 (as of 6/30/2024); loans trading at a discount to par offer potential price convexity
- Payment default rates are likely to remain below long-term average, though loan default rates including LMTs/distressed exchanges may modestly increase

1. Source: J.P. Morgan Data Query, as of the stated date. Represents the post-crisis J.P. Morgan Collateralized Loan Obligation Index (“CLOIE”). The CLOIE 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). It is impossible to invest directly in the index. Past performance is not a predictor of future market performance.
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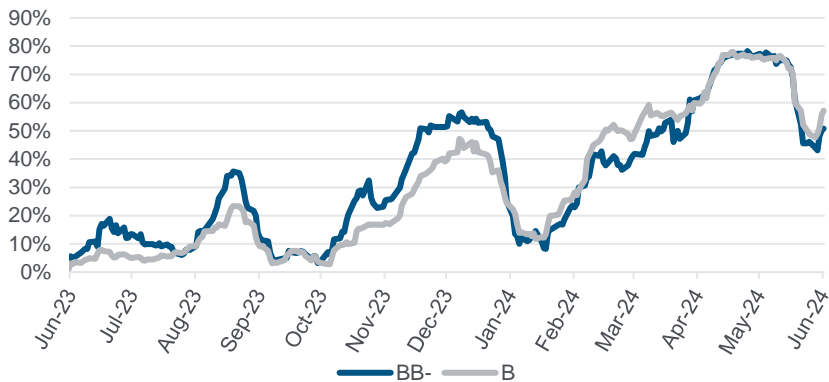
# Broadly Syndicated Loan Market - Conditions & Outlook (cont.)

## BSL Loan Market Snapshot<sup>1,2</sup>

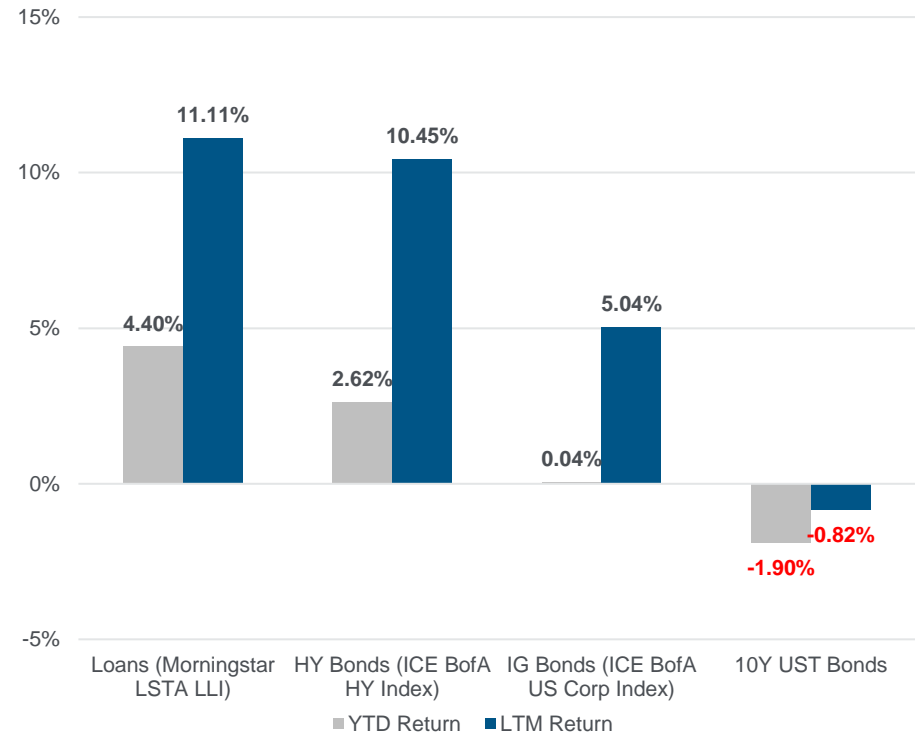
Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index ("LLI") <sup>1</sup>	6/30/24	5/31/24	6/30/23
Weighted Average Bid Price	96.59	96.93	94.24
Monthly Interest Income Return	0.75%	0.78%	0.77%
% of Performing Loans priced at or above Par	43.54%	62.46%	3.78%
Average Base Rate*	5.32%	5.31%	5.14%
Loan 3Y Yield <sup>3</sup>	10.37%	10.26%	11.35%

\*Average of all outstanding 1- and 3-Month LIBOR/SOFR contracts tracked by Markit.

## Loans Priced At PAR and Above By Issuer Rating<sup>5</sup>



## Loan Returns vs. Other Credit Assets as of 6/30/2024<sup>4</sup>



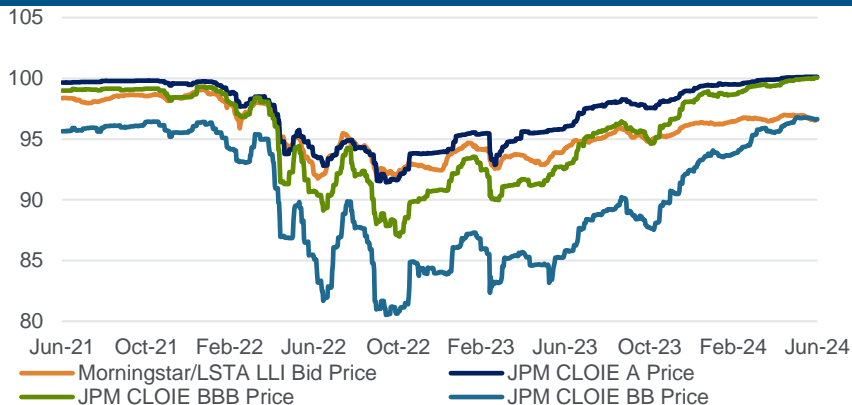
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# 2Q 2024 CLO Debt Performance

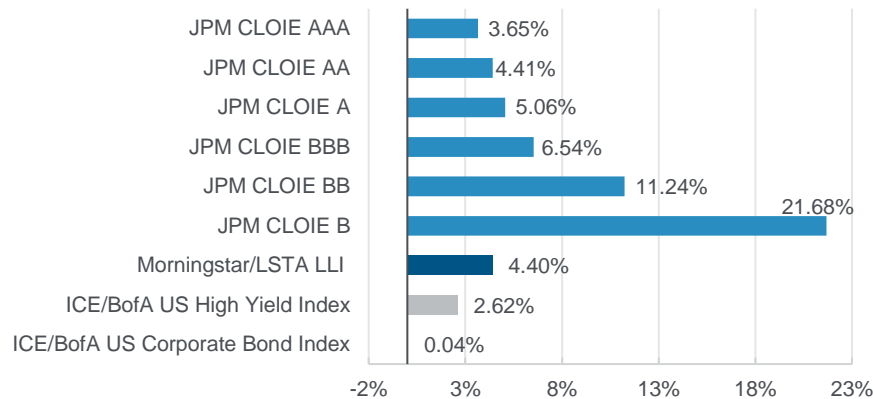
## Debt Performance by Asset Class/Tranche (Rating)<sup>1,2</sup>

	June 2024	May 2024	April 2024	2Q 2024	1Q 2024	2Q 2023	YTD 6/30/2024	LTM 6/30/2024
CLOIE AAA	0.41%	0.70%	0.64%	1.77%	1.85%	2.04%	3.65%	8.49%
CLOIE AA	0.50%	0.78%	0.73%	2.03%	2.33%	2.46%	4.41%	10.39%
CLOIE A	0.63%	0.86%	0.82%	2.32%	2.68%	3.62%	5.06%	12.52%
CLOIE BBB	0.80%	1.29%	0.82%	2.94%	3.49%	3.84%	6.54%	17.99%
CLOIE BB	0.80%	2.29%	1.37%	4.52%	6.42%	4.70%	11.24%	27.73%
CLOIE B	1.38%	6.13%	1.78%	9.50%	11.13%	4.48%	21.68%	42.51%
Morningstar LSTA LLI	0.35%	0.94%	0.60%	1.90%	2.46%	3.15%	4.40%	11.11%

## Weighted Average Bid Price of Loans & CLO Debt<sup>1,2</sup>



## CLOs vs. Other Assets – YTD as of 6/30/2024 Total Return<sup>1,2,3</sup>



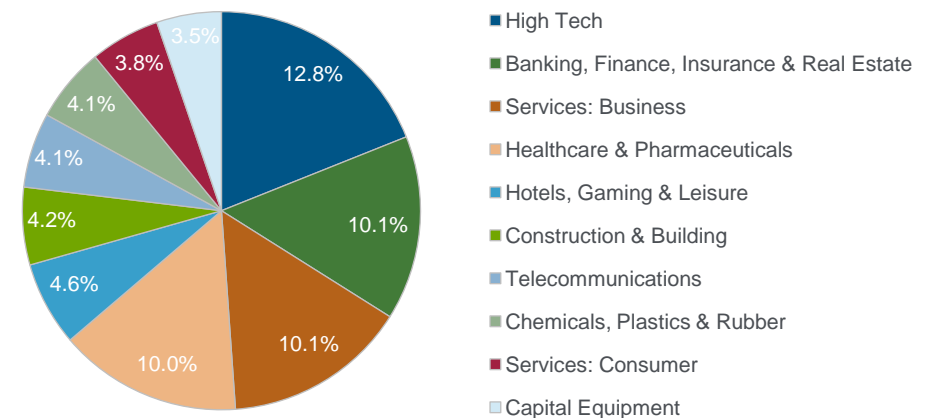
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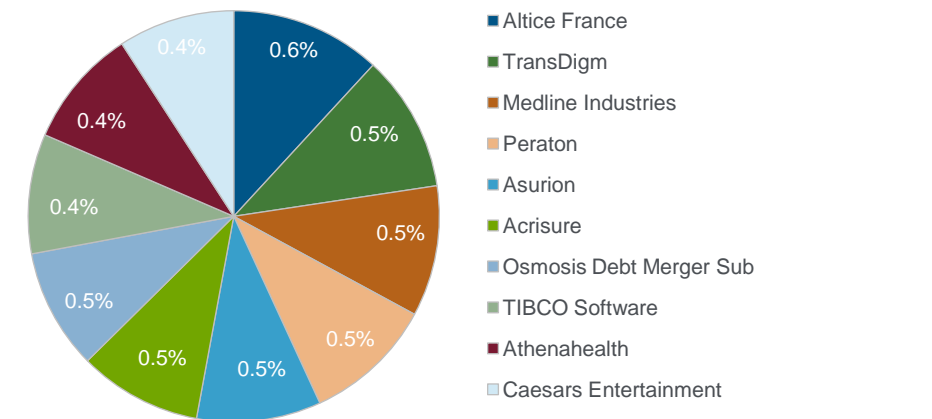
# XFLT CLO Debt & CLO Equity Portfolio Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

Portfolio Statistics <sup>2</sup>		
Account Inception Date	September 2017	
# of CLO Positions	167	
# of CLO Collateral Managers	30	
Average Manager Exposure	3.33%	
% Exposure to Post RP Deals <sup>4</sup>	7.03%	
Largest Manager Exposure	8.57% par / 8.60% cost	
Original Rating		
	% of Par	% of Cost
BB	17.53%	22.45%
B	0.93%	1.15%
Equity	81.53%	76.40%
Original Deal Vintage		
	% of Par	% of Cost
2013	0.05%	0.06%
2015	5.98%	3.63%
2016	6.02%	5.19%
2017	6.55%	5.65%
2018	7.97%	8.02%
2019	14.51%	16.30%
2020	10.50%	11.02%
2021	26.80%	25.65%
2022	8.53%	9.68%
2023	4.09%	4.59%
2024	9.01%	10.22%

## Top 10 Industries in Underlying Loan Portfolio: 67.4%<sup>3</sup>

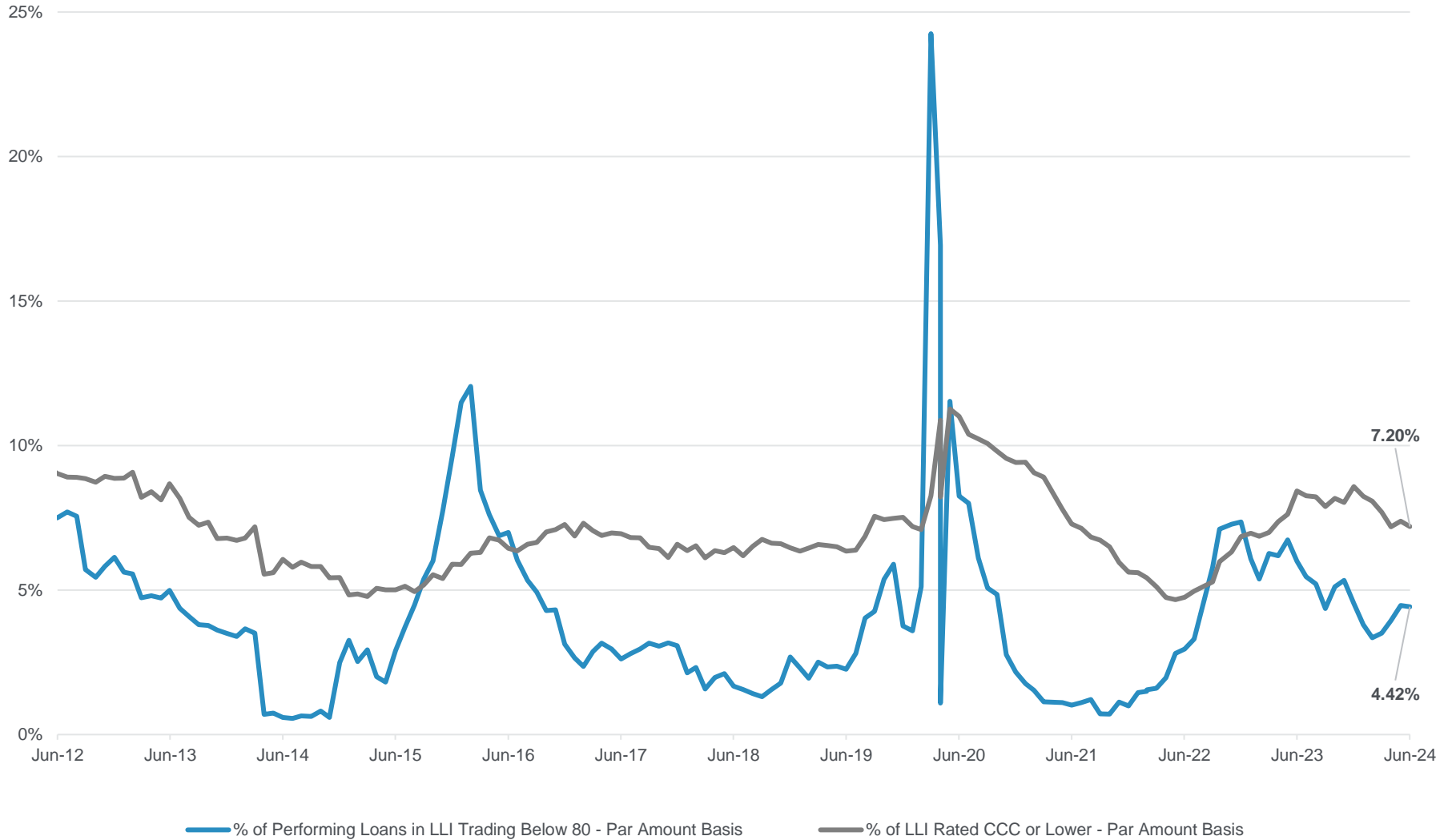


## Top 10 Obligators in Underlying Loan Portfolio: 4.8%<sup>3</sup>



1. Represents CLO Debt and Equity positions as of June 30, 2024.  
 2. Portfolio Statistics are based upon par value. 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 June 30, 2024. Sources: Kanerai / Intex (calculated on July 2, 2024), which utilizes data from the most recent trustee reports for each underlying collateral portfolio comprising the above statistics.  
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# Credit Stress Indicators<sup>1,2</sup>

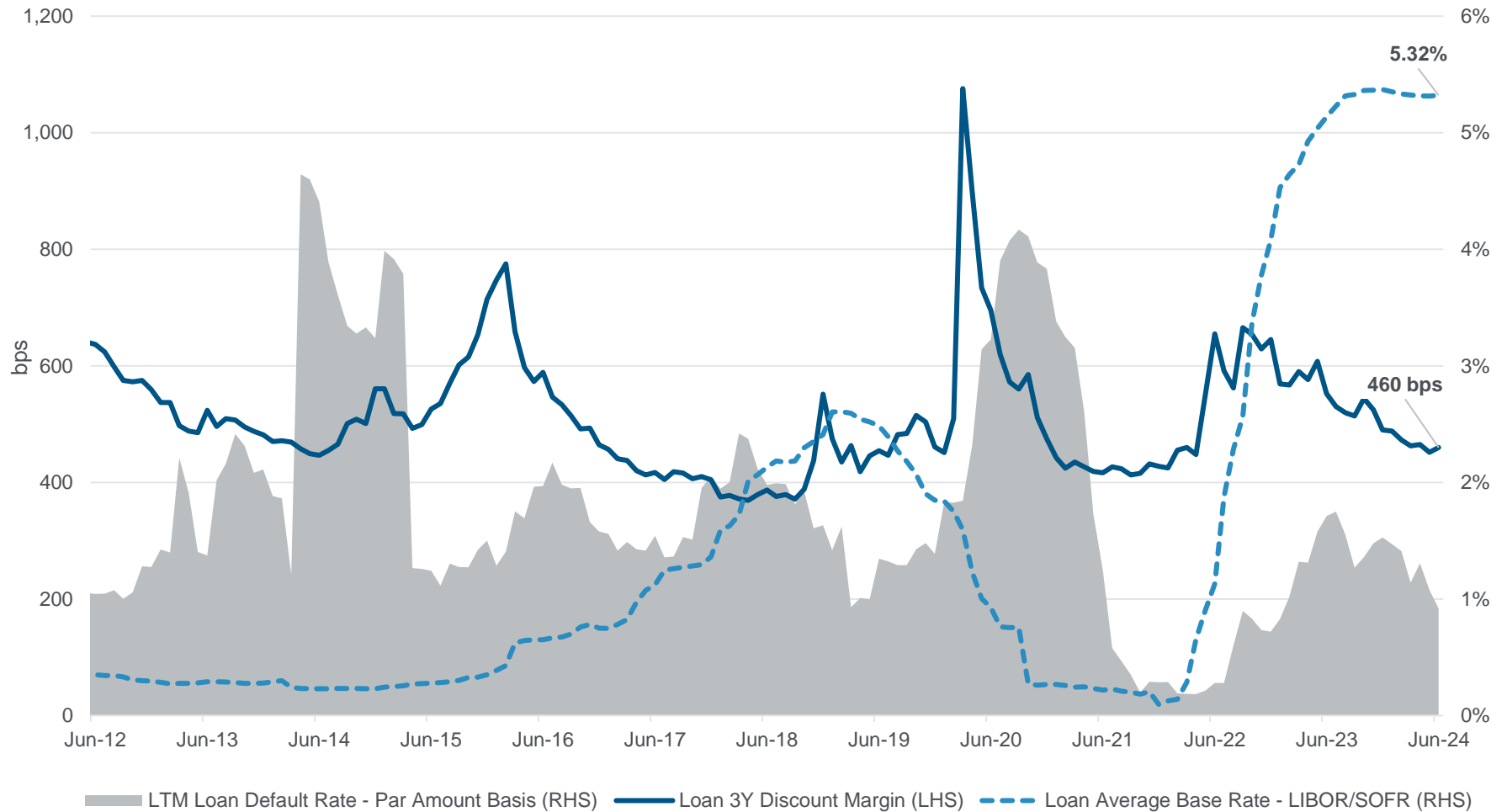


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# Historical Loan Yields and Default Rate<sup>1,2,3</sup>



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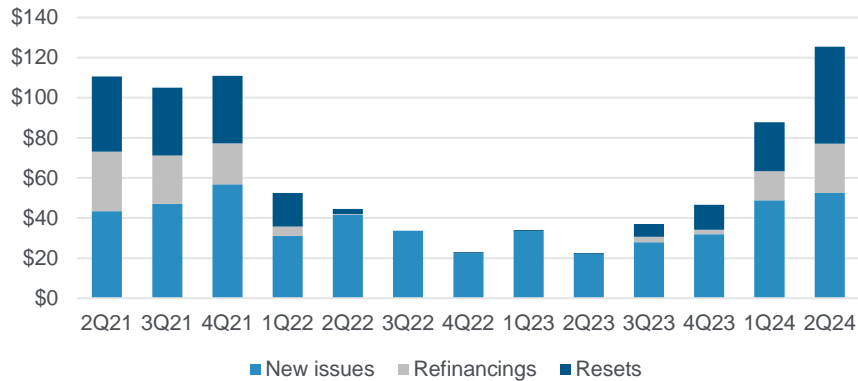
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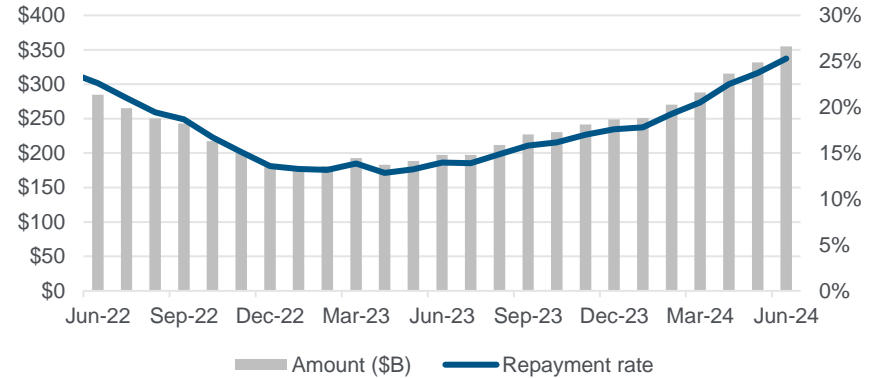
# Technical Dynamics

- Record new CLO issuance is supportive for the loan market as net loan supply continues to fall short of demand
  - \$101.3B of new CLOs priced YTD as of 6/30/2024<sup>1</sup>
    - CLO refinancings and resets comprised 52% of gross issuance YTD, at \$39.1B and \$72.7B, respectively<sup>1</sup>
  - Deal resets and healthy CLO new issuance have helped to offset impact from CLOs exiting the reinvestment period
- Loan market supply / demand gap widened to \$114.9B as of 6/30/2024—the highest level since the Federal Reserve began raising rates<sup>2</sup>

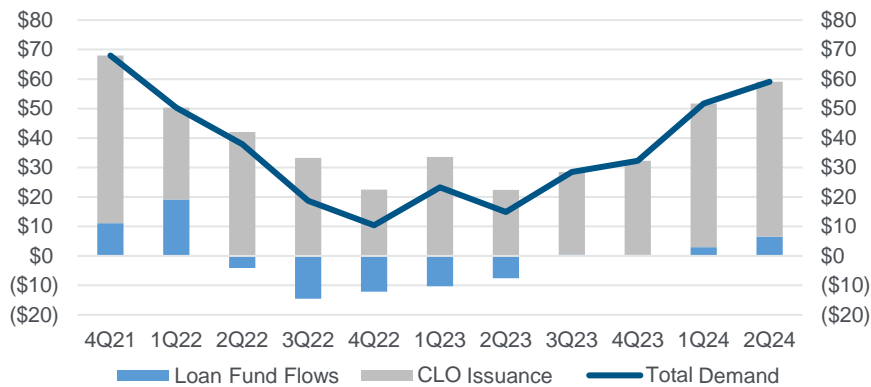
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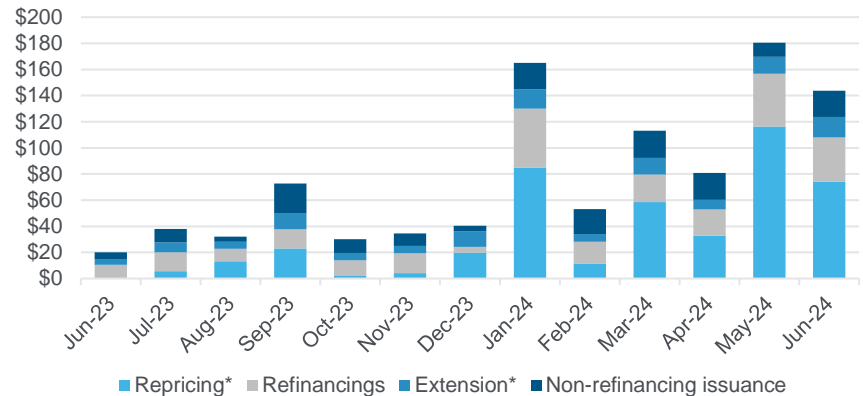
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### Measurable Investor Demand For US Loans (\$B)<sup>2</sup>



### Institutional New Issue Loan Volume (\$B)<sup>2</sup>



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# CLO Market Commentary

## 2Q 2024 CLO Market Themes

### ***CLO debt tranches continued to generate strong returns in 2Q 2024 across the capital stack, outpacing other comparably rated assets***

- CLO AAA tranches returned 1.77% in 2Q 2024 vs. 0.97% for AAA corporate bonds<sup>1,2</sup>
- CLO BB tranches returned 4.52% in 2Q 2024 vs. 1.44% for BB HY bonds<sup>1,2</sup>

### ***Gross primary CLO volumes surged, and liability spreads tightened in 2Q 2024***

- \$52.6B of new CLOs priced in 2Q 2024 - the second highest quarterly volume on record<sup>3,4</sup>
  - Monthly issuance hit a near record high in May 2024 (\$23.9B) before declining in June (\$11.3B) as CLO managers shifted focus to refinancings and resets of existing deals ahead of July payment date<sup>3,4</sup>
- Continued strong CLO AAA demand from US banks, Japanese banks, US & European insurance companies, and retail investors in 2Q<sup>4</sup>
  - Robust inflows from CLO ETFs (+\$6.8B YTD as of 6/30/2024) have provided strong technical support<sup>5</sup>
- Primary CLO AAA spreads tightened to S+150 bps (on average) in 2Q 2024 from S+157 bps in 1Q 2024 and S+176 bps in 4Q 2023<sup>4</sup>
  - Primary AAA spreads have since compressed to S+135 bps for top-tier manager deals priced in early July<sup>6,7,8</sup>
- Record volume of CLO resets and refinancings in 2Q 2024 (\$72.8B total) amid ongoing new issue CLO spread compression<sup>4</sup>
  - Deal resets and refinancings account for over 50% of total YTD new CLO issuance as of 6/30/2024<sup>3</sup>

### ***CLO resets, elevated deal call volume, and accelerated paydowns of post-reinvestment period (“RP”) CLO liabilities (amortization) have enabled higher new CLO issuance without substantially growing net CLO supply<sup>5</sup>***

- Roughly \$217B of loans have been repaid YTD as of 6/30/2024 (15%+ of total loans outstanding), reflecting an increase in refinancing activity and other borrower efforts to reduce debt<sup>9</sup>
- Pace of post-RP CLO AAA amortization picked up in 2Q 2024 due to elevated loan repayments and sizeable share of post-RP deals (~40% of total CLO market)<sup>4</sup>
  - BSL CLO AAA amortization totaled approximately \$25B in 2Q 2024 vs. \$11B in 1Q<sup>5</sup>
  - Approximately \$24B of US BSL CLOs have been called YTD as of 6/30/2024<sup>5</sup>
- Net BSL CLO supply totaled an estimated \$18B YTD as of 6/30/2024, with AAA net supply running slightly negative as of 2Q-end due to increased amortization volume<sup>5</sup>
  - Low-to-flat net CLO supply paired with strong demand for CLO AAA paper implies the potential for further CLO spread tightening in 2H 2024<sup>5</sup>

### ***CLO managers took advantage of higher loan prices to reduce riskier exposures in 2Q, though some tail risk in CLO collateral portfolios remains***

- CLOs have sold an estimated \$10B of CCC rated loans YTD as of 6/28/2024, including \$2.5B of sales from called deals, and \$1.0B from reset deals<sup>10</sup>

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# CLO Market Commentary (cont.)

## CLO Portfolio Fundamentals

### ***Despite continued loan downgrades, BSL CLO collateral portfolio fundamentals did not meaningfully fluctuate in 2Q 2024***

- Median CCC/Caa concentrations in BSL CLO portfolios were broadly stable in 2Q 2024, reflecting an uptick in sales of CCC loans due to CLO resets and called deals, as well as ratings migrations in and out of the CCC bucket (upgrades, downgrades to D or SD, restructurings)<sup>5</sup>
  - Higher CCC levels are mostly concentrated in older vintage deals (2012-2015) that may have difficulty executing a deal reset<sup>7</sup>
- Median junior overcollateralization (OC) cushion for reinvesting BSL CLOs held steady at 4.6% as of 6/30/2024<sup>5</sup>

### ***Ongoing loan repricing wave has reduced weighted average spread (WAS) of underlying loan assets held in CLOs***

- Approximately 30% of all outstanding term loans have been repriced YTD as of 6/30, reducing borrowing spreads by an average of 54bps<sup>11</sup>
  - \$223.4B of loans were repriced in 2Q 2024, up 44% QoQ and setting a new quarterly record<sup>11</sup>
- Median WAS for BSL CLOs has declined 11 bps YTD as of June 2024 and is expected to decline further in 2H 2024<sup>12</sup>

### ***Median equity distribution for reinvesting CLOs increased QoQ in April 2024 to 4.4% (of notional)<sup>13</sup>***

- Median cash distribution to CLO equity holders in July 2024 declined moderately to 4.0% of notional due to impact of loan repricings on CLO portfolio WAS and AAA amortization<sup>10,13</sup>

## Market Technicals

### ***With \$101.4B of deals priced YTD (inclusive of BSL & Middle Market CLOs) as of 6/30/2024, new CLO issuance is on pace to surpass annual record set in 2021 (\$187.0B FY 2021)<sup>4</sup>***

- New CLO formation totaled \$52.6B in 2Q 2024 vs. \$48.8B in 1Q 2024 and \$22.4B in 2Q 2023<sup>3</sup>
  - 214 new CLOs priced across 104 managers YTD as of 6/30/2024 vs. 129 deals priced across 82 managers over the same period in 2023<sup>3</sup>
  - Middle market/private credit CLOs comprised 20% of 2Q 2024 primary deal volume, in line with 1Q 2024 volume<sup>4</sup>
  - CLO reset/reissue volume = \$48.3B in 2Q 2024 vs. \$24.3B in 1Q 2024 and \$12.4B in 4Q 2023<sup>4</sup>
  - CLO refinancings = \$24.5B in 2Q 2024 vs. \$14.6B in 1Q 2024 and \$2.3B in 4Q 2023<sup>4</sup>
- Several sell-side strategists recently raised their FY 2024 CLO issuance forecasts, though the pace of new CLO formation is expected to slow in 2H due to limited loan supply<sup>7,14,15</sup>
  - Revised sell-side projections for gross FY primary CLO volume range from \$145B-\$195B<sup>4,7,16</sup>
  - Lower loan supply likely to drive CLO reset volumes higher as equity holders seek to create new issuance by accessing loan collateral from seasoned deals<sup>15</sup>
- Elevated loan paydowns, CLO amortization, and deal call activity are likely to persist in 2H 2024, absent a drop in loan prices<sup>17</sup>

### ***Secondary CLO market liquidity remained healthy throughout 2Q 2024<sup>18</sup>***

- With \$12.9B traded in 2Q 2024, US CLO BWIC volume was modestly lower than 1Q, reflecting elevated CLO resets, refinancings, and paydowns<sup>18</sup>
  - 2Q 2024 US CLO BWIC volume = \$12.9B, down 14% QoQ and 1% YoY, respectively<sup>18</sup>

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# CLO Market Commentary – Endnotes

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2. For AAA corporate bonds, yield is represented by the respective portfolio yield by rating as measured by the JPMorgan U.S. Liquid Index (“JULI”) investment grade corporate bond index. Includes only securities with maturities of 3-5 years and excludes emerging market bonds. For BB corporate bonds, yield is represented by the current yield for the JPMorgan U.S. Double B High Yield Index, is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic BB high yield corporate debt market. Source: JPMorgan Markets DataQuery (June 30, 2024).
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# Additional Information, Glossary and Risk Considerations

# 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.

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

Life of the Typical CLO		
<b>Pre-closing</b>	Month 1 to Month 6	<b>Warehouse Period:</b> 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.
<b>Closing</b>		CLO comes into legal existence.
<b>Post-closing</b>	Month 1 to Month 3	<b>Ramp-Up Period:</b> Post-closing, proceeds from CLO debt issuance used to repay warehouse and purchase additional assets.
	Month 4 to Year 4	<b>Non-Call Period:</b> Post-Year 2, the equity investor(s) may direct original CLO liabilities to be refinanced (prepaid at par) and replaced with new liabilities to reduce interest expense.
		<b>Reinvestment Period:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collateral manager permitted to actively trade underlying assets to maximize value and ensure portfolio remains in compliance with collateral quality tests</li> <li>Principal cash flows from underlying loan/bond assets used by the collateral manager to purchase new assets.</li> </ul>
	Year 5 to Maturity	<b>Amortization Period:</b> A portion of cash flows from asset amortization, prepayments/repayments, and sales are used to pay down outstanding CLO debt in order of seniority.
Year 8		<b>Average Life of a CLO</b>

## 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.

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# Glossary

TERM	DEFINITION
<b>Accredited Investor</b>	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).
<b>Alpha</b>	A measure of the excess return of a manager or a fund relative to the return of the benchmark index.
<b>Alternative Investments</b>	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.
<b>Barclays Corporate Bond Index</b>	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.
<b>Basis Point</b>	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%.
<b>BDC (Business Development Company)</b>	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.
<b>BWIC (Bids Wanted in Competition)</b>	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.
<b>Cash Drag</b>	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.
<b>CLO (Collateralized Loan Obligation)</b>	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.
<b>Collateral</b>	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.
<b>Correlation</b>	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.
<b>Duration</b>	A measure expressed in years of the sensitivity of the price of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates.
<b>J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index</b>	This index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic high yield corporate debt market.
<b>J.P. Morgan Collateralized Loan Obligation Index ("CLOIE")</b>	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).

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<b>First Lien</b>	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.
<b>LIBOR</b>	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.'
<b>LIBOR Floor</b>	Ensures that investors receive a guaranteed minimum yield on the loans in which they invest, regardless of how low the LIBOR benchmark rates falls.
<b>LTM (Last Twelve Months)</b>	The timeframe of the immediately preceding 12 months.
<b>Mark-to-Market</b>	A measure of the value of an asset or liability, based on current market price.
<b>MLP (Master Limited Partnership)</b>	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.
<b>REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust)</b>	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.
<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>	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.
<b>Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan 100 Index</b>	The Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index is designed to reflect the performance of the largest facilities in the leveraged loan market.
<b>Second Lien</b>	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.
<b>Senior Secured Loans</b>	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.
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	Measure of an investment's historical returns adjusted for risk or volatility.
<b>SOFR</b>	The Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) is a broad measure of the cost of borrowing cash overnight collateralized by Treasury securities.
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	Measures the volatility of an investment return. The larger the standard deviation, the larger the potential movement – up or down – of an investment return.
<b>Tranche</b>	Related securities that are portions of a deal or structured financing, but have different risks, return potential and/or maturities.
<b>Volcker Rule</b>	Prohibits banks from proprietary trading and restricts investment in hedge funds and private equity by commercial banks and their affiliates.
<b>Waterfall</b>	A hierarchy establishing the order in which funds are to be distributed in a CLO.

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- Market Discount Risk
- CLO Risk
- CLO Subordinated Note Risk
- Corporate Credit Investments Risk
- Senior Loan Risk
- Second Lien Loans Risk
- Unsecured Loan Risk
- Loan Participation and Assignment Risk
- Illiquid Investments Risk
- Stressed and Distressed Investments Risk
- Leverage Risk
- Other Investment Companies Risk
- Exchange-Traded Fund Risk
- Short Sales Risk
- LIBOR/SOFR Risk
- Derivatives Risk
- Off-Exchange Derivatives Risk
- Options Risk
- Futures Risk
- Swaps Risk
- Credit Default Swaps Risk
- Hedging Transactions Risk
- Counterparty Risk
- Synthetic Investment Risk
- Segregation and Cover Risk
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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 economic conditions and are more vulnerable to financial setbacks and recession than more creditworthy issuers, which may impair their ability to make interest and principal payments. Securities of below investment grade quality display increased price sensitivity to changing interest rates and to a deteriorating economic environment. The market values of certain below investment grade securities tend to reflect 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 of below investment grade quality tend to be more volatile and such securities tend to be less liquid than investment grade debt securities, which could result in the Trust being unable to sell such 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, the market for them may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and 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 that are unrated, the Trust's ability to achieve its investment objectives will be more dependent on the Sub-Adviser's credit analysis than would be the case when the Trust invests in rated 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 are designed primarily for long-term investors; investors in Common Shares should not view 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.

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**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 than 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 after payment in full of all secured loan obligations of the Borrower. If such proceeds were not sufficient to repay the Borrower's outstanding secured loan obligations, then the Trust's unsecured claims against the Borrower would 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 compliance by the Borrower with the terms of the loan agreement against the Borrower, and the Trust may not directly benefit from the collateral supporting the debt obligation in which it has purchased the participation. As a result, the Trust will be exposed to the credit risk of both the Borrower and the institution selling the 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 that 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.

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**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 distribution 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-Advisor'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 costs than if it were not implemented. The more leverage that is utilized by the Trust, the more exposed the Trust will be to the risks of leverage. The use of leverage by the Trust causes the net asset value of 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 total return. The Trust pays interest on its borrowings, which may reduce the Trust's return. Increases in interest rates that the Trust must pay on its borrowings will increase the cost of leverage and may reduce the return to common shareholders. The risk of increases in interest rates may be greater in the current market environment because interest rates are near historically low levels. During the time in which the Trust is utilizing leverage, the amount of the investment advisory fee paid by the Trust will be higher than if the Trust did not utilize leverage because the fees paid will be calculated based on the Trust's Managed Assets, including proceeds of leverage. Common shareholders bear the portion of the management fee attributable to assets purchased with the proceeds of leverage, which means that common shareholders effectively bear the entire management fee.

**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 earned 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.



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**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 while interest rates were historically low in recent years, the Federal Reserve has been increasing the Federal Funds rate to address inflation. 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 fluctuate more than prices of shorter-term securities as interest rates change. The Trust’s use of leverage will tend to increase the interest rate risk to which its Common Shares are subject. The Trust invests 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.

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**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 their initial investment on the Termination Date or in an Eligible Tender Offer, and investors may receive more or less than their original investment upon termination 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 of matured, called or sold securities, the Trust may invest such proceeds in short-term or other lower yielding securities or hold 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 percentage of assets under management. Upon a termination, it is anticipated that the Trust will have distributed substantially all of its net assets to shareholders, although securities for which no market exists or securities trading at depressed prices, if any, may be placed in a liquidating trust. Common Shareholders will bear the costs associated with establishing and maintaining a liquidating trust, if necessary. Securities placed in a liquidating trust may be held for an indefinite period of time until they can be sold or pay out all of their cash flows. The Trust cannot predict the amount, if any, of securities that will be required to be 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/SOFR TRANSITION RISK.** CLO debt and bank syndicated loans historically used LIBOR as an interest rate benchmark. Overnight and 12-month US dollar LIBOR permanently ceased as of June 30, 2023. 1-, 3-, and 6-month U.S. dollar LIBOR settings will continue to be published using a synthetic methodology until September 2024. As an alternative to LIBOR, the Financial Reporting Council, in conjunction with the Alternative Reference Rates Committee, a steering committee comprised of large U.S. financial institutions, recommended replacing U.S. dollar LIBOR with Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), a new index calculated by reference to short-term repurchase agreements, backed by Treasury securities. There is no guarantee that the performance of individual investments or the syndicated loan and CLO securities markets as a whole during or after the transition period will be consistent with performance achieved during the LIBOR era. Neither the effect of the LIBOR transition process nor its ultimate success can yet be known, and the transition process might lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets for, and reduce the effectiveness of, new hedges placed against instruments whose terms currently include LIBOR.

**Additional Risks.** For additional risks relating to investments in the Trust, please see "Risks" in the Trust's Annual Report on Form N-CSR, which is publicly available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov>.