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Market Leading Company in Direct Lending

Market Leading Business Development Company	**Significant Competitive Strengths**
Compelling Track Record	**Attractive Portfolio and Diverse Sources of Funding**

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Key Differentiators

Largest publicly traded BDC[1] with Significant Direct Origination and Long Tenured Management Team	Incumbency from Large Portfolio Provides Attractive Investment Opportunities	Disciplined Underwriting Process Supports Highly Selective Approach	Durable Balance Sheet to Support Investing Through Varying Market Conditions

Key Statistics/Track Record

Invested Over **$91 billion**[2] with a Realized Asset Level Gross IRR of **13%**[3] since IPO	**~1%**[4] Average Annual Net Realized Gains in Excess of Losses since IPO	**75%+** Higher Stock Based Total Returns than the S&P 500 since IPO[5]	Leading issuer with **$14.8 billion*** of investment grade unsecured notes issued over **12 years**

A Leader in Middle Market Direct Lending With a Compelling Long Term Track Record of Pursuing Shareholder Value

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ARCC's Positioning and Team Advantages

ARCC is Well Positioned in a Growing Market

» ARCC has a leading market position with many distinct competitive strengths developed over 19 years

A Leading Credit Manager

ARCC's manager has significant capabilities and reach

- Ares operates one of the largest non-investment grade credit platforms with $285 billion of Credit AUM[1]
- Ares has a global presence with $400+ billion of AUM across 4 integrated groups[1]

Expanding Market Opportunity

The addressable market for ARCC is increasing

- Long-term secular shift to private capital
- Traditional providers not adequately serving middle market needs
- Growth in private equity is driving growth in private capital
- Increased demand by borrowers

Largest Investment Team and Market Coverage[2]

ARCC is led by an experienced investment team

- Leading, cycle-tested investment team
- 180+ investment professionals
- Our investment committee has invested over $91 billion since 2004[3]

Company Position

ARCC is the largest publicly traded BDC[4]

- Deep industry relationships and stable capital
- Significant credit and sourcing advantages from incumbency
- Expanding deal flow

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1. AUM amounts include funds managed by Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P., a wholly owned portfolio company of Ares Capital Corporation and registered investment adviser.
2. Based on Ares' view of the market.
3. Includes invested capital from inception on October 8, 2004 through December 31, 2023. Includes investments made through Ares Capital Corporation, the Senior Secured Loan Program and the Senior Direct Lending Program. Excludes sales within one year of origination, $1.8 billion of investments acquired from Allied Capital on April 1, 2010 and $2.5 billion of investments acquired from American Capital on January 3, 2017.
4. By market capitalization as of December 31, 2023.

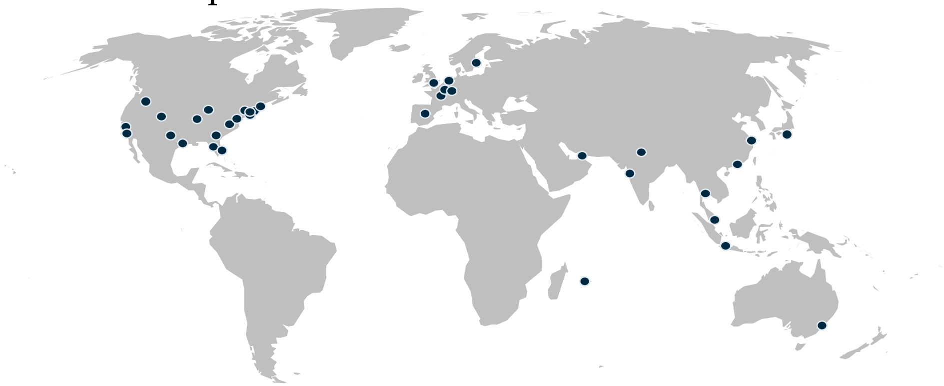
Ares Management

» With approximately $419 billion in assets under management, Ares Management Corporation is a global alternative investment manager operating an integrated platform across five business groups

Profile

Founded	1997
AUM	$419bn
Employees	~2,850
Investment Professionals	~990
Global Offices	35+
Direct Institutional Relationships	~2,300
Listing: NYSE – Market Capitalization	$37.9bn[1]

Global Footprint[2]



The Ares Differentiators

Power of a broad and scaled platform enhancing investment capabilities

Deep management team with integrated and collaborative approach

20+ year track record of attractive risk adjusted returns through market cycles

A pioneer and leader in leveraged finance, private credit and secondaries

	Credit	Private Equity	Real Assets	Secondaries	Other Businesses
AUM	$284.8bn	$39.1bn	$65.4bn	$24.7bn	$4.8bn
Strategies	Direct Lending	Corporate Private Equity	Real Estate Equity	Private Equity Secondaries	Ares Insurance Solutions[3]
	Liquid Credit	Special Opportunities	Real Estate Debt	Real Estate Secondaries	Ares Acquisition Corporation[4]
	Alternative Credit	APAC Private Equity	Infrastructure Opportunities	Infrastructure Secondaries	
	APAC Credit		Infrastructure Debt	Credit Secondaries	

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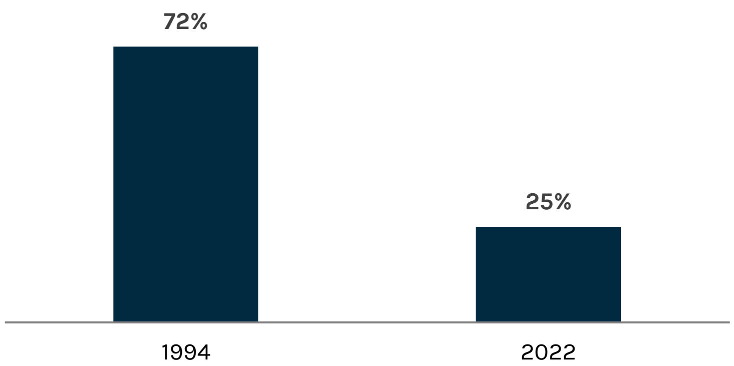
1. As of February 2, 2024.
2. New Delhi office is operated by a third party with whom Ares Asia maintains an ongoing relationship relating to the sourcing, acquisition and/or management of investments.
3. AUM managed by Ares Insurance Solutions excludes assets which are sub-advised by other Ares' investment groups or invested in Ares funds and investment vehicles.
4. AUM includes Ares Acquisition Corporation ("AAC") and Ares Acquisition Corporation II ("AACT").

Market Opportunity and Industry Shift

We believe that addressable market continues to expand which provides additional opportunities for ARCC

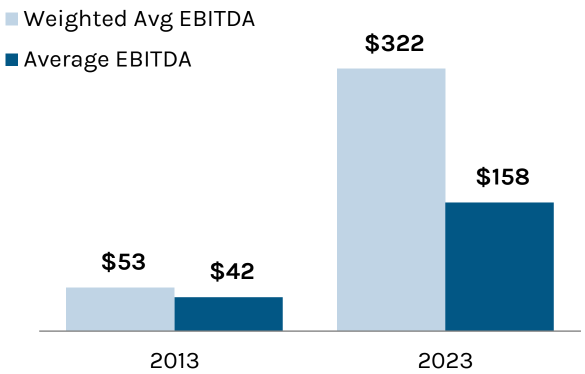
Banks Continue to Retrench from Middle Market Direct Lending[1]

65% reduction in Banks' Share of the Leveraged Loan Market



Growing Demand for Direct Lending[2,3,4]

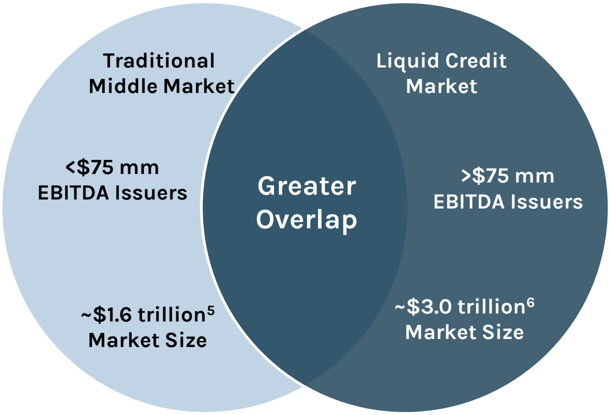
275%+ Growth in ARCC's Portfolio Company EBITDA



Larger Companies Turn to Direct Lending

- ✓ Ease and enhanced certainty to close
- ✓ Speed of Execution
- ✓ Value in Partnership
- ✓ Reliable during times of volatility

Convergence of the Direct Lending and Leveraged Loans Markets[5,6]



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Leading Investment Team

We believe ARCC benefits from a large, long tenured and experienced team with significant experience in direct lending and extensive middle market knowledge

ARCC's Team Brings

Knowledge	**Experience**
Tenure	**Consistency**
Scale	**Accountability**

Members of the Investment Committee

Invested over **$91 billion** across over **2,000** transactions since 2004[1]

29 years average investing experience[2]

Average tenure at Ares of **18+ years**

Cycle-tested team

Investment Team

180+ Investment Professionals

A **Leading Investment Team** in the Industry

Responsibility and accountability over the entire life of an investment

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2. Average number of years investing for all Investment Committee members.

ARCC's Key Differentiators

ARCC's scale and flexibility lead to sourcing differentiators and significant deal flow

Relationships

- 19 year history in the market
- Longstanding Ares relationships with **650+ sponsors, ~3,300 portfolio companies and alternative credit investments**
- **Ares' global presence** expands opportunity set

Incumbency

- Incumbency allows us to finance and grow with leading portfolio companies
- Since 2015, **over 50% of our commitments have been to existing companies**[1]

Large Scale

- Ability to commit over $500 million in a single transaction
- Available liquidity of $6.4 billion[2*]
- Leading bank and capital markets access

Ares Credit Group

- Multi-asset class experience and flexibility to provide **differentiated solutions**
- Market insights across regions and products provides **differentiated perspective** on absolute and relative value

Investments Reviewed

$500+ Billion
Transactions Reviewed in 2023[3]

 # ARCC Transactions Reviewed > # Transactions in the Leveraged Loan & Reported Middle Market *Combined* in Q4-23[4]

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ARCC Has an Attractive Profile

Key Elements to Our Investment Approach

We believe a credit-focused investment approach supports our 19 years of leading performance

Fundamentally Strong Companies

- Leading market share positions
- Companies with long-term staying power

Upper Middle Market Focus

- Enhanced stability of borrowers
- Weighted average EBITDA of $322 million[1,2,3]

Acute Risk Management

- Highly diversified portfolio
- Seek control/lead positions

Attractive Industries

- Resilient, non-cyclical industries
- Strong entry barriers

Highly Selective

- Wide funnel with high selectivity
- Average ~5% closing rate[4]

Benefits of Scale

- Benefits of incumbency
- Ability to be a meaningful financing partner

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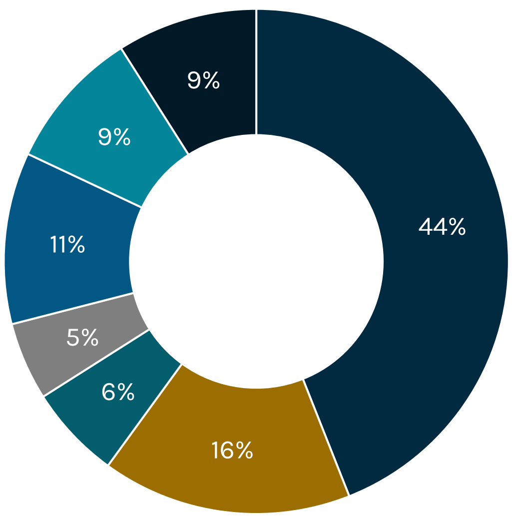
Highly Diversified Attractive Portfolio

Attractively positioned $22.9 billion[1] highly diverse portfolio with downside protection

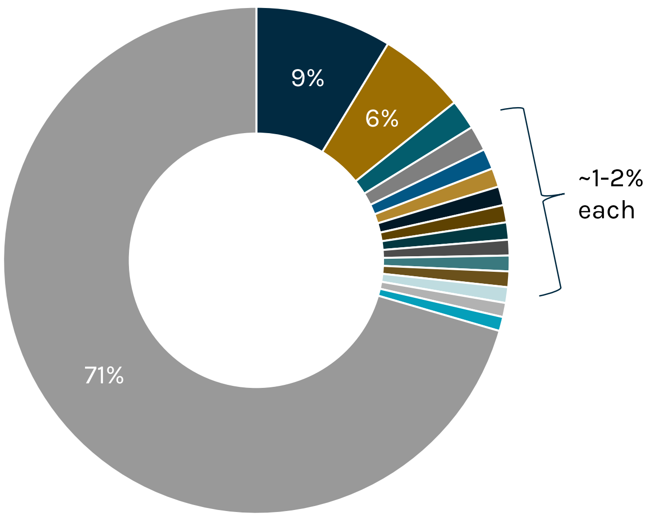
Moderate portfolio company leverage with LTV of ~43%[2]	505 Portfolio Companies[3]	Average Position Size 0.2%[4]	Largest investment is ~2%[5]

Portfolio by Asset Class[1]



- First Lien Senior Secured Loans - 44%
- Second Lien Senior Secured Loans - 16%
- Senior Direct Lending Program - 6% [6]
- Senior Subordinated Loans - 5%
- Preferred Equity - 11%
- Ivy Hill Asset Management - 9% [7]
- Other Equity - 9%

Issuer Concentration[1]



- Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P. - 9% [7]
- Neptune Bidco US Inc. - 2%
- Heelstone Renewable Energy, LLC - 1%
- Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc. - 1%
- AthenaHealth Group Inc. - 1%
- Symplr Software Inc. - 1%
- Kaseya Inc. - 1%
- Essential Services Holding Corp. - 1%
- Senior Direct Lending Program, LLC - 6% [6]
- Cloud Software Group, Inc. - 2%
- High Street Buyer, Inc./High Street Holdco LLC - 1%
- Ardonagh Midco 2 plc and Ardonagh Midco 3 plc - 1%
- AffiniPay Midco, LLC - 1%
- IRI Group Holdings, Inc. - 1%
- Project Ruby Ultimate Parent Corp. - 1%
- Remaining Investments - 71%

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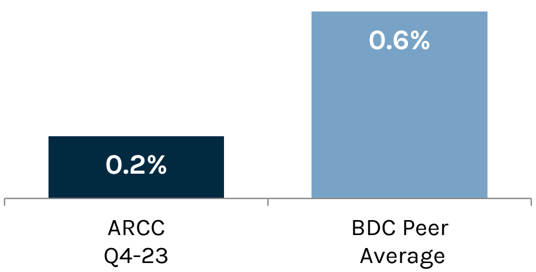
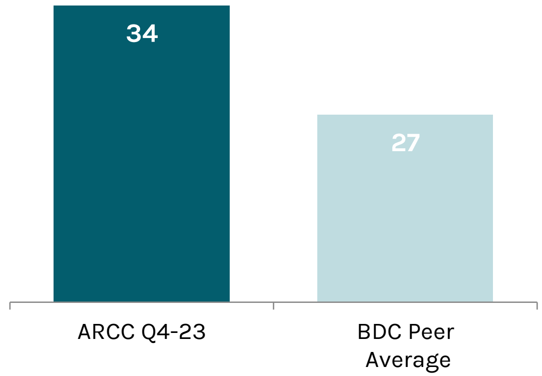
ARCC's Significant Portfolio Diversity vs. BDC Peer Averages

» ARCC's portfolio is designed to mitigate risk from any one issuer or industry

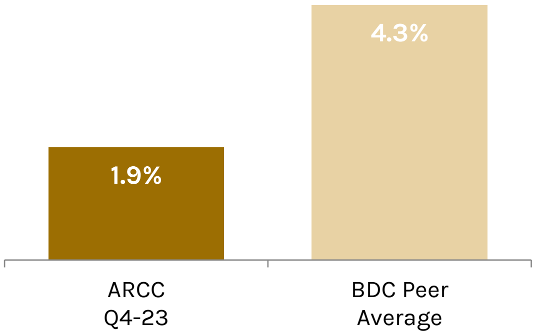
Average Hold[1]



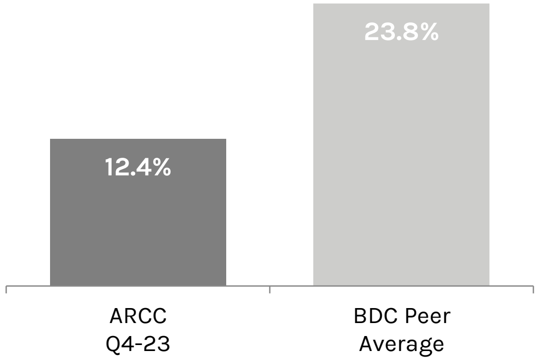
Number of Industries identified by S&P[1,3]



Largest Exposure at Fair Value[1,2]



Top 10 Investments at Fair Value[1,2]



Peer Exposure to Industries Not in ARCC's Portfolio[1,3]

Airlines

Construction

Forest Products

Leasing

Railroads

Shipping & Ship Building

Steel

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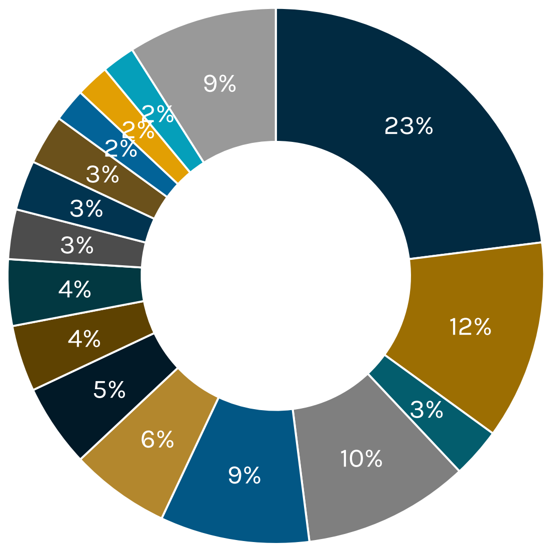
1. Source: S&P LCD as of Q3-23. BDC peer group consists of BDCs with a total portfolio at fair value greater than $1.5 billion or a combined portfolio at fair value greater than $2 billion if under common management and have been publicly traded for at least one year, as of December 31, 2022. Peers include: BBDC, BCSF, BKCC, BXSL, CGBD, CION, FSK, GBDC, GSBD, HTGC, MAIN, MFIC (AINV), NMFC, OCSL, OBDC, PFLT, PNNT, PSEC, SLRC, TCPC, and TSLX.
2. Excludes investments in diversified vehicles such as the Senior Direct Lending Program (SDLP) or Ivy Hill (IHAM) for ARCC and similar investments for peers.
3. Based on S&P LCD industry classifications, which may not match ARCC or other company disclosures.

Industry Selection Supports High Quality Credit Portfolio

» Focus on selecting defensively positioned companies in less cyclical industries

ARCC Portfolio by Industry[1]



- Software & Services - 23%
- Health Care Services - 12%
- Financial Services - 3%
- Commercial & Professional Services - 10%
- Ivy Hill Asset Management - 9% [4]
- Senior Direct Lending Program - 6% [5]
- Insurance Services - 5%
- Consumer Services - 4%
- Power Generation - 4%
- Consumer Durables & Apparel - 3%
- Media & Entertainment - 3%
- Retailing and Distribution - 3%
- Capital Goods - 2%
- Energy - 2%
- Food & Beverage - 2%
- Other - 9%

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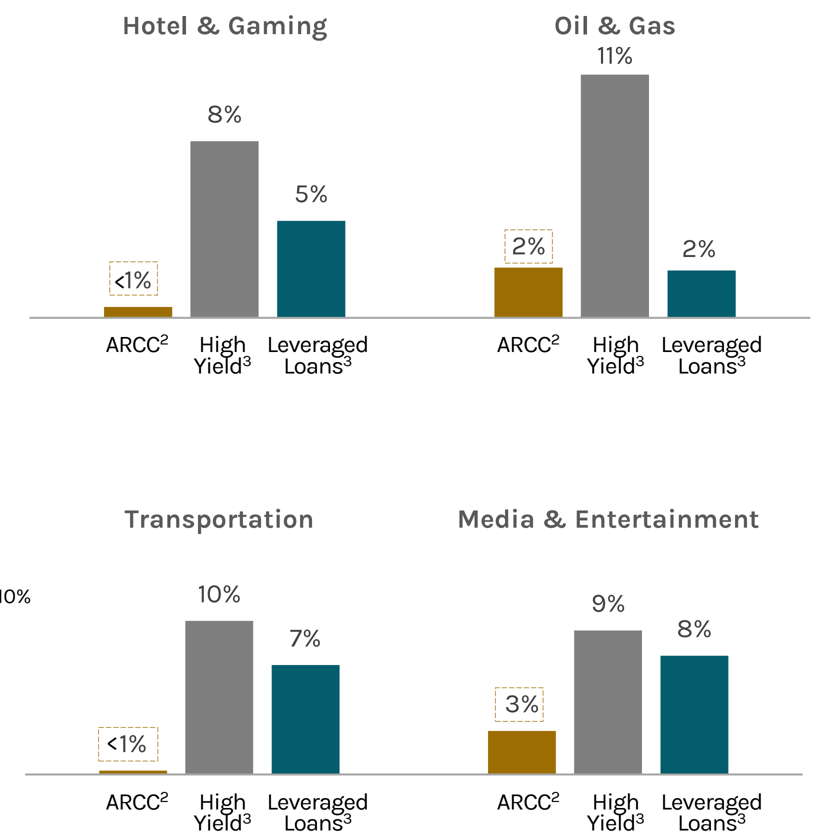
High Yield and Leveraged Loan Industry Exposure to Cyclical Industries



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ARCC's Strong Financial Results

ARCC Has Delivered Compelling Long Term Performance

» We believe ARCC has a high quality portfolio and leading track record

19 YEARS Length of Track Record	• **19 year track record** with cumulative net realized gains on over $91 billion of capital invested, resulting in strong interest and attractive dividend coverage[1]
~1% Annual Net Realized Gains Since Inception	• ~$1.0 billion in cumulative net realized gains (**our gains minus our losses**) on investments (**~1% average annual net realized gains**) since our inception[2]
13% IRR On Realized Investments Since Inception	• **13% asset level gross IRR on $54 billion** of realized proceeds on investments since inception in 2004[3]
400+ bps Greater Net ROE than Peers	• Attractive 5-year **net return on equity 400+ bps greater** than the peer average[4]
<20bps Of debt losses since inception	• Leading loss performance with **first lien** losses of **<10bps** and **second lien/subordinated** losses of **<20bps** since inception[5]
75%+ Higher Return than the S&P 500 since IPO	• **75%+ higher** cumulative returns than the **S&P 500** since IPO in 2004[6] ◦ Outperformed the S&P 500, BDC peers and representative bank index*[7]

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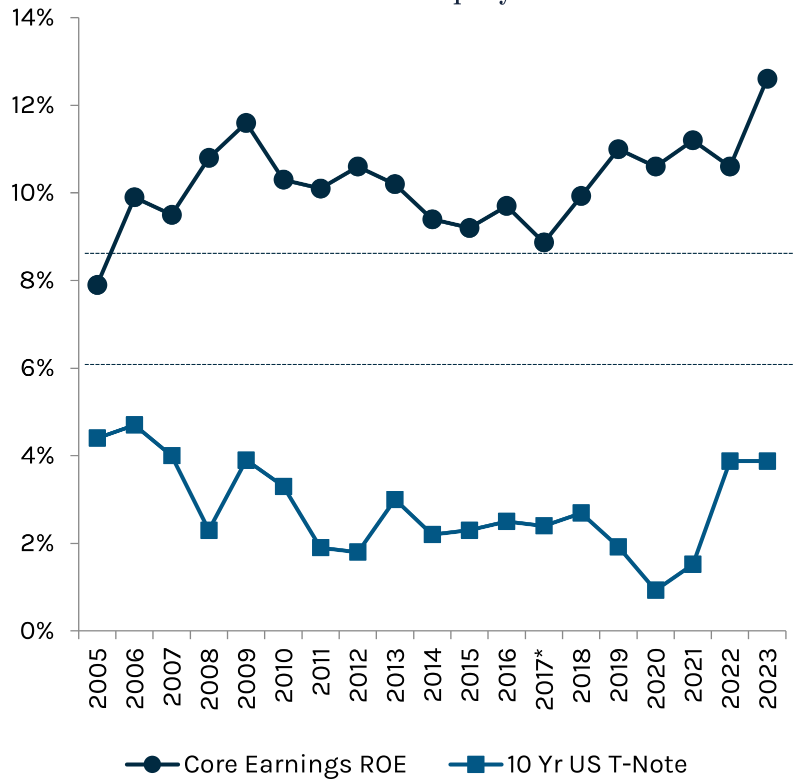
Long Track Record of Consistent Core Earnings and Return on Equity

ARCC has generated strong core earnings[1] and stable core ROE[2] since its IPO

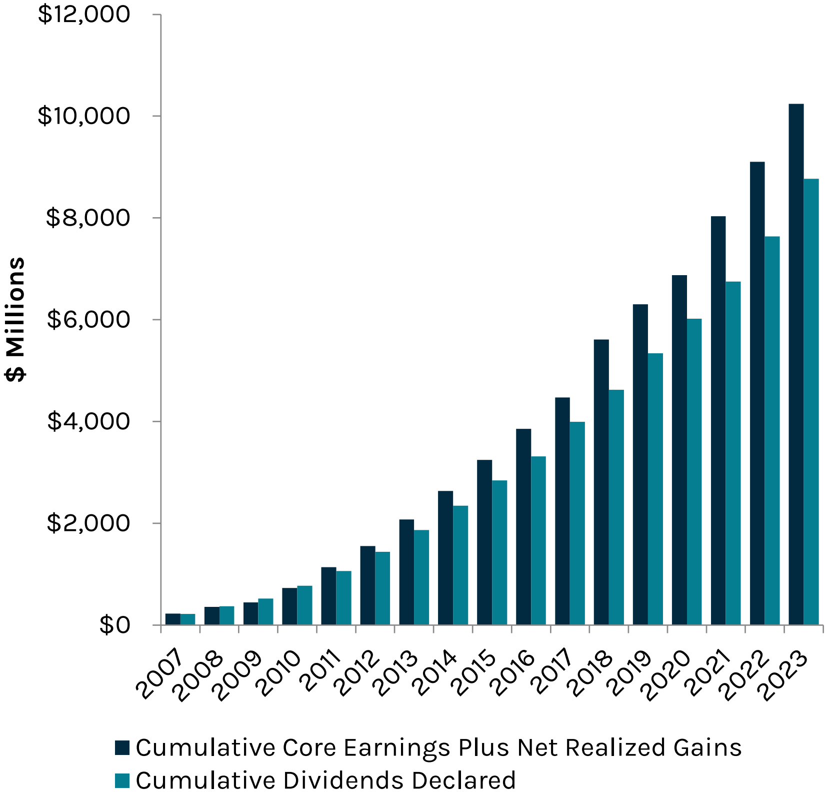
Long standing track record of stable core ROE ranging from ~7% to ~13% annually over the past 19 years

We have out-earned our dividend with cumulative core earnings plus net realized gains since our IPO

Consistent Core Return on Equity[2]



Cumulative Core Earnings Plus Net Realized Gains vs. Cumulative Dividends[1]



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*Acquired ACAS on January 1, 2017.

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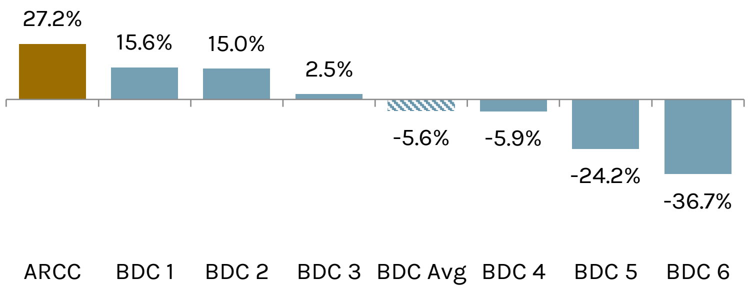
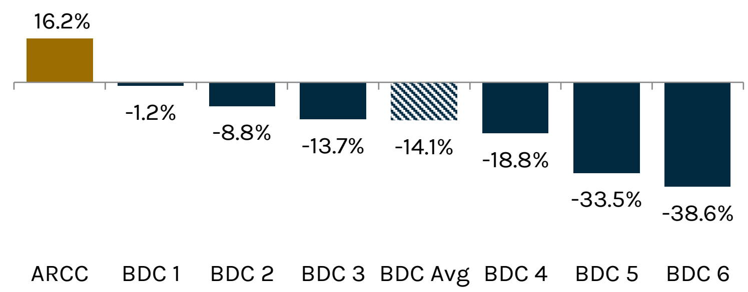
Consistent Track Record of Generating Meaningful Shareholder Value

- ARCC has delivered the highest regular/base dividend growth, NAV per share growth, NAV-based total returns and stock-based total returns when compared with every other externally managed BDC with a market cap of over $700 million that has been publicly traded for the last 10 years[1]

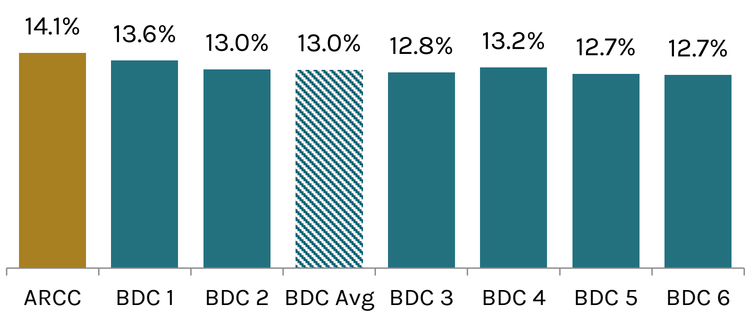
10-Year Regular or Base Dividend Per Share Growth[1,2]



10-Year NAV Per Share Growth[1,2]



10-Year Annualized Stock Based Total Return[1,3]



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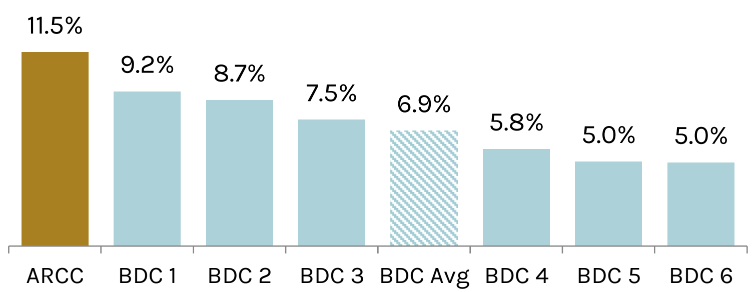

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1. Comparable BDCs include externally managed peers with a market cap of over $700 million as of December 31, 2022 and publicly traded for the full comparison period. Peers include: MFIC (AINV), GBDC, NMFC, OCSL, PSEC and SLRC. ARCC excluded from the BDC peer average.
2. As of September 30, 2023, as not all BDCs have filed December 31, 2023 financial statements as of February 9, 2024.
3. As of December 31, 2023.

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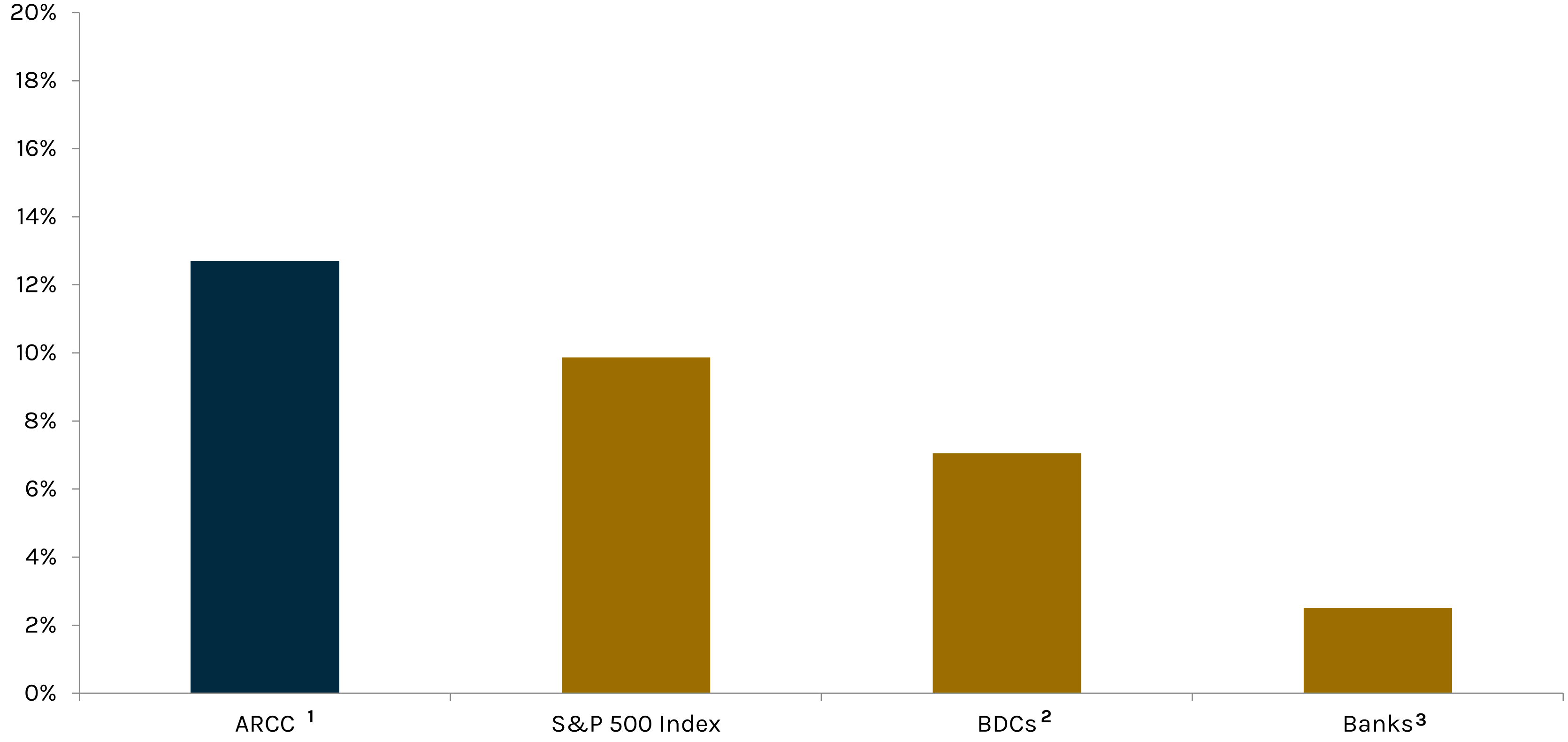
We Have Generated Attractive Long-Term Stock Returns

- ARCC has outperformed relative to indices through a variety of market environments since IPO

Annualized Cumulative Shareholder Total Return Since Inception 10/8/04 – 12/31/23



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Source: S&P Capital IQ as of December 31, 2023. Total returns assume reinvestment of dividends. Time period selected to include Ares Capital IPO in October 2004. Performance to indices and peers is shown for illustrative purposes only and may not be directly comparable.

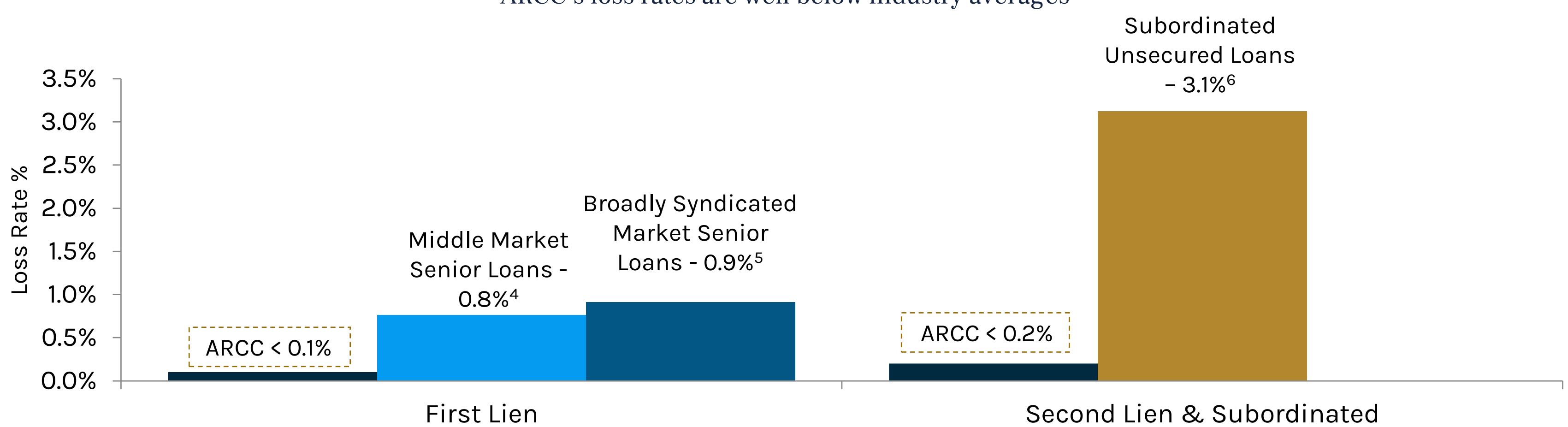
1. As of December 31, 2023. Hypothetical value of $1 invested in ARCC's IPO in October 2004 and kept invested through December 31, 2023, assuming dividends are reinvested at the end of day stock price on the relevant quarterly ex-dividend dates, and assuming investors did not participate in Ares Capital's rights offering issuance as of March 20, 2008. The benchmarks included represent investments in the U.S. equity market.
2. BDCs as measured by the S&P BDC Index.
3. Banks as measured by the BKX TR Index.

ARCC Has a Compelling Track Record of Credit Performance

» ARCC's annual loss rate has been significantly better than the industry averages

ARCC Credit Experience Since Inception[1]	First Lien	Second Lien & Subordinated
Period Measured[1]	2004 – Q3-23	2004 – Q3-23
Significant Capital Deployed[1]	$65 billion	$16 billion
Meaningful Realizations	65% Realized	68% Realized
Long History of Investments	2,265+ Investments	395+ Investments
Leading Loss Performance	< 10 bps[2]	< 20 bps[3]

ARCC's loss rates are well below industry averages



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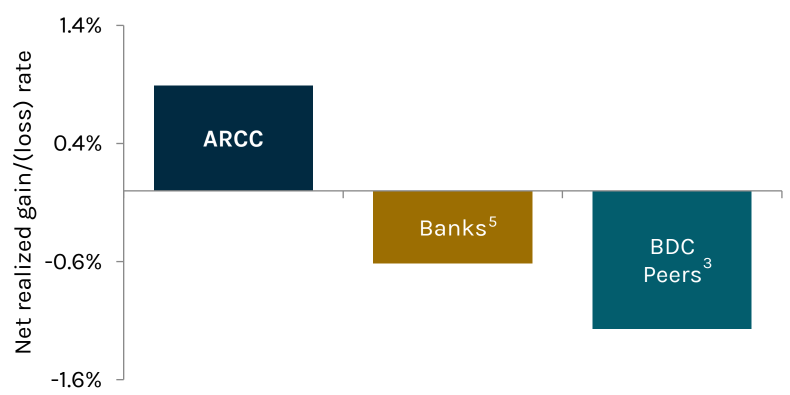
Strong Credit and Investment Performance

ARCC has generated cumulative net realized gains where others have generated losses

Since IPO in October 2004 through December 31, 2023:

Approximately $1.0 billion Net Realized Gains[1]	Cumulative realized gains generated in excess of losses
~1% Net Realized Gain Rate%[2]	Average annualized net realized gain rate on the principal amount of its investments

ARCC generated ~200 bps of average annual incremental gain differential vs. Peers[3] since 2004[4]



Sources of Cumulative Net Realized Gains Since Inception[1]

Source	Nature of Gains/Losses	$ in mm
Restructuring Gains	Primarily equity received in workouts	~$355
Acquired Portfolio Net Gains	Effective monetization of controlled buyouts, CLOs and other investments	~$575
ARCC Equity Net Gains	Primarily equity tags and minority equity investments	~$810
ARCC Other Debt Gains	Primarily call protection, discount accretion and FX gains/losses	~$585
ARCC Debt Losses	Relatively minimal losses through credit selection and loss avoidance	~($1,365)
Cumulative Net Realized Gains		**~$960**

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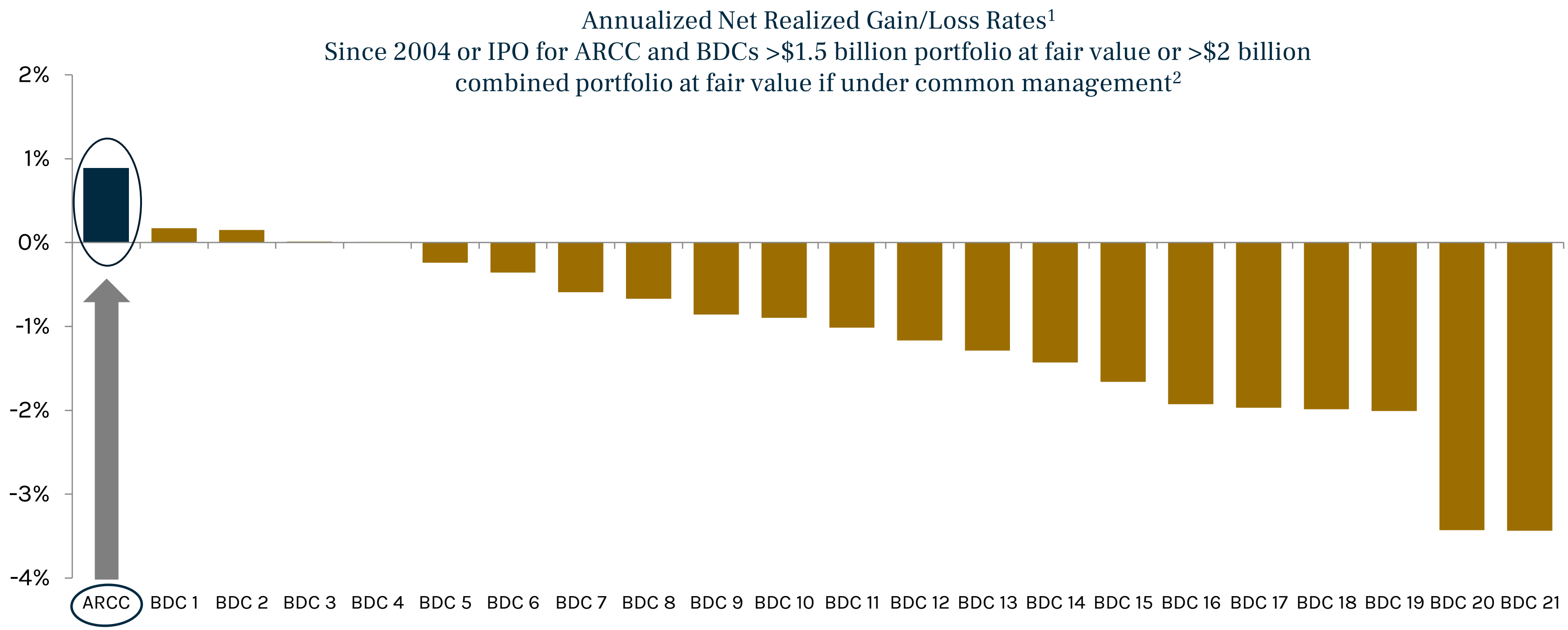
Strong Investment Performance

» ARCC has generated strong net realized gains relative to the BDC peer group



ARCC has generated net realized gains since inception

ARCC as of December 31, 2023. BDC peer group as of September 30, 2023, as not all peers have filed December 31, 2023 financial results as of February 9, 2024.
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1. ARCC calculated as an average of the historical annual net realized gain/loss rates (where annual net realized gain/loss rate is calculated as the amount of net realized gains/losses for a particular period from Ares Capital IPO in October 2004 to December 31, 2023 divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period). Excludes $196 million one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation in Q2-10 and gains/losses from extinguishment of debt and other transactions. BDC peers calculated as an average of a BDC's historical annual net realized gain/loss rates, where annual net realized gain/loss rate is calculated as the amount of net realized gains/losses for a particular period divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period.
2. BDC peer group consists of BDCs with a total portfolio at fair value greater than $1.5 billion or a combined portfolio at fair value greater than $2 billion if under common management and have been publicly traded for at least one year, as of December 31, 2022. Peers include: MFIC (AINV), BBDC, BCSF, BKCC, CGBD, OCSL, OBDC, FSK, GBDC, GSBD, HTGC, MAIN, NMFC, PFLT, PNNT, PSEC, SLRC, TCPC, BXSL, CION and TSLX. Net realized gain/(loss) rate calculated as an average of a BDC's historical annual net realized gain/loss rates, where annual net realized gain/loss rate is calculated as the amount of net realized gains/losses for a particular period divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period.

Differentiated Portfolio Management Capabilities and Focus

In our view, Ares has the largest and most experienced portfolio management and valuation team among any other direct lending manager in U.S.[1]

Large Portfolio Management and Valuation Team	• **~45 person dedicated portfolio management and valuation team** is enhanced by Ares firm wide resources such as legal, industry professionals, etc.
	• Team has deep capabilities:
	  ○ Restructuring
	  ○ Valuation
	  ○ Due diligence

Proprietary Technology	• Ares has spent a significant amount of time and effort creating a web based platform which **enhances access, speed and quality of information** ○ System architecture provides **extensive reporting capabilities and data** to support investment and portfolio management decisions
Extensive Workout Restructuring Experience	• **Be early, be smart, be flexible** • Led by three senior professionals with **average 27 years direct restructuring experience**, including average 15 years at Ares • History of protecting capital[2] while avoiding unnecessary damage to sponsor relationships • Generated net positive realized gains vs. losses since inception
Active Management Approach	• **Investment teams work alongside portfolio management and valuation** team once loan is originated • **Ongoing dialogue** with company and sponsors/owners • Ares Management provides **operational and informational differentiators** to seek maximum value

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1. Based on Ares' observation of the market.
2. References to "downside protection" or similar language are not guarantees against loss of investment capital or value.

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Capital & Liquidity

Deep and Diverse Access to Debt Financing

Our deep bank and capital market relationships enhance our access to capital supported by our investment grade ratings

Debt Summary ($ in millions)	Aggregate Principal Amount of Commitments Outstanding[1]	Principal Outstanding	Weighted Average Stated Interest Rate[2,6]
Secured Revolving Facilities[3]			
Revolving Credit Facility**	$4,758	$1,102	SOFR + 1.75%[6]
Revolving Funding Facility**	1,775	182	SOFR + 1.90%[6]
SMBC Funding Facility	800	401	SOFR + 1.75%[6]
BNP Funding Facility	865	575	SOFR + 2.80%
Subtotal*	$8.198	$2,260	
Unsecured Notes Payable			
2024 Convertible Notes	403	403	4.625%
2024 Notes	900	900	4.200%
March 2025 Notes	600	600	4.250%
July 2025 Notes	1,250	1,250	3.250%
January 2026 Notes	1,150	1,150	3.875%
July 2026 Notes	1,000	1,000	2.150%
January 2027 Notes*	900	900	7.943%*
June 2027 Notes	500	500	2.875%
2028 Notes	1,250	1,250	2.875%
2029 Notes**	1,000	1,000	5.875%**
2031 Notes	700	700	3.200%
Subtotal**	$9,653	$9,653	
Total Debt*	**$17,851**	**$11,913**	
Weighted Average Stated Interest Rate**	**5.63%[4]**	**4.60%**	
Debt/Equity Ratio, Net of Available Cash[5]**		**1.02x**	

ARCC Has Long Standing Investment Grade Ratings

	Current Rating	Outlook
Fitch Ratings	BBB	Stable
Moody's	Baa3	Positive
S&P Global	BBB-	Positive

Banks	Capital Markets
43 banks across 4 revolving facilities	**Over 240 investors** have invested in our unsecured and convertible notes
Efficient revolving debt facilities with **up to 5 year committed terms**	**Raised $14.8 billion** in unsecured and convertible notes since 2011**
Bank facilities over **2x** overcollateralized	**Repaid $5.4 billion** of unsecured and convertible notes since 2011

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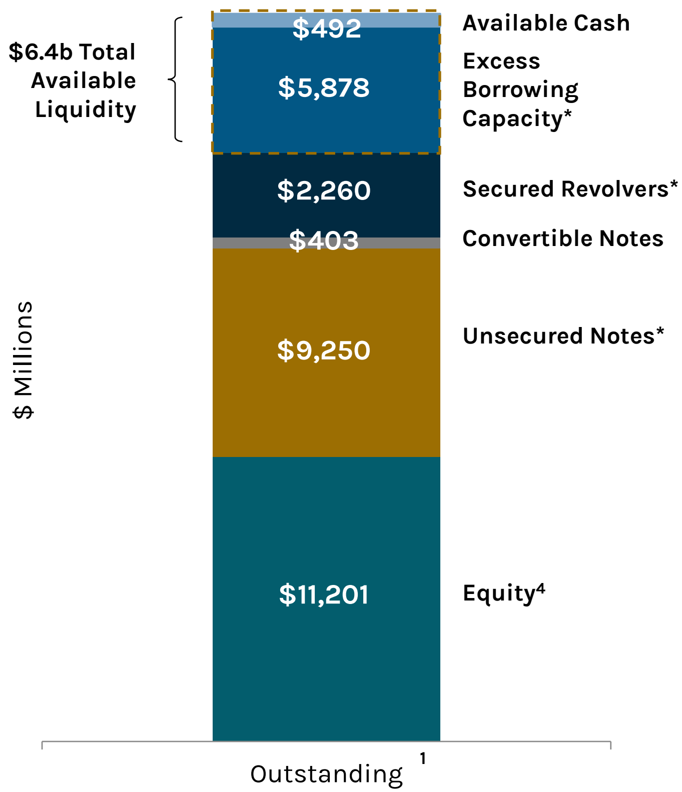
*In connection with the issuance of the January 2027 Notes, Ares Capital entered into an interest rate swap agreement for a total notional amount of $900 million that matures on January 15, 2027. Under the agreement, Ares Capital receives a fixed interest rate of 7.000% and pays a floating interest rate of one-month SOFR plus 2.581%.

**Pro forma for the $1.0bn public offering of March 2029 notes in Q1 2024. These 5.875% notes were swapped to one-month SOFR + 2.026%.

ARCC Has Stable and Broad Sources of Financing

» Conservative balance sheet with a longstanding track record of accessing diverse sources of financing

Simple Balance Sheet with Significant Liquidity



Strong Liability and Funding Construction

$6.4 billion of available liquidity*[2]	**Available liquidity 2.7x greater** than unfunded investment commitments*
Over 90% of our assets are **supported by unsecured debt and equity**	**Asset coverage** for unsecured notes of 2.2x[3]
Significant cushion to our regulatory and bank leverage **covenants**	**Substantial liquidity** to cover debt maturities

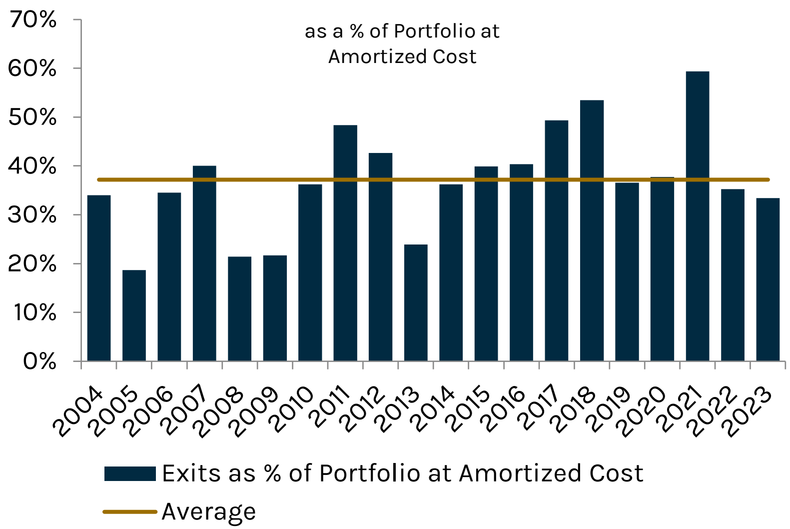
As of December 31, 2023, unless otherwise stated.
1. Represents the total aggregate principal amount outstanding.
2. Represents available capital on secured revolving facilities and available cash less letters of credit outstanding.
3. Calculated as cash and cash equivalents plus investments at fair value pledged to secured facilities plus unencumbered investments at fair value less debt outstanding in secured facilities, all divided by unsecured notes outstanding.
4. Approximately 7.1 million shares are held by Ares employees and ARCC Directors.

* Pro forma for the $1.0bn public offering of March 2029 notes in Q1 2024

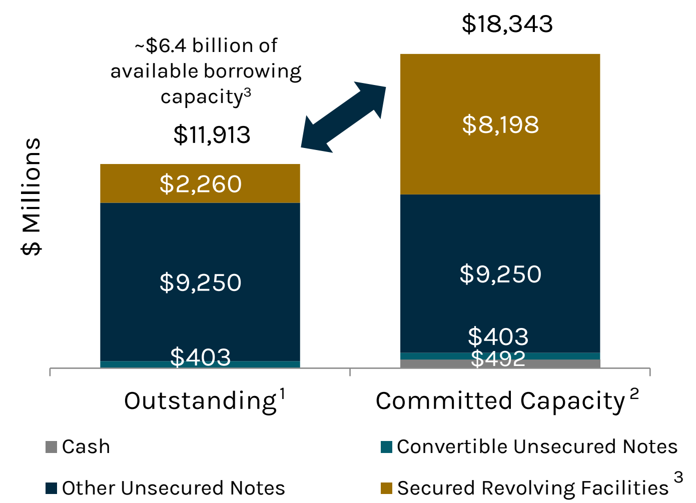
Deep Sources of Liquidity and Well Laddered Maturities

- Investment portfolio provides ample cash flows to support debt maturities

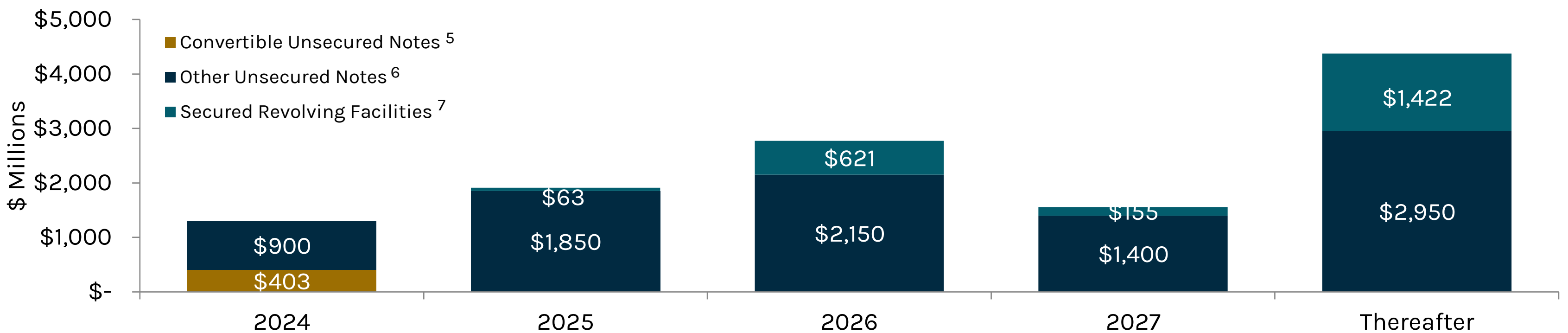
Sales & Repayments



Sources of Liquidity*



Contractual Maturities[4*]



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Available borrowing capacity includes available cash.
*Pro forma for the $1.0bn public offering of March 2029 notes in Q1 2024.

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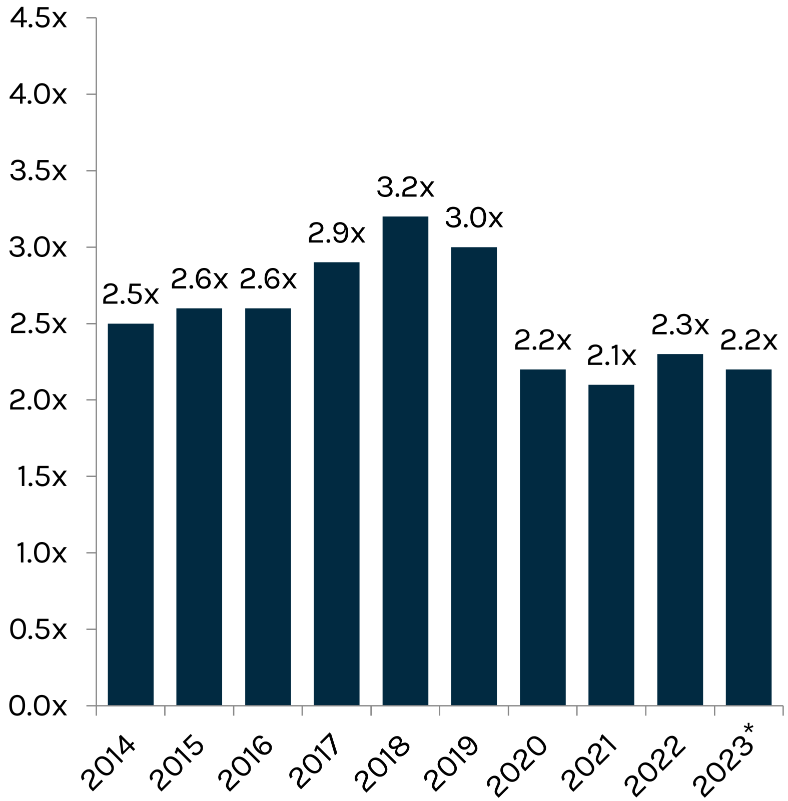
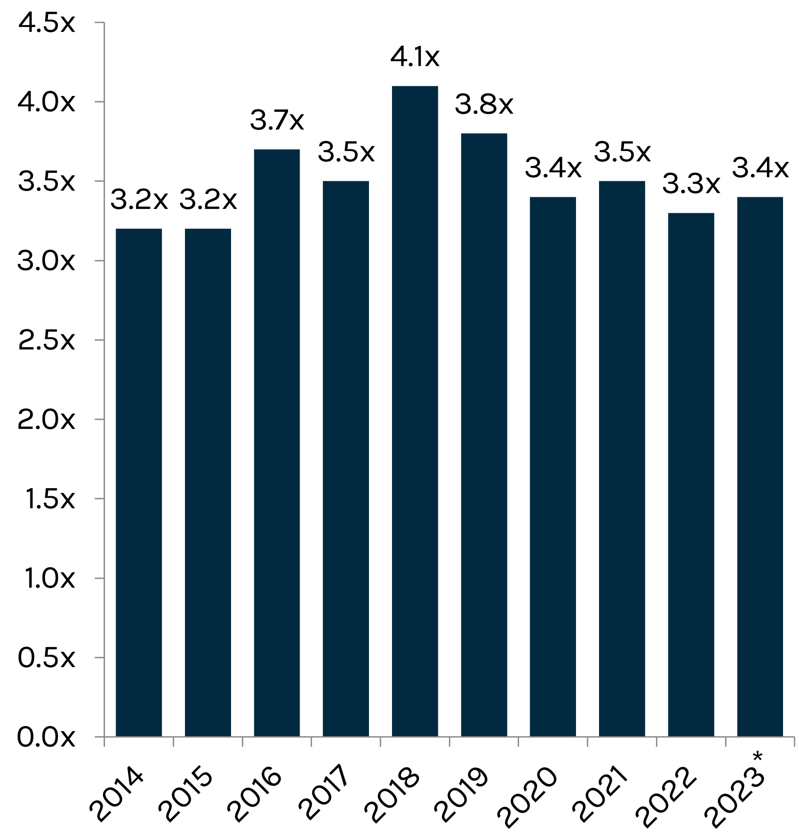
Strong Coverage Ratios

» ARCC noteholders may benefit from conservative liability structure and significant unencumbered assets

Strong Asset Coverage for Unsecured Notes[1]



Significant Fixed Charge Coverage from Earnings[2]



Note: The use of leverage magnifies the potential for gain or loss on the amount invested and may increase the risk of investments.

1. Calculated as cash and cash equivalents plus investments at fair value pledged to secured facilities and SBA debentures plus unencumbered investments at fair value less debt outstanding in secured facilities, all divided by unsecured notes outstanding. As of the end of each given period.
2. Calculated as the ratio of earnings to fixed charges excluding total unrealized and realized gains/(losses) where earnings represent net investment income excluding interest and facility fees, income taxes and capital gains incentive fees accrued in accordance with GAAP, and fixed charges represent interest and facility fees. As of the end of each given period.

*Pro forma for the $1.0bn public offering of March 2029 notes in Q1 2024.

Ares' Values

Ares' Values Driven Culture

While our backgrounds are diverse, at Ares we are unified and guided in what we do by our shared values

Purpose
We are a catalyst for shared prosperity and a better future

Vision
We seek to lead our industry in generating attractive returns and making a lasting positive impact

Mission
We invest to help businesses flourish and pursue enduring value for all of our stakeholders

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Conclusion

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We believe ARCC is well positioned to deliver differentiated results

Strong and growing position in an expanding market

Meaningful competitive strengths driven by our scale and tenure in the market

Healthy, attractively positioned and diversified senior oriented portfolio

Large and experienced portfolio management team

Robust levels of liquidity, low leverage and meaningful asset coverage

Demonstrated solid financial and credit results through diverse market environments throughout our 19-year history

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Appendix

Additional Investment and Financial Considerations

Ares Credit Group

Integrated scaled global platform combines direct origination, deep fundamental credit research and broad perspective of relative value

$284.8 Billion AUM[1]

~75 Partners averaging 25 years of experience
460 dedicated investment professionals

Origination, Research & Investment Management

- 17 portfolio managers
- 100+ industry research and alternative credit professionals
- 175+ direct origination professionals

Syndication, Trading & Servicing

- 7 trading professionals in the U.S. and Europe[2]
- 6 dedicated capital markets professionals
- 65+ professionals focused on asset management, including 15+ with restructuring experience[3]

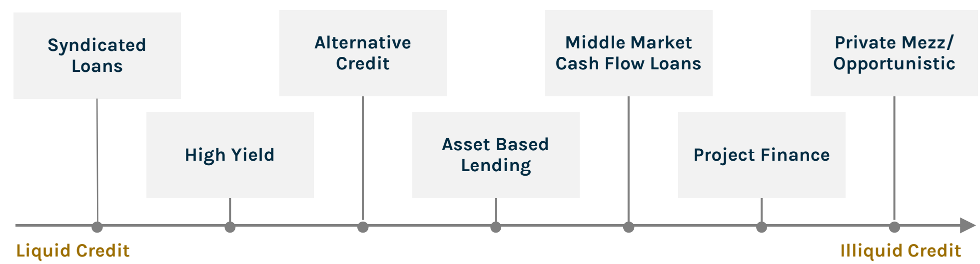
Investor Relations & Business Operations

- Established investor relations and client service teams across the Americas, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Middle East

Differentiators

Deep Investment Opportunity Set	Access to Differentiated Information to Inform Credit Decisions	Ability to Express Relative Value

A Leading Global Platform of Liquid Credit, Alternative Credit & Direct Lending Strategies



Accolades[4]

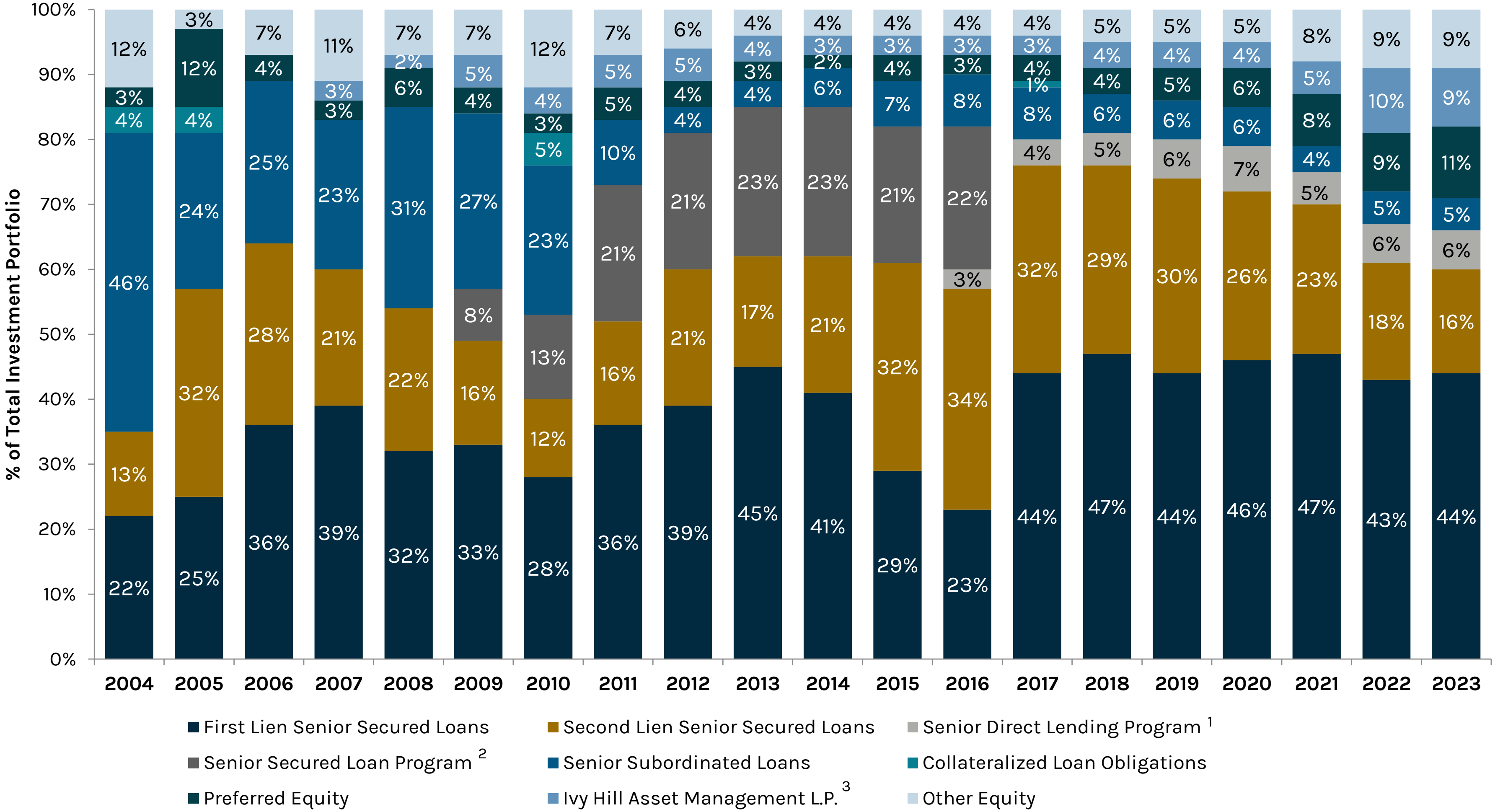
Institutional Investor	Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards	Private Equity International Awards 2022	Private Debt Investor Awards 2022	Private Debt Investor Awards 2022	Asian Investor Asset Management Awards 2022
ARCC Received Most Honored Designation & Highest Rankings for Best Investor Relations Program 2021	*Top Quartile Rankings for Several Funds 4Q'22*	*Lender of the Year (North America) 2022*	*Global Fund Manager of the Year 2022; Senior Lender of the year (Europe) 2022, Senior Lender of the Year (Americas) 2022*	*Infrastructure Debt Investor of the Year Asia-Pacific*	*Best Private Debt Manager 2022 (2nd year running)*

We have experienced teams across the platform that we believe are positioned for excellence in investing and client service

Note: As of December 31, 2023, unless otherwise noted. **Please see the Notes at the end of this presentation.** (1) AUM amounts include funds managed by Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P., a wholly owned portfolio company of Ares Capital Corporation and a registered investment adviser. (2) Of the seven trading professionals, one individual has additional responsibilities as a Portfolio Manager and is counted in both categories. (3) Of the 60+ asset management professionals, three are part of the industry research and alternative credit professionals and are counted in both categories, The remaining asset management professionals are in the direct lending group. (4) The performance, awards/ratings noted herein relate only to selected funds/strategies and may not be representative of any given client's experience and should not be viewed as indicative of Ares' past performance or its funds' future performance. Ares has not provided any compensation in connection with obtaining these awards but may have paid to use the award logo. All investments involve risk, including loss of principal.

Risk Position: Asset Mix Changes with Views on Risk and Return

Our portfolio composition will change based on our view of market conditions and the returns available



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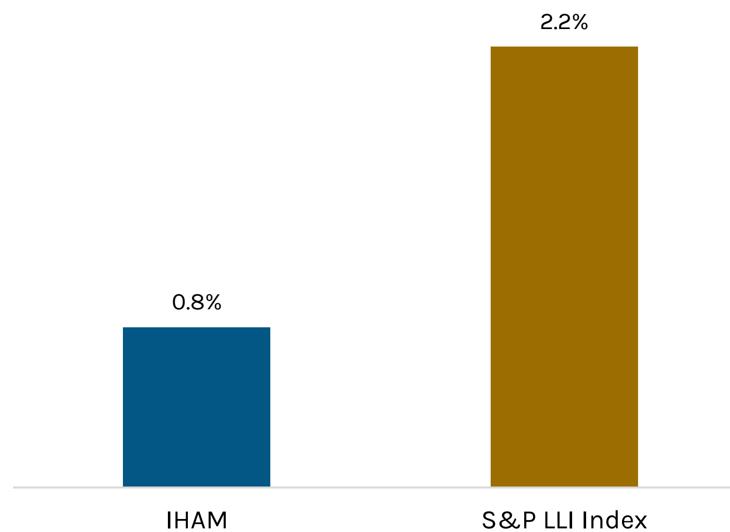
Ivy Hill Asset Management Overview

» Ivy Hill was established in 2007 and has become a leading middle market loan manager

Ivy Hill Portfolio and Team Characteristics

15+ Year Track Record	**~$14bn** AUM[3]
20 Managed Vehicles	**287** Borrowers
17 Investment Professionals[1]	**20+** Industries
<3x Net Debt to Equity of Vehicles Managed by IHAM[2]	**>100%** 3+ Year NOI Dividend Coverage[4]

IHAM Portfolio Annual Default Rate vs. Market Since Inception in 2007[5,6]



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1. Including IHAM investment committee members.
2. Refer to "Consolidated IHAM Vehicles" column within the "Selected Balance Sheet Information" table on page 143 in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for additional information. Calculated by reclassifying Subordinated notes of $1,354 as of September 30, 2023 into equity since these notes are the most junior tranche in the capital structure and are economically equity but are not presented this way for GAAP purposes.
3. Less than one third of IHAM's AUM is in CLOs.
4. Represents the sum of IHAM's net operating income on a standalone basis divided by total dividends distributed to ARCC for the year ended December 31, 2023.
5. Calculated as the average of principal value of defaults of IHAM purchased loans divided by the average amount outstanding of IHAM purchased loans in each year since IHAM's inception in 2007 through December 31, 2023.
6. Source: S&P LCD data. S&P default rate is calculated as the average of principal value defaulted divided by the average amount outstanding in each year since 2007 through December 31, 2023.

Why is Direct Origination Important?

1	Widens the Funnel to Provide For a Larger Deal Universe	→	Selectivity
2	Primary Diligence on Thousands of Deals Reviewed Since Inception	→	Potential for Enhanced Investing
3	Increased Control Over Structures and Better Economics	→	Differentiated and Diversified Portfolios
4	Incumbency and Relationships	→	Long-Term Annuity

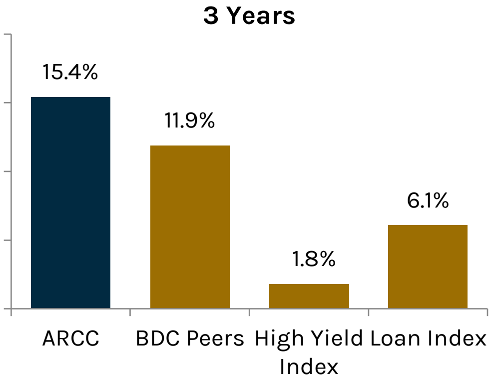
Broad, direct origination is the core foundation of our disciplined investment strategy

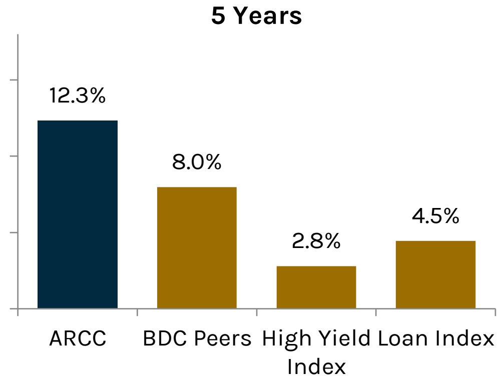
Diversification does not assure profit or protect against market loss.

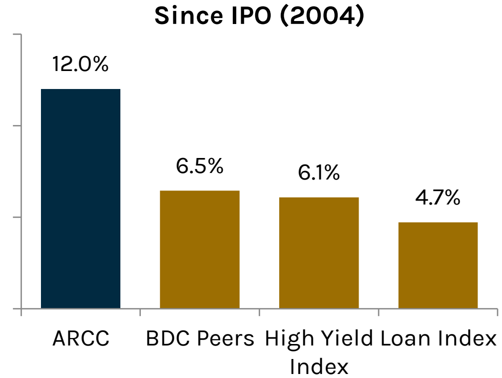
ARCC's Portfolio Has Generated Higher Returns with Less Risk

» Our investment strategy and competitive strengths have led to attractive returns with lower volatility

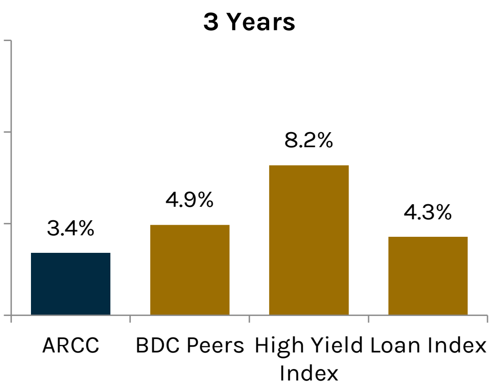
Annualized Returns (Dividends & Change in NAV)[1,2]

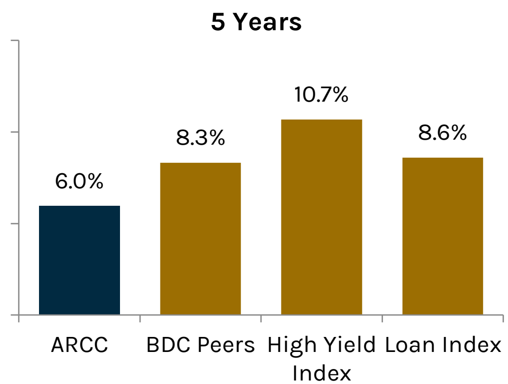


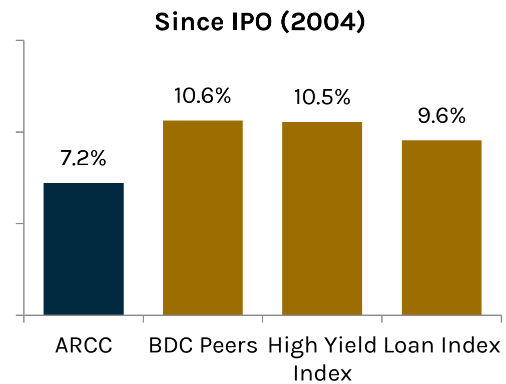




Volatility of Annualized Returns (Standard Deviation of Dividends & Change in NAV)[1,2]







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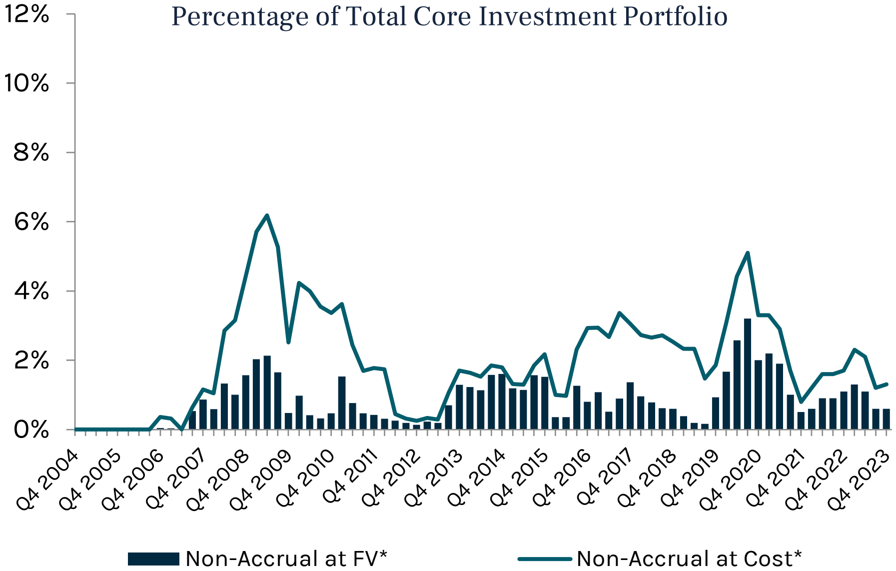
Cycle Tested with Differentiated Approach

ARCC's team has deep experience and a leading track record in managing underperforming companies

ARCC's Historical Core Non-Accruals[1,2]
Percentage of Total Core Investment Portfolio



BDC Peers' Historical Non-Accruals[3]

GFC Peak		Covid-19 Peak		Peer LT Average	
BDC Peers	9.1%	BDC Peers	6.1%	BDC Peers	3.8%

Peer BDC average at amortized cost.

Differentiated Approach
Pro-active portfolio management approach allows us to seek most favorable outcomes that we believe ultimately leads to stronger returns
Focus on **larger, franchise businesses** that we believe will be resilient through market cycles
Focus on **lead agent** positions allows us the ability to positively influence outcomes
In-house **restructuring capabilities** with strong track record and limited loss rates
Deep sources of liquidity provide ability to be **patient** which we believe leads to better recoveries

Since inception, we have realized total proceeds on non-accrual investments equal to ~90% of the capital extended[2]

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*Excluding Allied Capital.
1. As of period end. Excludes investments purchased in the Allied Acquisition.
2. Includes all ARCC originated realized loans on non-accrual recognized in accordance with U.S. GAAP, as of December 31, 2023.
3. BDC Peer Average at Cost according to KBW's BDC Credit Monitor, December 10, 2023. Historical average is from Q1-08 to Q4-23.

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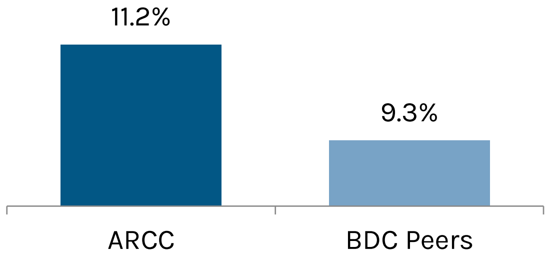
Strong Financial Results Through Two Global Crises

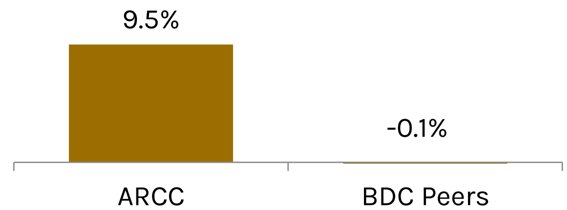
» We have demonstrated our resilience through two major global crises, further enhancing our positioning coming out of each period of volatility

Performance During the GFC (2008 - 2009)

Core ROE[1,3]*



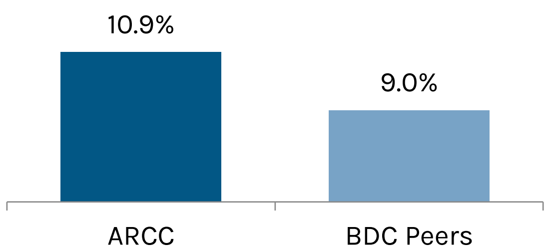
Realized ROE[2,3]*



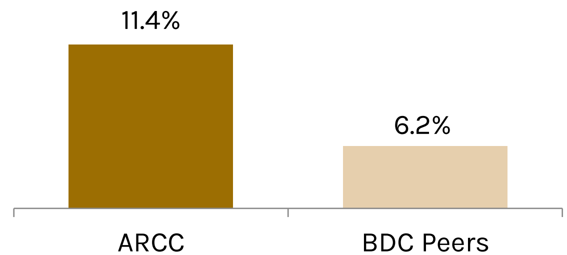
Navigated through GFC, which led to a transformational transaction that solidified ARCC's market leadership

Performance During the COVID-19 Pandemic (2020 - 2021)

Core ROE[1,4]*



Realized ROE[2,4]*



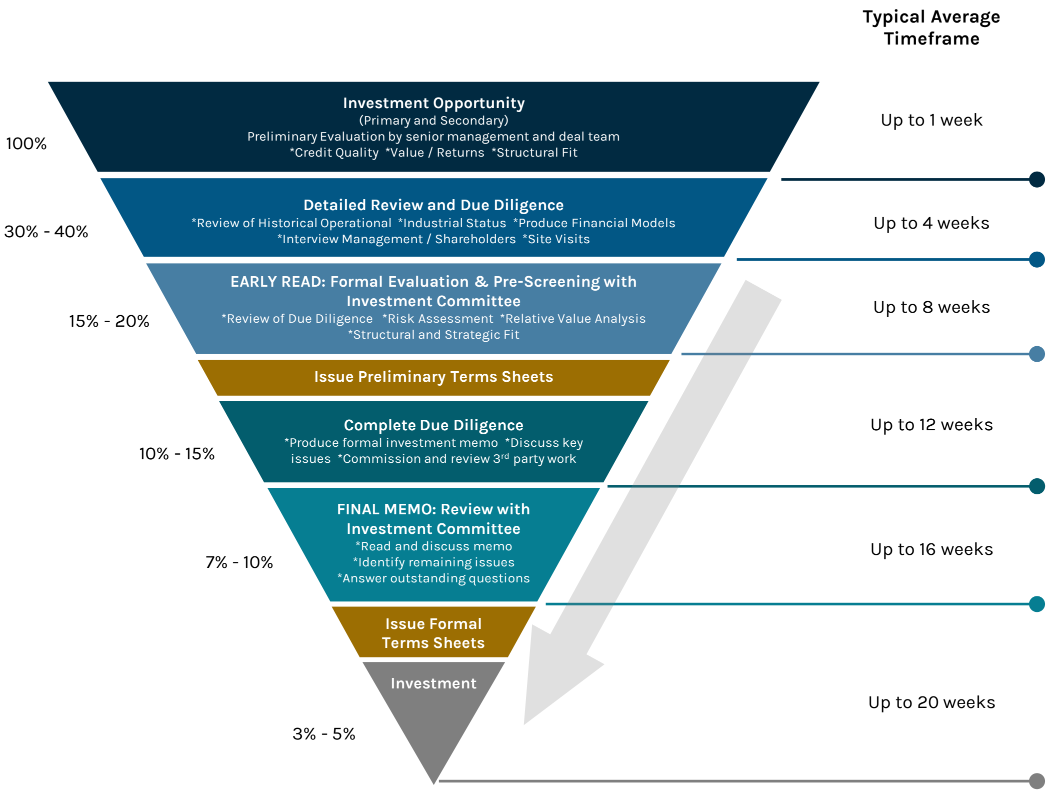
Reached a then record NAV, repurchased $100 million in stock, and invested actively but defensively through depths of pandemic without having to issue expensive capital to meet liquidity needs

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Not all of the effects, directly or indirectly, resulting from COVID-19 and/or the current market environment may be reflected herein. The full impact of COVID-19 and its ultimate potential effects on portfolio company performance and valuations is particularly uncertain and difficult to predict. **Please refer to Endnotes for additional important information.**

* BDC GFC peers include mid market focused BDCs that were publicly traded for at least one year as of December 31, 2007. For the 2020-2021 timeframe, BDC peer group consists of BDCs with a total portfolio at fair value greater than $1.5 billion or a combined portfolio at fair value greater than $2 billion if under common management and have been publicly traded for at least one year, as of December 31, 2021, excluding senior floating rate funds.

Rigorous Underwriting and Credit Management

Our in-depth process typically spans several months, allowing for thoughtful decision making



Key Attributes of ARCC Borrowers[1]

- Defensive oriented franchise businesses
- High free cash flow
- Above market growth prospects
- Diverse sources of profitability
- Financial sponsors with meaningful "skin in the game"
- Leading management teams
- Appropriate capital structure
- ARCC has lead role

Ares' Approach:[2]

- Seek to invest in leading, non-cyclical businesses with attractive growth prospects and high free cash flows
- Use direct origination and scale to provide greater influence on loan structures to maintain high selectivity
- Seek to be the lead lender with voting control to have the ability to impact outcomes
- Use incumbent positions to support growth of leading portfolio companies and to help enhance credit quality
- Be proactive managing investments and use our robust process to help preserve capital and pursue value

1. Not every investment meets each of the criteria.
2. For illustrative purposes only. Subject to change at any time.

ARCC's Robust Valuation Process and Approach

Disciplined, Longstanding Process for Determining Portfolio Values

Portfolio Management and Valuation Team	• ~45 person dedicated portfolio management and valuation team provides portfolio monitoring and is responsible for managing the quarterly valuation process • Perspective is enhanced by the larger Ares platform including broader industry and deal data and capital markets trends • Our view of the market provides further insight on valuations. In Q4-23, we reviewed more transactions than were completed in the broadly syndicated and reported middle market combined[1]
Internal Valuation	• The deal team and the portfolio management and valuation team complete a valuation analysis and write-up on each portfolio company on a quarterly basis ○ Initial recommendations for valuations are produced using widely recognized and utilized valuation approaches and methodologies, including market approach, income approach, and/or cost approach • Investments for which market quotations are readily available are typically valued at such market quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our investment adviser, as the valuation designee, subject to the oversight of our board of directors

Third Party Valuation	• Each portfolio investment is reviewed by one of our five independent valuation providers at least once during a trailing 12-month period (with certain de minimis exceptions)
	  ○ SDLP & IHAM are reviewed each quarter
	  ○ Some other portfolio companies may be selected to be reviewed more frequently
	  ○ At December 31, 2023, 70% of the portfolio was reviewed by an independent third party[2]
	• The independent valuation providers provide positive assurance with an independent range of values on each investment valuation reviewed
	• In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm performs select procedures relating to our valuation process within the context of performing the integrated audit

As of December 31, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

1. Leveraged loan market per Pitchbook LCD as of Q4-23. Reported Middle Market per Refinitiv LPC as of Q4-23. LPC defines MM to capture transactions and/or company revenues of up to $500 million.
2. At fair value.

BDC Structure Offers Benefits to Creditors

We believe creditors benefit from the leverage restrictions and diversification requirements of the BDC/RIC structure

BDCs are closed-end investment companies regulated by the SEC

- Created to encourage investment in small and middle market companies
- As of December 31, 2023, there were 48 publicly listed/ active BDCs with a total combined market capitalization of $59.3 billion[1]
- Make debt and equity investments with ability to invest across a company's capital structure
- Must generally invest at least 70% of assets in U.S. private companies or U.S. public companies with market capitalizations under $250 million

The BDC/RIC structure provides limitation on leverage and requires portfolio diversification

- Portfolio must be well diversified
  - No single investment can account for more than 25% of total assets
  - At least 50% of total assets must be comprised of individual holdings of less than 5% of total assets each
- ARCC has an asset coverage ratio requirement of at least 150% (maximum debt to equity of approximately 2:1) in order to borrow or pay dividends
- Required to pay at least 90% of investment company taxable income as dividends to shareholders to qualify as a Registered Investment Company
  - Portfolio must generate sufficient cash flows to pay interest as well as dividends to equity investors junior to debt holders

Ares Capital Corporation is the Largest Publicly Traded BDC[2]

Diversification does not assure profit or protect against market loss.
1. Source: S&P Capital IQ as of December 31, 2023.
2. By market capitalization as of December 31, 2023.

Reconciliations of GAAP Net Income to Core Earnings

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	For the years ended											
(in millions)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
GAAP Net Income	$508	$489	$591	$379	$474	$667	$858	$793	$484	$1,567	$600	$1,522
Adjustments:												
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses	(159)	(58)	(153)	129	20	(156)	(164)	18	310	(826)	492	(256)
Capital gains incentive fees attributable to net realized and unrealized gains and losses	32	11	29	(27)	(5)	41	33	(3)	(58)	161	(101)	53
Income tax expense (benefit) related to net realized gains and losses	-	-	6	5	3	-	-	(1)	-	-	14	(8)
Professional fees and other costs related to the American Capital Acquisition[1]	-	-	-	-	12	40	3	-	-	-	-	-
Ares Reimbursement[1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12)	-	-	-	-	-
Core Earnings[2]	**$ 381**	**$ 442**	**$ 473**	**$486**	**$504**	**$ 592**	**$ 718**	**$ 807**	**$ 736**	**$902**	**$1,005**	**$1,311**

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

1. See Note 16 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 for information regarding the American Capital Acquisition. See Note 13 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 for information regarding the Ares Reimbursement.
2. Core Earnings is a non-GAAP financial measure. Core Earnings is the net increase (decrease) in stockholders' equity resulting from operations, and excludes net realized and unrealized gains and losses, any capital gains incentive fees attributable to such net realized and unrealized gains and losses and any income taxes related to such net realized gains and losses, professional fees and other costs related to the American Capital Acquisition, and expense reimbursement from Ares Capital Management LLC (the "Ares Reimbursement"). GAAP net income (loss) is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. Ares Capital believes that Core Earnings provides useful information to investors regarding financial performance because it is one method Ares Capital uses to measure its financial condition and results of operations. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

Index & ETF Definitions

Index Definitions

Indices are provided for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any investment. They have not been selected to represent appropriate benchmarks or targets for ARCC. Rather, the indices shown are provided solely to illustrate the performance of well known and widely recognized indices. Any comparisons herein of the investment performance of ARCC to an index are qualified as follows: (i) the volatility of such index will likely be materially different from that of ARCC; (ii) such index will, in many cases, employ different investment guidelines and criteria than ARCC and, therefore, holdings in ARCC will differ significantly from holdings of the securities that comprise such index and ARCC may invest in different asset classes altogether from the illustrative index, which may materially impact the performance of ARCC relative to the index; and (iii) the performance of such index is disclosed solely to allow for comparison on ARCC's performance to that of a well known index. Comparisons to indices have limitations because indices have risk profiles, volatility, asset composition and other material characteristics that will differ from ARCC. The indices do not reflect the deduction of fees or expenses. You cannot invest directly in an index. No representation is being made as to the risk profile of any benchmark or index relative to the risk profile of ARCC. There can be no assurance that the future performance of any specific investment, or product will be profitable, equal any corresponding indicated historical performance, or be suitable for a portfolio.

1. **The ICE BofA US High Yield Master II Index ("H0A0")** tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. Qualifying securities must have a below investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch), at least 18 months to final maturity at the time of issuance, at least one year remaining term to final maturity as of the rebalancing date, a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of $100 million. Index constituents are capitalization-weighted based on their current amount outstanding times the market price plus accrued interest. Accrued interest is calculated assuming next-day settlement. Cash flows from bond payments that are received during the month are retained in the index until the end of the month and then are removed as part of the rebalancing. Cash does not earn any reinvestment income while it is held in the index. The index is rebalanced on the last calendar day of the month, based on information available up to and including the third business day before the last business day of the month. No changes are made to constituent holdings other than on month end rebalancing dates. Inception date: August 31, 1986.
2. **The BofA US High Yield Master II Constrained Index ("HUC0")** tracks the performance of US Dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market with a maximum issuer exposure of 2%. Indices are for comparison purposes only. Returns include the reinvestment of income and other earnings and reflect the deduction of all trading expenses. Gross returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees or any other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. The representative management fee schedule currently in effect is as follows: 0.50% per annum. Actual fees may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fee schedule and portfolio size. Investment management fees are described in Part 2 of the adviser's Form ADV. All returns are expressed in U.S. Dollars. Past performance is not indicative of future results. As with any investment there is always the potential for gains as well as the possibility of losses.
3. **The Credit Suisse Institutional Leveraged Loan Index ("CSLLI")** is designed to mirror the investable universe of the $US-denominated leveraged loan market. The index inception is January 1992. The index frequency is daily, weekly and monthly. New loans are added to the index on their effective date if they qualify according to the following criteria: 1) Loan facilities must be rated "5B" or lower. That is, the highest Moody's/S&P ratings are Baa1/BB+ or Ba1/BBB+. If unrated, the initial spread level must be Libor plus 125 basis points or higher. 2) Only fully-funded term loan facilities are included. 3) The tenor must be at least one year. 4) Issuers must be domiciled in developed countries; issuers from developing countries are excluded.
4. **The Standard & Poor's 500 Index ("S&P 500")** is a market capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies. The S&P 500 is a float-weighted index, meaning company market capitalizations are adjusted by the number of shares available for public trading. The S&P 500 is considered to be a proxy of the U.S. equity market.
5. **The S&P BDC Index** includes leading business development companies that trade on major U.S. exchanges, including ARCC.
6. **The KBW Nasdaq Bank Index ("BKX")** is designed to track the performance of the leading banks and thrifts that are publicly traded in the U.S. The Index includes banking stocks representing the largest U.S. national money centers, regional banks and thrift institutions.
7. **The Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index ("Morningstar LSTA LLI")** reflect the market-weighted performance of institutional leveraged loans in the U.S. loan market based upon real-time market weightings, spreads and interest payments. Facilities are eligible for inclusion in the index if they are senior secured institutional term loans with a minimum initial spread of 125 and term of one year. They are retired from the index when there is no bid posted on the facility for at least 12 successive weeks or when the loan is repaid.

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Slide 4: Market Leading Company in Direct Lending

1. By market capitalization as of December 31, 2023.
2. Includes invested capital from inception on October 8, 2004 through December 31, 2023. Includes investments made through Ares Capital Corporation, the Senior Secured Loan Program and the Senior Direct Lending Program. Excludes syndications within one year of origination, $1.8 billion of investments acquired from Allied Capital on April 1, 2010 and $2.5 billion of investments acquired from American Capital on January 3, 2017.
3. Based on original cash invested, net of syndications, of approximately $42.1 billion and total proceeds from such exited investments of approximately $53.7 billion from inception on October 8, 2004 through December 31, 2023. Internal rate of return ("IRR") is the discount rate that makes the net present value of all cash flows related to a particular investment equal to zero. Internal rate of return is gross of expenses related to investments as these fees and expenses are not allocable to specific investments. The effect of such expenses may reduce, maybe materially, the IRR's shown herein. Investments are considered to be exited when the original investment objective has been achieved through the receipt of cash and/or non-cash consideration upon the repayment of Ares Capital Corporation's debt investment or sale of an investment, or through the determination that no further consideration was collectible and, thus, a loss may have been realized. These IRR results are historical results relating to Ares Capital Corporation's past performance and are not necessarily indicative of future results, the achievement of which cannot be assured.
4. Calculated as an average of the historical annual net realized gain/loss rates (where annual net realized gain/loss rate is calculated as the amount of net realized gains/losses for a particular period from Ares Capital IPO in October 2004 to December 31, 2023 divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period). Excludes $196 million one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation in Q2-10 and gains/losses from extinguishment of debt and other transactions.
5. Source: S&P Capital IQ. As of December 31, 2023. Ares Capital Corporation's stock price-based total return is calculated assuming dividends are reinvested at the end of the day stock price on the relevant quarterly ex-dividend dates. Total return is calculated assuming investors did not participate in Ares Capital Corporation's rights offering issuance as of March 20, 2008. S&P 500 returns measured by the S&P 500 Index, which measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the market. The S&P 500 is considered to be a proxy of the U.S. equity market and is composed of 500 constituent companies.

Slide 8: Market Opportunity and Industry Shift

1. Pitchbook LCD Investor Sheet as of December 31, 2023.
2. The portfolio weighted average EBITDA and average EBITDA for the underlying borrowers includes information solely in respect of corporate investments in Ares Capital's portfolio and the weighted average total net leverage multiple and interest coverage ratio data includes information solely in respect of corporate portfolio companies in which Ares Capital has a debt investment (in each case, subject to the exclusions described in the following sentence). Excluded from the data above is information in respect of the following: (i) the SDLP (and the underlying borrowers in the SDLP), (ii) portfolio companies that do not report EBITDA, including IHAM, (iii) portfolio companies with negative or de minimis EBITDA, (iv) investment funds/vehicles, (v) discrete projects in the project finance/power generation sector, (vi) certain oil and gas companies, (vii) venture capital backed companies and (viii) commercial real estate finance companies.
3. Weighted average EBITDA amounts are weighted based on the fair value of the portfolio company investments. EBITDA amounts are estimated from the most recent portfolio company financial statements, have not been independently verified by Ares Capital and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount. Accordingly, Ares Capital makes no representation or warranty in respect of this information.
4. EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. For a particular portfolio company, EBITDA is generally defined as net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA amounts are estimated from the most recent portfolio company financial statements, have not been independently verified by Ares Capital and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount. Accordingly, Ares Capital makes no representation or warranty in respect of this information.
5. Based on Ares' own data calculations using information from Refinitiv, S&P Global Market Intelligence and Ares' own observations. Addressable market based on the 2023 deal volume and a 2.5 year life assumption.
6. Market Size for U.S. liquid credit markets represented by the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index and Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index. As of December 31, 2023.

Slide 10: ARCC's Key Differentiators

1. Dollar commitments to existing borrowers from 2015 through 2023.
2. Available liquidity includes available cash.
3. Calculated as the number of deals reviewed multiplied by the average EBITDA of all deals reviewed, multiplied by an assumed leverage level of 5x.
4. Leveraged loan market per Pitchbook LCD as of Q4-23. Reported Middle Market per Refinitiv LPC as of Q4-23. LPC defines MM to capture transactions and/or company revenues of up to $500 million.

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Slide 12: Key Elements to Our Investment Approach

1. The portfolio weighted average EBITDA and average EBITDA for the underlying borrowers includes information solely in respect of corporate investments in Ares Capital's portfolio and the weighted average total net leverage multiple and interest coverage ratio data includes information solely in respect of corporate portfolio companies in which Ares Capital has a debt investment (in each case, subject to the exclusions described in the following sentence). Excluded from the data above is information in respect of the following: (i) the SDLP (and the underlying borrowers in the SDLP), (ii) portfolio companies that do not report EBITDA, including IHAM, (iii) portfolio companies with negative or de minimis EBITDA, (iv) investment funds/vehicles, (v) discrete projects in the project finance/power generation sector, (vi) certain oil and gas companies, (vii) venture capital backed companies and (viii) commercial real estate finance companies.
2. Weighted average EBITDA amounts are weighted based on the fair value of the portfolio company investments. EBITDA amounts are estimated from the most recent portfolio company financial statements, have not been independently verified by Ares Capital and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount. Accordingly, Ares Capital makes no representation or warranty in respect of this information.
3. EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. For a particular portfolio company, EBITDA is generally defined as net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA amounts are estimated from the most recent portfolio company financial statements, have not been independently verified by Ares Capital and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount. Accordingly, Ares Capital makes no representation or warranty in respect of this information.
4. Calculation based on ARCC's reviewed and closed transactions with new portfolio companies (excludes any investments in existing portfolio companies) in the LTM period ended December 31, 2023 and excludes equity-only investments and legacy investments from portfolio acquisitions.

Slide 13: Highly Diversified Attractive Portfolio

1. At fair value as of December 31, 2023.
2. Loan to value reflects the portfolio weighted average LTV based on the fair value of the portfolio as of December 31, 2023. LTV is inclusive of first lien, second lien, subordinated and debt-like preferred investments.
3. Includes portfolio companies for which there are outstanding commitments, but for which no amounts were funded at the end of the period.
4. Average of the amortized cost divided by total portfolio at amortized cost for each portfolio company.
5. Based on fair value as of December 31, 2023. Excludes Ares Capital Corporation's investment in IHAM and SDLP.
6. Represents Ares Capital's portion of co-investments with Varagon Capital Partners and its clients in first lien senior secured loans, including certain loans that the SDLP classifies as "unitranche" loans, to U.S. middle-market companies. See Note 4 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding SDLP.
7. Includes Ares Capital's subordinated loan and equity investments in IHAM, as applicable. IHAM is an asset management services company and an SEC-registered investment adviser. See Note 4 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding IHAM.

Slide 15: Industry Selection Supports High Quality Credit Portfolio

1. At fair value as of December 31, 2023.
2. Represents percent of portfolio at fair value as of December 31, 2023.
3. Source: CSLLI index for leveraged loans H0A0 index for high yield bonds. Hotel and Gaming comprised of the "Gaming/Leisure" Credit Suisse industry classification. Oil & Gas comprised of the "Energy" Credit Suisse industry classification. Transportation comprised of the "Aerospace", "Automotive" and "Land Transportation" Credit Suisse industry classifications. Media Entertainment comprised of "Broadcasting", "Cable/Wireless Video" and "Diversified Media" Credit Suisse industry classifications.
4. Includes Ares Capital's equity and subordinated loan investments in IHAM, as applicable. IHAM is an asset management services company and an SEC-registered investment adviser. See Note 4 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding IHAM.
5. Represents Ares Capital's portion of co-investments with Varagon Capital Partners and its clients in first lien senior secured loans, including certain loans that the SDLP classifies as "unitranche" loans, to U.S. middle-market companies. See Note 4 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding SDLP.

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Slide 17: ARCC Has Delivered Compelling Long Term Performance

1. Includes invested capital from inception on October 8, 2004 through December 31, 2023. Includes investments made through Ares Capital Corporation, the Senior Secured Loan Program and the Senior Direct Lending Program. Excludes sales within one year of origination, $1.8 billion of investments acquired from Allied Capital on April 1, 2010 and $2.5 billion of investments acquired from American Capital on January 3, 2017.
2. Calculated as an average of the historical annual net realized gain/loss rates (where annual net realized gain/loss rate is calculated as the amount of net realized gains/losses for a particular period from Ares Capital IPO in October 2004 to December 31, 2023 divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period). Excludes $196 million one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation in Q2-10 and gains/losses from extinguishment of debt and other transactions.
3. Based on original cash invested, net of syndications, of approximately $41.3 billion and total proceeds from such exited investments of approximately $52.9 billion from inception on October 8, 2004 through December 31, 2023. Internal rate of return ("IRR") is the discount rate that makes the net present value of all cash flows related to a particular investment equal to zero. Internal rate of return is gross of expenses related to investments as these fees and expenses are not allocable to specific investments. The effect of such expenses may reduce, maybe materially, the IRR's shown herein. Investments are considered to be exited when the original investment objective has been achieved through the receipt of cash and/or non-cash consideration upon the repayment of Ares Capital Corporation's debt investment or sale of an investment, or through the determination that no further consideration was collectible and, thus, a loss may have been realized. These IRR results are historical results relating to Ares Capital Corporation's past performance and are not necessarily indicative of future results, the achievement of which cannot be assured.
4. Analysis includes externally managed BDCs with a total portfolio at fair value greater than $1.5 billion or a combined portfolio at fair value greater than $2 billion if under common management, which have been publicly listed for 5 years as of December 31, 2022: MFIC (AINV), BBDC, BKCC, CGBD, FSK, GBDC, GSBD, HTGC, MAIN, NMFC, OCSL, PFLT, PNNT, PSEC, SLRC, TCPC, and TSLX. Measured as the annualized average returns of dividends paid plus changes in net asset value over the five year period ended September 30, 2023.
5. Based on invested capital from inception on October 8, 2004 through September 30 2023. Includes investments made through Ares Capital Corporation, the Senior Secured Loan Program and the Senior Direct Lending Program. Excludes syndications within one year of origination, $1.8 billion of investments acquired from Allied Capital on April 1, 2010 and $2.5 billion of investments acquired from American Capital on January 3, 2017.
6. Source: S&P Capital IQ. As of December 31, 2023. Ares Capital Corporation's stock price-based total return is calculated assuming dividends are reinvested at the end of the day stock price on the relevant quarterly ex-dividend dates. Total return is calculated assuming investors did not participate in Ares Capital Corporation's rights offering issuance as of March 20, 2008. S&P 500 returns measured by the S&P 500 Index, which measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the market, assuming dividends are reinvested. The S&P 500 is considered to be a proxy of the U.S. equity market and is composed of 500 constituent companies.
7. As of December 31, 2023. Total returns are calculated assuming dividends are reinvested. S&P 500 returns measured by the S&P 500 Index, which measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the market. The S&P 500 is considered to be a proxy of the U.S. equity market and is composed of 500 constituent companies. BDC returns measured by SNL U.S. Registered Investment Companies (RICs) Index, which includes all publicly traded (NYSE, NYSE American, NASDAQ, OTC) Regulated Investment Companies in SNL's coverage universe. Bank returns measured by the KBW Nasdaq Bank Index (BKX), which is a modified market capitalization weighted index designed to track the performance of leading banks and thrifts that are publicly traded in the U.S. The BKX index includes banking stocks representing large U.S. national money centers, regional banks and thrift institutions.

Slide 18: Long Track Record of Consistent Core Earnings and Return on Equity

1. As of December 31, 2023. There can be no assurance that dividends will continue to be paid at historic levels or at all. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Core Earnings is a non-GAAP financial measure. Core Earnings is the net increase (decrease) in stockholders' equity resulting from operations less professional fees and other costs related to the American Capital Acquisition, expense reimbursement from Ares Capital Management LLC (the "Ares Reimbursement"), net realized and unrealized gains and losses, any capital gains incentive fees attributable to such net realized and unrealized gains and losses and any income taxes related to such net realized gains and losses. Net increase (decrease) in stockholders' equity is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. Ares Capital believes that Core Earnings provides useful information to investors regarding financial performance because it is one method Ares Capital uses to measure its financial condition and results of operations. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP. See Note 16 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 for information regarding the American Capital Acquisition. See Note 13 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 for information regarding the Ares Reimbursement.
2. Core return on equity calculated as Core Earnings as defined in item (1) above divided by average equity over the relevant time period.

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Slide 21: ARCC Has a Compelling Track Record of Credit Performance

1. Includes invested capital from inception on October 8, 2004 through September 30, 2023. Includes investments made through Ares Capital Corporation, the Senior Secured Loan Program and the Senior Direct Lending Program. Excludes syndications within one year of origination, $1.8 billion of investments acquired from Allied Capital on April 1, 2010 and $2.5 billion of investments acquired from American Capital on January 3, 2017.
2. Defined as realized gains/(losses) on assets with a payment default as a percentage of total invested capital since inception, divided by number of years since inception for all first lien and unitranche loans. This number includes interest, fees, principal proceeds, and net of related expenses.
3. Defined as realized gains/(losses) on assets with a payment default as a percentage of total invested capital since inception, divided by number of years since inception for all second lien and subordinated loans. This number includes interest, fees, principal proceeds, and net of related expenses.
4. Represents the average annual middle market senior loan default rate of 2.2% per “Fitch U.S. Leveraged Loan Default Insights” for 2007-2023 multiplied by (1 minus the recovery rate for senior secured loans of 66%) per “Moody's Annual Default Study” for 2007-2021 and “J.P. Morgan Default Monitor” for 2022-2023. Data availability begins in 2007.
5. Represents the average annual broadly syndicated senior loan default rate of 2.6% per “Fitch U.S. Leveraged Loan Default Insights” for 2007-2023 multiplied by (1 minus the recovery rate for senior secured loans of 66%) per “Moody's Annual Default Study” for 2007-2021 and “J.P. Morgan Default Monitor” for 2022-2023. Data availability begins in 2007.
6. Represents the speculative grade default rate of 4.8% multiplied by (1 minus the recovery rate for subordinated unsecured debt of 34%). Data per “Moody's Annual Default Study” for 2007-2021 and “J.P. Morgan Default Monitor” for 2022-2023. Data availability begins in 2007.

Slide 22: Strong Credit and Investment Performance

1. Calculated as the net realized gains/losses from Ares Capital IPO in October 2004 to December 31, 2023. Excludes $196 million one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation in Q2-10 and gains/losses from extinguishment of debt and other transactions.
2. Calculated as an average of the historical annual net realized gain/loss rates (where annual net realized gain/loss rate is calculated as the amount of net realized gains/losses for a particular period from Ares Capital IPO in October 2004 to December 31, 2023 divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period). Excludes $196 million one-time gain on the acquisition of Allied Capital Corporation in Q2-10 and gains/losses from extinguishment of debt and other transactions.
3. BDC peer group consists of BDCs with a total portfolio at fair value greater than $1.5 billion or a combined portfolio at fair value greater than $2 billion if under common management and have been publicly traded for at least one year, as of December 31, 2022. Peers include: BBDC, BCSF, BKCC, BXSL, CGBD, CION, FSK, GBDC, GSBD, HTGC, MAIN, MFIC (AINV), NMFC, OCSL, OBDC, PFLT, PNNT, PSEC, SLRC, TCPC, and TSLX. Net realized gain/(loss) rate calculated as an average of a BDC’s historical annual net realized gain/loss rates, where annual net realized gain/loss rate is calculated as the amount of net realized gains/losses for a particular period divided by the average quarterly investments at amortized cost in such period.
4. Annual average for ARCC is December 31, 2004 through December 31, 2023. Annual average for the BDC peer group and Banks is from December 31, 2004 through September 30, 2023, as not all BDC peers have filed September 30, 2023 financial results as of November 1, 2023.
5. Source: KBW and FDIC Commercial Banking Data. Calculated as net charge-offs for commercial and industrial loans divided by net commercial and industrial loans and leases for the respective periods.

Slide 26: Deep and Diverse Access to Debt Financing

1. Subject to borrowing base and other restrictions. Represents total aggregate amount committed or outstanding, as applicable, under such instrument.
2. Effective stated rate as of December 31, 2023.
3. See Note 5 to Ares Capital’s consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding each of Ares Capital’s secured revolving facilities. Requires periodic payments of interest and may require repayments of a portion of the outstanding principal once their respective reinvestment periods end but prior to the applicable stated maturity.
4. Assumes all committed capital is fully drawn.
5. Computed as total principal debt outstanding less available cash dividend by stockholders’ equity. Available cash excludes restricted cash as well as cash held for uses specifically designated for paying interest and expenses on certain debt.
6. The interest rates on the Revolving Credit Facility, Revolving Funding Facility and SMBC Funding Facility include a credit spread adjustment of 0.10%.

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Slide 28: Deep Sources of Liquidity and Well Laddered Maturities

1. Represents the total aggregate principal amount outstanding.
2. Subject to borrowing base, leverage and other restrictions.
3. Requires periodic payments of interest and may require repayments of a portion of the outstanding principal once their respective reinvestment periods end but prior to the applicable stated maturity.
4. Represents the total aggregate principal amount outstanding due on the stated maturity.
5. Ares Capital has elected to settle the 2024 Convertible Notes of $403 million mostly in shares. See Note 5 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information.
6. The 2024 High Grade Notes, the March 2025 High Grade Notes, the July 2025 High Grade Notes, the January 2026 High Grade Notes, the July 2026 High Grade Notes, the January 2027 High Grade notes, the June 2027 High Grade Notes, the 2028 High Grade Notes and the 2031 High Grade Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time at Ares Capital's option at a redemption price equal to par plus a "make whole" premium, as determined in the indentures governing the 2024 High Grade Notes, the March 2025 High Grade Notes, the July 2025 High Grade Notes, the January 2026 High Grade Notes, the July 2026 High Grade Notes, the January 2027 High Grade Notes, the June 2027 High Grade Notes, the 2028 High Grade Notes and the 2031 High Grade Notes and any accrued and unpaid interest.
7. See Note 5 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding each of Ares Capital's secured revolving facilities.

Slide 35: Ares Credit Group

- ARCC received the 2021 All-America Executive Team Most Honored designation alongside 136 other companies. Various Ares personnel received first place awards as part of the "Brokers, Asset Managers & Exchanges" category for: Investor Relations, CEO, CFO, Investor Day and Communication of Strategy and Risk Management Amid COVID-19. Six other institutions also received a first-, second-, or third-place ranking in this category. Institutional Investor based these awards on the opinions of 3,029 portfolio managers and buy-side analysts, and 497 sell-side analysts who participated in this survey.
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- Private Equity International selected Ares Management as Lender of the Year in North America – 2022. Awards based on an industry wide global survey across 77 categories conducted by Private Equity International. Survey participants voted independently. In addition, survey participants could nominate another firm not listed in the category.
- Private Debt Investor selected Ares Management for 2022 Global Fund Manager of the Year, Senior Lender of the year in Europe, Senior Lender of the Year in Americas, and selected Ares Asia (formerly SSG Capital Management) for Infrastructure Debt Investor of the Year in Asia-Pacific. Awards based on an industry wide global survey across 51 categories conducted by Private Debt Investor. Survey participants voted independently. In addition, survey participants could nominate another firm not listed in the category.
- In its 2021 and 2022 annual Asset Management Awards, AsianInvestor selected Ares Asia as Best Private Debt Manager of the year in the Asia region. Judging panels for the Asset Management Awards were a mixture of senior investment executives, service provider professionals, and consultants. Ares Asia (formerly SSG Capital Management) have not compensated AsianInvestor entities including firm-wide subscriptions.

Slide 36: Risk Position: Asset Mix Changes with Views on Risk and Return

1. Represents Ares Capital's portion of co-investments with Varagon Capital Partners and its clients in first lien senior secured loans, including certain loans that the SDLP classifies as "unitranche" loans, to U.S. middle-market companies. See Note 4 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding SDLP.
2. Represents Ares Capital's portion of legacy co-investments with General Electric Capital Corporation and GE Global Sponsor Finance LLC (collectively, "GE") in first lien senior secured loans to middle market companies.
3. Includes Ares Capital's equity and subordinated loan investments in IHAM, as applicable. IHAM is an asset management services company and an SEC-registered investment adviser. See Note 4 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding IHAM.

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Slide 39: ARCC's Portfolio Has Generated Higher Returns with Less Risk

1. Returns are calculated as annualized average returns of dividends paid plus changes in net asset value over the time periods represented.
2. BDC peer group consists of BDCs with a total portfolio at fair value greater than $1.5 billion or a combined portfolio at fair value greater than $2 billion if under common management and have been publicly traded for at least one year, as of December 31, 2022. Peers include: BBDC, BCSF, BKCC, BXSL, CGBD, CION, FSK, GBDC, GSBD, HTGC, MAIN, MFIC (AINV), NMFC, OCSL, OBDC, PFLT, PNNT, PSEC, SLRC, TCPC, and TSLX. Of this group, the following companies have been public for at least 3 years as of December 31, 2022: BBDC, BCSF, BKCC, CGBD, FSK, GBDC, GSBD, HTGC, OBDC, MAIN, MFIC (AINV), NMFC, OCSL, OBDC, PFLT, PNNT, PSEC, SLRC, TCPC and TSLX. The following companies have been public for at least 5 years as of December 31, 2022: BBDC, BKCC, CGBD, FSK, GBDC, GSBD, HTGC, MAIN, MFIC (AINV), NMFC, OCSL, PFLT, PNNT, PSEC, SLRC, TCPC, and TSLX. The following companies have been public since ARCC's IPO in October 2004: MFIC (AINV) and PSEC. The High Yield Index represents the ICE BofA High Yield Master II Index ("H0A0") and the Loan Index represents the Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index. Data is presented as of September 30, 2023.

Slide 41: Strong Financial Results Through Two Global Crises

1. Net Operating ROE: Net Operating Income (or Core Earnings) to average shareholders equity, annualized over the given period. Core Earnings is a non-GAAP financial measure. Core Earnings is the net increase (decrease) in stockholders' equity resulting from operations less professional fees and other costs related to the American Capital Acquisition, expense reimbursement from Ares Capital Management LLC (the "Ares Reimbursement"), net realized and unrealized gains and losses, any capital gains incentive fees attributable to such net realized and unrealized gains and losses and any income taxes related to such net realized gains and losses. Net increase (decrease) in stockholders' equity is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. Ares Capital believes that Core Earnings provides useful information to investors regarding financial performance because it is one method Ares Capital uses to measure its financial condition and results of operations. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP. See Note 16 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 for information regarding the American Capital Acquisition. See Note 13 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 for information regarding the Ares Reimbursement.
2. Realized ROE: Net Operating Income (or Core Earnings) plus net realized gains/(losses) to average equity, annualized over the given period.
3. BDC GFC peers include mid market focused BDCs that were publicly traded for at least one year as of December 31, 2007. Includes ACAS, AINV, ALD, GLAD, MCGC, PSEC and OXSQ (formerly TICC).
4. BDC COVID-19 peers include BDCs with a total portfolio at fair value greater than $1.5 billion or a combined portfolio at fair value greater than $2 billion if under common management and have been publicly traded for at least one year, as of December 31, 2021, excluding senior floating rate funds. Peers include: MFIC (AINV), BBDC, BCSF, BKCC, CGBD, OCSL, OBDC, FSK, GBDC, GSBD, HTGC, MAIN, NMFC, PNNT, PSEC, SLRC, TCPC and TSLX.

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