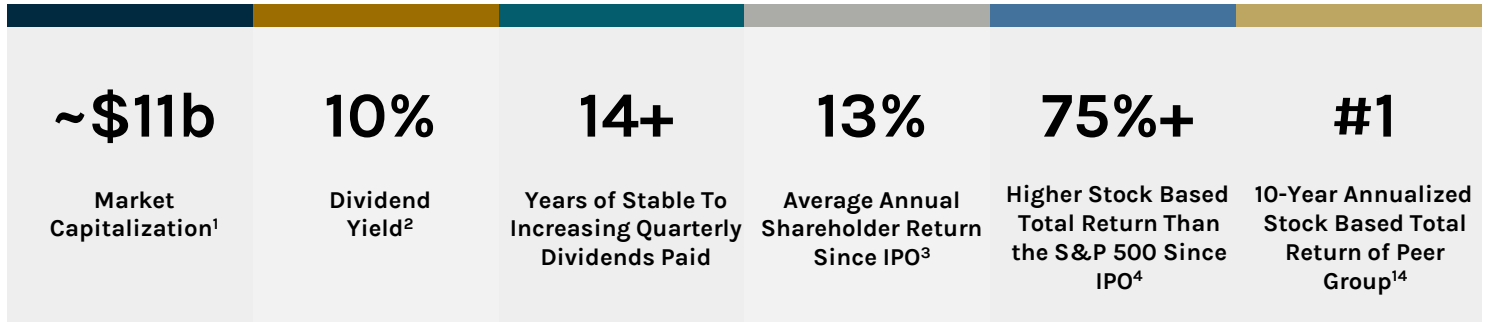
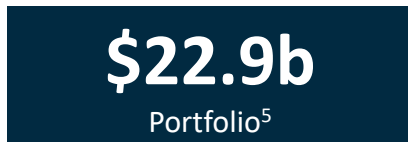


## Key Statistics



## A Market Leading Company in Direct Lending



**Defensively Positioned Portfolio**

- 65% senior secured loans<sup>5,6</sup>
- Focus on defensively positioned companies in less cyclical industries



**Experienced & Tenured Team**

- We believe we have one of the largest industry investment teams
- Investment Committee members have an average tenure of 18 years at Ares
- Extensive restructuring capabilities

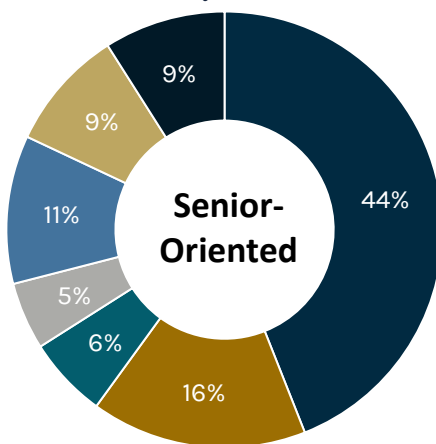


**Diverse & High Quality Portfolio**

- Highly diverse portfolio with significant downside protection<sup>7,11</sup>
- Average position size of 0.2%<sup>8</sup>
- Largest investment is ~2%<sup>9</sup>
- Cumulative net realized losses less than 0% since inception<sup>10</sup>

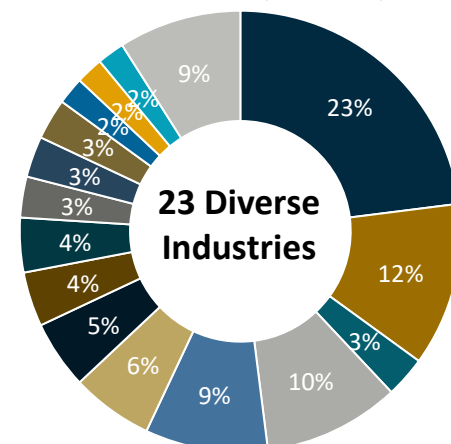
## Diverse Portfolio by Asset Class and Industry<sup>11</sup>

Portfolio by Asset Class<sup>5</sup>



- First Lien Senior Secured Loans - 44%
- Second Lien Senior Secured Loans - 16%
- Senior Direct Lending Program - 6%<sup>12</sup>
- Senior Subordinated Loans - 5%
- Preferred Equity - 11%
- Ivy Hill Asset Management - 9%<sup>13</sup>
- Other Equity - 9%

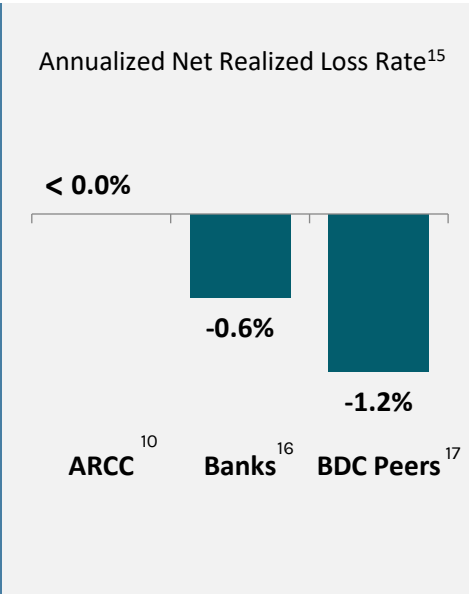
ARCC Portfolio by Industry<sup>5</sup>



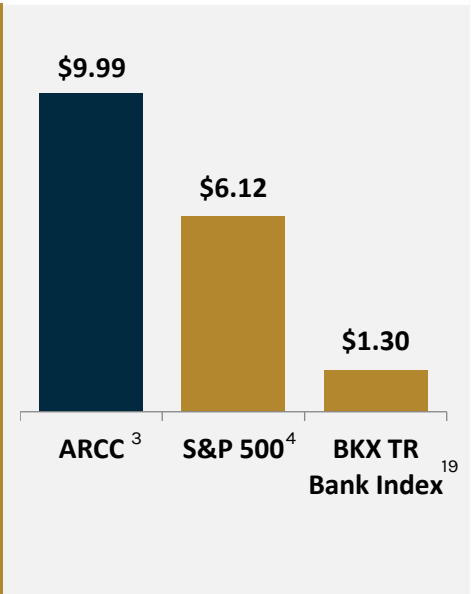
- Software & Services - 23%
- Health Care Services - 12%
- Commercial & Professional Services - 10%<sup>12</sup>
- Senior Direct Lending Program - 6%
- Consumer Services - 4%
- Consumer Durables & Apparel - 3%
- Financial Services - 3%
- Retailing and Distribution - 3%
- Insurance Services - 5%
- Media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

All information as of December 31, 2023, unless otherwise noted. Past performance is not indicative of future results. There is no assurance that dividends will continue to be paid at these levels or at all. Refer to endnotes and Index Definitions for additional important information.

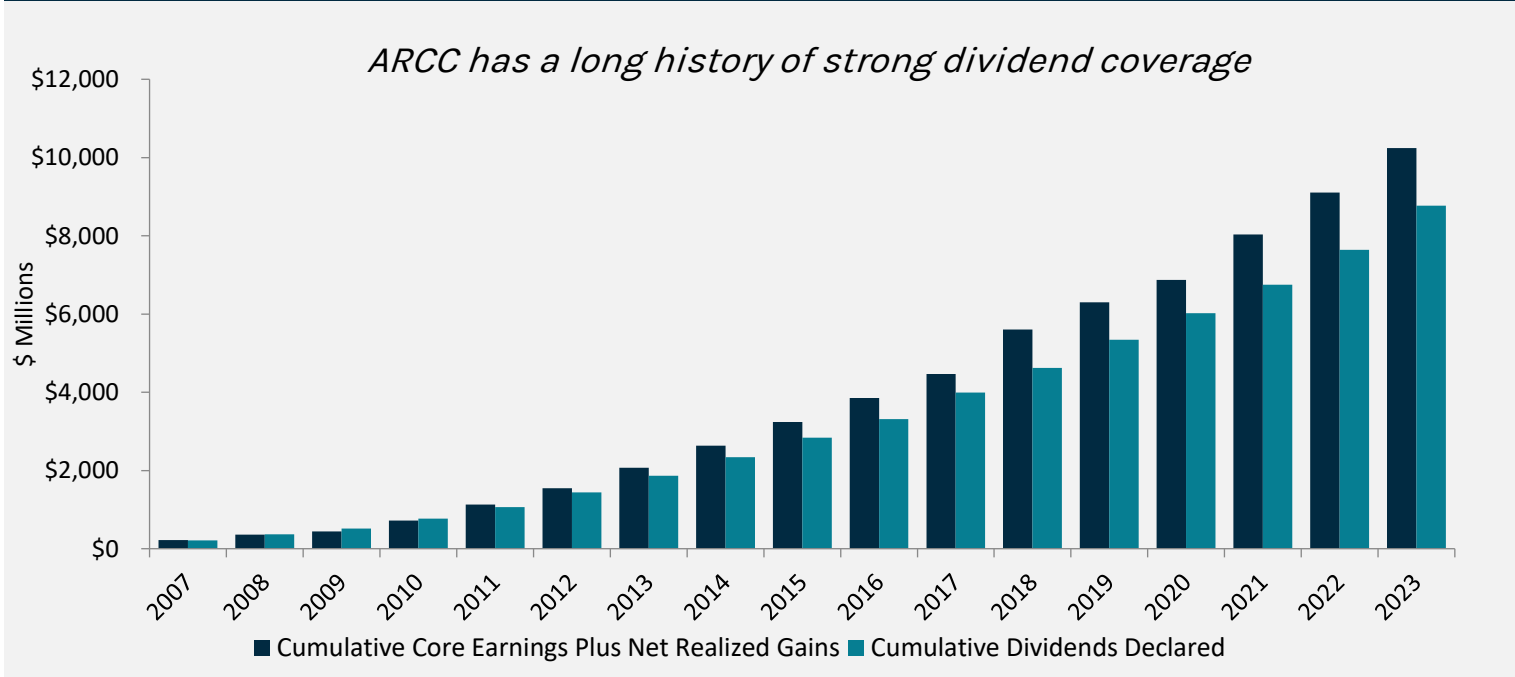
ARCC has leading investment performance on ~\$53 billion of realized investments



What \$1 invested at ARCC's IPO in 2004 is worth today<sup>18</sup>



Cumulative Core Earnings Plus Net Realized Gains vs. Cumulative Dividends<sup>20</sup>



Accolades<sup>21</sup>



ARCC Received Most Honored Designation & Highest Rankings for Best Investor Relations Program 2021<sup>22</sup>



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Top Quartile Rankings for Several Funds 4Q'22<sup>23</sup>



Lender of the Year (North America) 2022<sup>24</sup>



Global Fund Manager of the Year 2022; Global Fund Manager of the Year 2022<sup>25</sup>

## Endnotes and Additional Important Information.

1. Based on market capitalization as of December 31, 2023.
2. Based on market price as of December 31, 2023. Dividend yield reflects the quarterly dividend of \$0.48 payable on March 29, 2023 annualized and divided by the market price.
3. Source: SNL Financial. 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.
4. Source: SNL Financial. As of December 31, 2023. 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.
5. At fair value.
6. Including First Lien Senior Secured Loans, Second Lien Senior Secured Loans and investments in the subordinated certificates of the SDLP, through which Ares Capital co-invests with Varagon Capital Partners and its clients to fund first lien senior secured loans.
7. References to downside protection are not guarantees against loss of investment capital or value.
8. Average of the amortized cost divided by total portfolio at amortized cost for each portfolio company.
9. Based on fair value. Excludes Ivy Hill Asset Management, LP. ("IHAM") and the subordinated certificates of the Senior Direct Lending Program.
10. ARCC has a net realized gain rate of 0.9% since inception. 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 sale of other assets. Diversification does not assure profit or protect against market loss.
11. Diversification does not assure profit or protect against market loss.
12. 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 the SDLP.
13. Includes Ares Capital's subordinated loans 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.
14. As of December 31, 2023. 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. 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. All investments involve risk, including loss of principal.
15. 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 December 31, 2023 financial results as of February 9, 2024.
16. 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.
17. 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, ORCC, FSK, GBDC, GSBD, HTGC, MAIN, NMFC, PFLT, PNN, PSEC, SLRC, TCPC, BXS, 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.
18. 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 reinvestment income. Graph shown for illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of any investment. Past performance is not guarantee of future results. Ares Capital's stock price-based total return is calculated 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. Time period selected to include Ares Capital IPO in October 2004. The benchmarks included represent investments in either the U.S. non-investment grade credit or equity market. Performance to indices and peers is shown for illustrative purposes only and may not be directly comparable.
19. Banks as measured by the BXX TR Index. Refer to Index Definitions for further information.
20. 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. Note our 2023 spillover income is \$1.09 per share.
21. 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. All investments involve risk, including loss of principal. Ares has not provided any compensation in connection with obtaining these awards but may have paid to use the award logo.
22. 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.
23. Lipper Rankings reported in Lipper Marketplace Best Money Managers, December 31, 2022. Lipper Marketplace is the source of the long-only and multi-strategy credit rankings. Lipper's Best Money Managers rankings consider only those funds that meet the following qualification: performance must be calculated "net" of all fees and commissions; must include cash; performance must be calculated in U.S. dollars; asset base must be at least \$10 million in size for "traditional" U.S. asset classes (equity, fixed income, and balanced accounts); and the classification of the product must fall into one of the categories which they rank. Lipper defines Short Duration as 1-5 years. Lipper's Active Duration definition does not specify a time period but rather refers to an Active rather than Passive strategy. Ares Institutional Loan Fund was ranked 8 out of 43 for the 40 quarters ended December 31, 2022. Composites for Ares U.S. Bank Loan Aggregate and Ares U.S. High Yield additionally received rankings of 5 of 43 and 5 of 34, respectively, for the 40 quarters ended December 31, 2022.
24. 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.
25. Private Debt Investor selected Ares Management for 2022 Global Fund Manager of the Year and Senior Lender of the Year in Americas. 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.

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- **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.

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