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# Presentation to Debt Investors

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As of March 31, 2026



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# I. The Ellington Management Platform

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# The Ellington Management Platform

The Ellington Platform has deep experience in structured corporate credit and mortgages, and utilizes a data-driven approach to investing and risk management

## Ellington

As of 3/31/2026

Founded:	1994
Employees:	>170
Investment Professionals:	~60
Global offices:	3

**\$22.2B**

Assets under management<sup>1</sup>

**10**

Employee-partners own the firm<sup>2</sup>

**31**

Years of average industry experience of senior portfolio managers

**20%**

Employees dedicated to research and engineering

### Summary

- Ellington Credit Company Management LLC is the investment adviser of Ellington Credit Company and is part of the Ellington platform of SEC-registered investment advisors<sup>3</sup>
  - Ellington manages EARN, Ellington Financial Inc. (“EFC”), multi-investor hedge funds, separately managed accounts, and opportunistic private funds

### Investment Strategies

- Deploys a sophisticated technology-based investment strategy leveraging management’s deep expertise in diversified credit markets
- Devotes significant resources to credit modeling and analytics

### Infrastructure & Technology

- Ellington is known for committing substantial operational resources to, and heavily investing in, research and analytics to support its complex, data-driven investment and risk management philosophy

### Risk Management

- Dedicated risk oversight group utilizes a diverse array of tools to quickly identify and respond to emerging risks, aiming to protect against downside shocks, minimize interest-rate exposures, and deliver stable returns
- The risk oversight team is deeply integrated into Ellington’s organizational structure to maximize interaction with the investment team

Source: Company filings.

1. \$22.2 billion AUM includes uncalled capital commitments, if any, and accounts holding solely loans.
2. Does not include partners formerly employed by Ellington who may have residual capital balances but who no longer have voting rights in the partnership.
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## Ellington's Risk Management Ethos is the Backbone of EARN's Strategy

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**Risk management strategy has been core to Ellington's investment philosophy since 1994, enabling Ellington to manage downside risk, preserve capital, and perform through market cycles**

### **Diversified CLO Portfolio Construction**

Diversification across sub-sectors, capital structure and geographies, enhanced by credit hedging, to support resilient performance across market environments

### **Active Trading Approach**

Analytical, relative-value-driven trading, seeking to capture gains, manage risk, and continually optimize portfolio positioning

### **Sophisticated, Dynamic Credit Hedging Strategy**

Targeted credit hedging designed to mitigate exposure to adverse credit events, reduce portfolio volatility and enhance liquidity management

### **Prudent Financial Leverage**

Disciplined leverage framework that prioritizes durability and stability through periods of market stress

### **Disciplined Cash Management**

Robust stress testing, detailed cash-flow forecasting, tail hedging and proactive liquidity management to protect Net Asset Value ("NAV") and maintain investment flexibility

### **Deeply Integrated Risk Management and Research Team**

Dedicated risk oversight supported by extensive research and engineering resources (20% of employees), designed for identification of emerging risks, mitigation of credit exposures, and delivery of stable returns

### **Mark-to-Market Trading Election for Tax Purposes**

We mark-to-market assets not just for GAAP purposes, but also for tax purposes, meaning unrealized gains/losses are converted to ordinary taxable income/loss – which in times of stress reduces RIC distribution requirement

# Management Team with Structured Credit Experience and Foundation in Advanced Mathematics

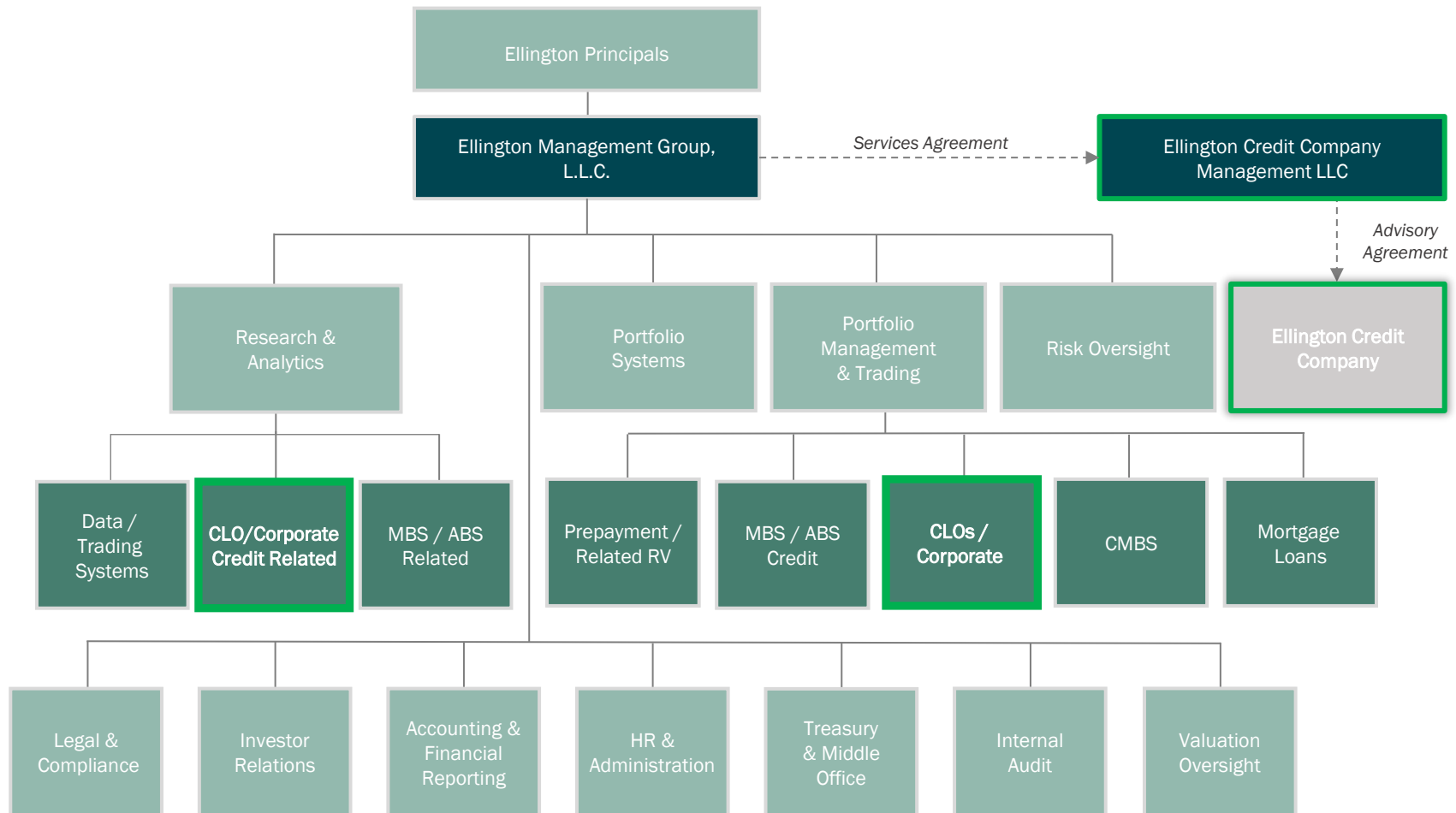
	Years of Experience	Years at Ellington	
<b>Michael Vranos</b> Portfolio Manager	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founder and CEO of Ellington</li> <li>• Oversees portfolio construction and implementation of hedging strategies at Ellington</li> <li>• Former head of RMBS trading and origination at Kidder Peabody</li> <li>• B.A. in Mathematics from Harvard University</li> </ul>
<b>Laurence Penn</b> Chief Executive Officer	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Chairman of Ellington, CEO of EARN and EFC</li> <li>• Former Co-head of CMO origination and trading at Lehman Brothers</li> <li>• B.A. in Mathematics from Harvard University</li> <li>• Masters in Mathematics from Cambridge University</li> </ul>
<b>Greg Borenstein</b> Portfolio Manager	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing Director and Head of Corporate Credit of Ellington</li> <li>• Responsible for Ellington's CLO investment business</li> <li>• Formerly member of the proprietary and secondary CLO trading desks at Goldman Sachs</li> <li>• B.A. in Applied Mathematics and Economics from Johns Hopkins University</li> </ul>
<b>JR Herlihy</b> Chief Operating Officer	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COO of EARN and CFO of EFC</li> <li>• Managing Director of Ellington and former Co-CIO of Ellington Housing Inc.</li> <li>• Former Vice President of Acquisitions at GTIS Partners LP</li> <li>• B.A. in Economics and History from Dartmouth College</li> </ul>
<b>Christopher Smernoff</b> Chief Financial Officer	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CFO of EARN and CAO of EFC</li> <li>• Formerly a manager in the assurance practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</li> <li>• Member of American Institute of CPAs</li> <li>• B.S. in Accounting and Finance from Boston College</li> </ul>
<b>Peter Green</b> Head of Research	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing Director and Head of Research of Ellington</li> <li>• Leads Ellington's research initiatives across all of its strategies</li> <li>• Ph.D. in Mathematics from Harvard University</li> <li>• B.S. from McGill University</li> </ul>
<b>David Dubbert</b> Head of Risk Management	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing Director and Head of Risk Management of Ellington</li> <li>• Leads development and oversight of risk management framework</li> <li>• Formerly served as a Treasurer of Ellington</li> <li>• B.S. from University of Pennsylvania</li> </ul>

***Strong board with no controlling shareholder and well-structured governance standards  
(no staggering, four out of six members are independent; all members are re-elected each year)***

# Ellington's Infrastructure is a Competitive Advantage

Ellington has over 170 employees supporting approximately \$22.2 billion in assets under management

*Sophisticated infrastructure supports rigorous management of credit, interest rate, liquidity, and other risks*



# Ellington's CLO Expertise and EARN's CLO Portfolio Growth

## Ellington's CLO Expertise

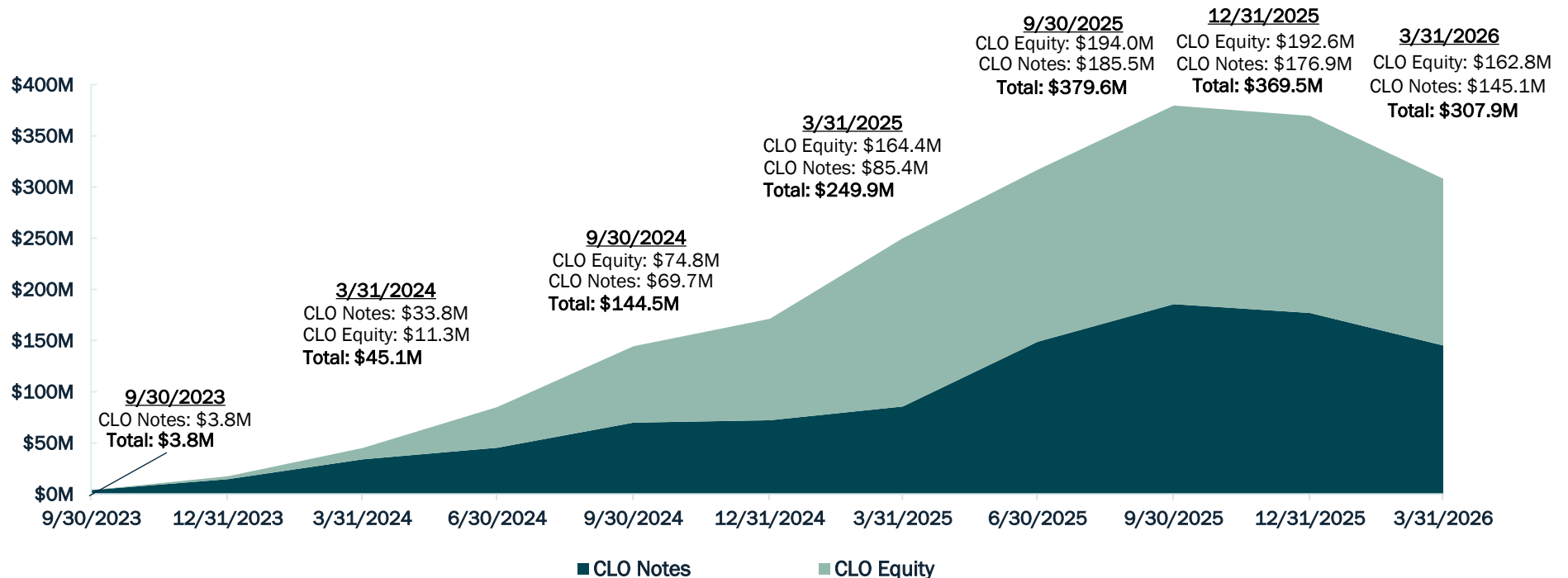
Strategy Inception: 2012

Portfolio Managers: 6

Avg. years of industry experience for senior portfolio managers: 25

- Ellington has extensive expertise managing CLO investments, including deep credit, structural, and fundamental analysis, understanding of market technicals and dynamics, and strong risk management
- Ellington employs both proprietary and third-party models and systems to guide its CLO investment process, enabling real-time analysis of investment opportunities and associated risks across various scenarios

## EARN's CLO Portfolio Over Time



Note: Might not foot due to rounding.

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## II. Ellington Credit Company (NYSE: EARN)

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# Ellington Credit Company - Credit Highlights



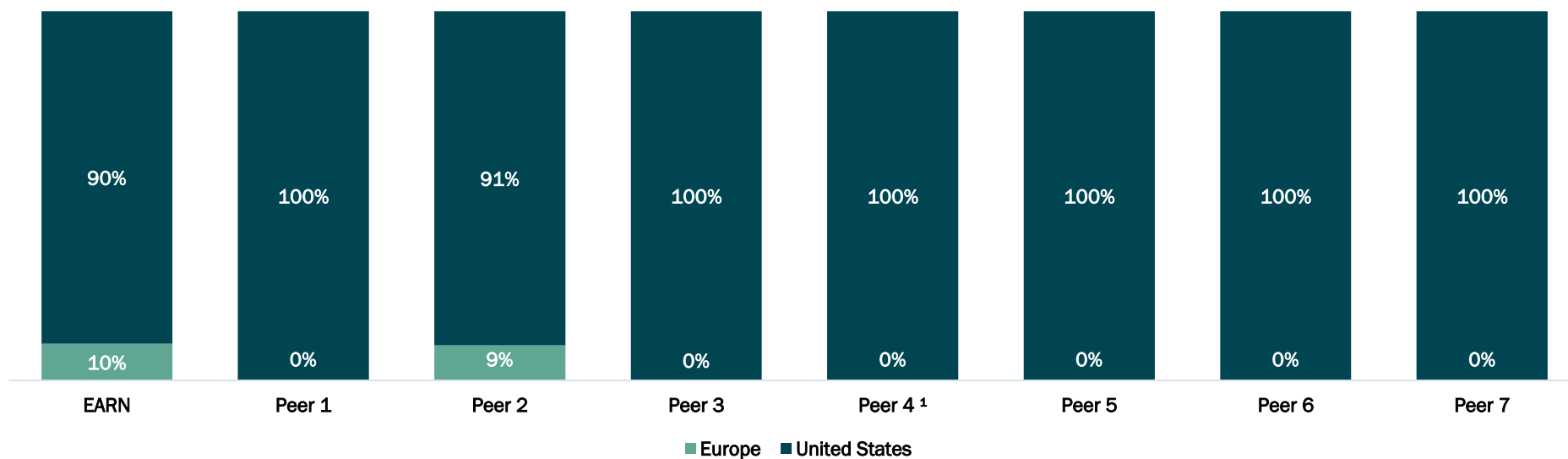
1. Any such leverage is in addition to leverage embedded or inherent in the CLO structures or derivative instruments in which the Fund may invest.  
2. Hedges to the corporate credit portfolio can consist of corporate CDS indices such as the Markit CDX North American High Yield Index, tranches and options from such indices, and options on other broad corporate credit or equity market indices, including ETFs related to such indices.

# Portfolio Composition - Comparison to Peers

## CLO Portfolio Composition vs. Peers (Debt vs. Equity)



## CLO Portfolio Composition vs. Peers (Currency & Country of Risk)

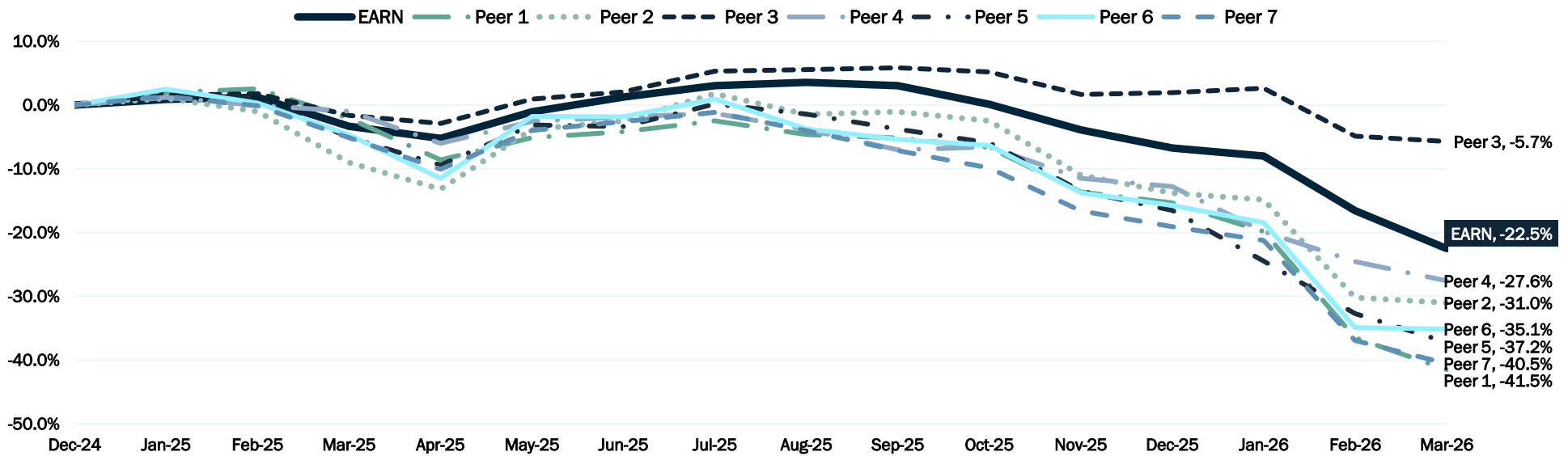


Source: Public Filings. | Note: CLO Debt and Equity as well as Currency and Country of Risk breakouts are as of 3/31/2026, unless otherwise noted; Portfolio composition does not include cash or other investments.

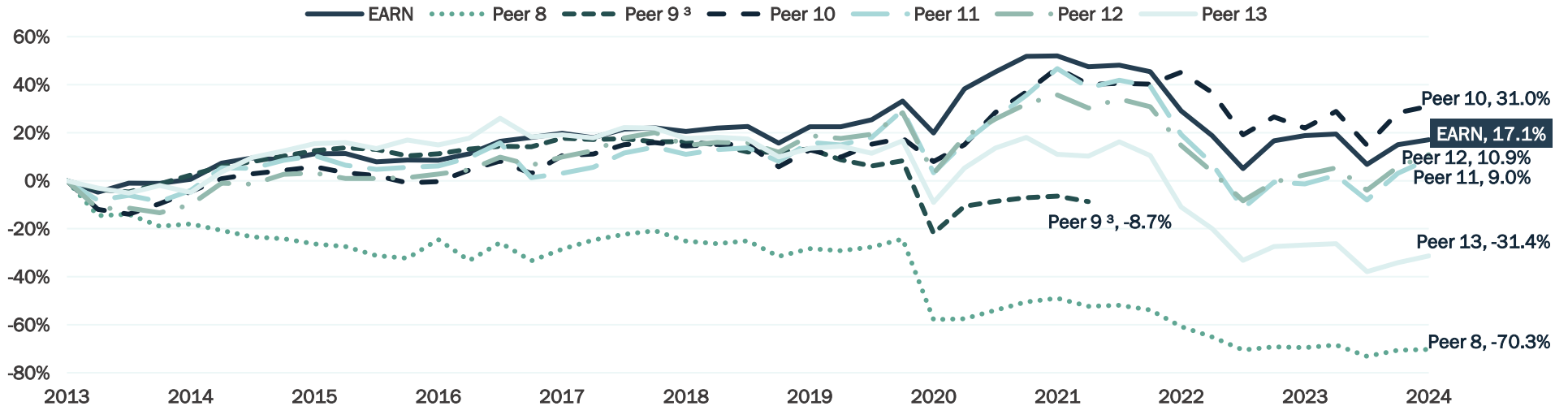
1. As of 1/31/2026

# History of Outperformance to Peers, Before & After CLO Conversion

## Cumulative Economic Returns Since 1/1/2025, CLO Closed-End Funds<sup>1</sup>



## Cumulative Economic Returns, 3/31/13 – 3/31/24, Agency Mortgage REITs<sup>2</sup>

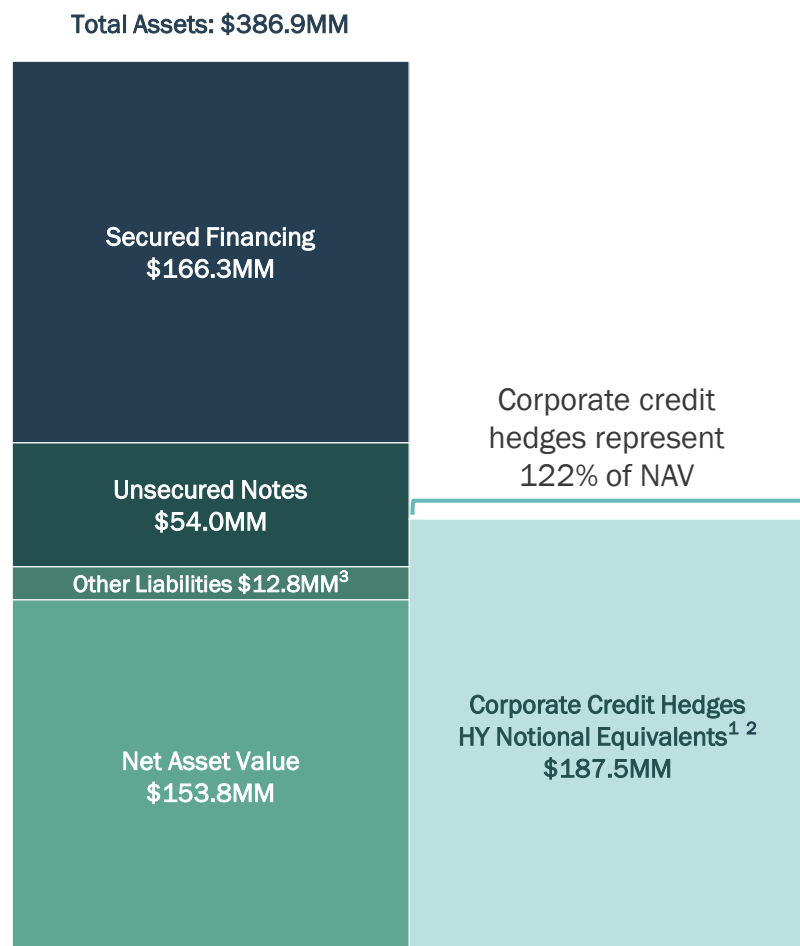


Source: Company Press Releases and Monthly and/or Quarterly Reports. Economic return is computed by adding back dividends to ending book value or NAV per share and comparing that amount to book value or NAV per share as of the beginning of the period and is compounded for multi-period horizons.

- When an estimate range for NAV is provided, midpoint of the range is used within the table. Cumulative economic returns are calculated monthly and have been normalized for stock splits. Includes first calendar quarter of 2025 when EARN still owned some Agency MBS, prior to conversion.
- Peers depicted are mortgage REITs focused on Agency MBS. Performance data is through March 31, 2024, corresponding with the strategic transformation of EARN's investment strategy to focus on corporate collateralized loan obligations announced on April 1, 2024. Cumulative economic returns are calculated quarterly and have been normalized for stock splits.
- Peer 9 was acquired in a merger that completed during the year.

# Diversified, Well-Positioned Capital Structure and Credit Hedging Portfolio

## Capitalization



As of 3/31/2026

## Key Financial Metrics

Net Asset Value: **\$153.8mm**

Corporate Credit Hedges HY Notional Equivalents<sup>1 2</sup>: **\$187.5mm**

Corporate Credit Hedges<sup>1 2</sup>: **122% (as % of NAV)**

Debt-to-Assets Ratio: **0.57x**

- There can be no assurance that instruments in the Credit Hedging Portfolio will be effective portfolio hedges. The Fund manages the risk of its overall portfolio, including the Credit Hedging Portfolio, through a broader risk management process that includes compliance with a Value-at-Risk ("VaR") limit under Rule 18f-4 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. VaR is an estimate of potential losses on a portfolio over a specified time horizon and at a given confidence level. For purposes of Rule 18f-4, the Fund calculates VaR at a 99% confidence level for a 20-trading-day horizon using a model calibrated to historical market data to estimate the distribution of portfolio returns. Under Rule 18f-4, the VaR of the Fund (expressed as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value) may not exceed 200% of the VaR of the Fund's designated reference portfolio (expressed as a percentage of the value of the designated reference portfolio). The Fund's "designated reference portfolio" is defined as the Fund's portfolio of securities, cash, and other investments, excluding derivatives transactions. As of March 31, 2026: (i) the VaR of the Fund was 24.9%, (ii) the VaR of the designated reference portfolio was 19.8%, and therefore (iii) the Relative VaR Ratio was 126%. VaR is model-based and is only an estimate of potential loss. The estimated VaR of the same portfolio may change over time as new data becomes available and models are updated. Models are inherently imperfect and rely on assumptions that may prove to be inaccurate. As a result, VaR has significant limitations and should be considered accordingly.
- Credit hedges are displayed in units of notional equivalents of Markit CDX North American High Yield Index (the "Index"). Notional equivalents are estimated based on historical price relationships between credit hedges (and/or their underlying components) and the Index, together with other factors. Our estimations of price relationships between instruments may change over time, and actual price relationships experienced may differ from those previously estimated.
- Other Liabilities consist primarily of derivative liabilities, payables for securities purchased, distributions declared but not yet paid, amounts due to brokers, interest payable, and accrued expenses, including accrued management and performance fees.

# The “Derivatives Rule”: What It Is and Why It Matters for EARN

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## **EARN operates as a derivatives user under Rule 18f-4 of the Investment Company Act (the “Derivatives Rule”)**

- Derivatives Risk Management Program implemented and overseen by a designated derivatives risk manager.
- Reverse repurchase agreements designated as derivatives under the Derivatives Rule.
- Value at Risk (“VaR”) limitations govern EARN’s risk, leverage, and derivatives exposure.
- The Derivatives Rule requires that EARN’s Relative VaR Ratio not exceed 200% (“Relative VaR Test”)<sup>1</sup>, meaning that the fund’s VaR should be less than 2x that of its reference portfolio, which consists of its CLO holdings without leverage.

## **Difference from traditional leverage tests**

- Traditional tests only cover balance sheet leverage and don’t account for the differences in asset risk profiles or the impact of hedges.
- In contrast, VaR seeks to capture all sources of market-to-market risk at the fund level, including the credit, spread, and interest risks of each position, diversification of holdings, and the effect of including derivatives.
- Under the traditional leverage test, the question was: "How many dollars of assets back each dollar of debt?"
- Under the VaR framework, we directly address risk: "What's the loss that we expect to exceed only with a specified, small probability over a given time period?"
- Hedged and unhedged portfolios with identical notional leverage may have materially different VaR profiles.
- EARN’s portfolio must pass both a VaR test and a traditional leverage test.

## **EARN’s results**

- EARN’s credit hedging program helps protect NAV during periods of economic stress, reducing VaR and supporting EARN’s compliance with the Relative VaR Test.
- This allows EARN to target attractive relative-value opportunities between investments and hedges, use leverage judiciously, and capture upside potential within a disciplined risk-management framework.

1. Uses 20-day 99% confidence VaR. 200% ratio is based on EARN’s current liability structure and would increase to 250% with the issuance of preferred stock.

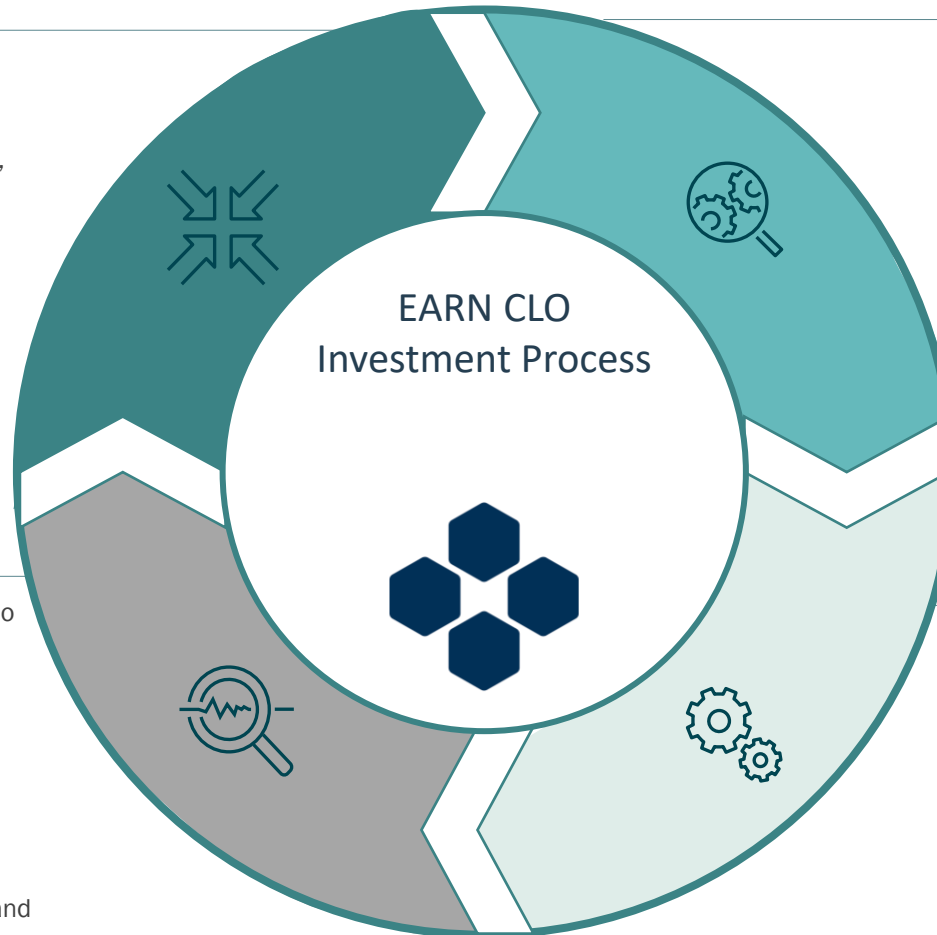
## EARN's investment process involves a combination of top-down and bottom-up approaches that seek to identify and capitalize on market opportunities

### Sourcing

- Deep and broad relationships across Wall Street
- Streamlined investment screening based on market dynamics, structure, legal docs, portfolio reviews, relative value and liquidity analysis, financing terms, strategic relationships, and attractive exit opportunities

### Due Diligence

- Review of CLO underlying loan portfolio characteristics, including market spreads, credit ratings, liquidity, and deal documentation, including benchmark replacement language, waterfalls, quality and coverage test details
- Review of recent trading activities, indentures and trustee reports, including reinvestment, redemption, and ratings actions
- Focus on portfolio tails, defaulted credits, and reorg equities with high outcome variability, applying haircuts to less liquid credits
- Understanding of equity holder dynamics and incentives



### Monitoring

- Automated daily tranche-by-tranche analysis, flagging major loan price movements, rating changes, changes in tests or triggers, payments, or market value coverage changes via email alerts
- Daily portfolio risk reporting, including sensitivity to macro credit shocks and underlying idiosyncratic loan risks
- Portfolio look-through report, measuring portfolio sector exposure and single-name issuer concentrations
- Regular collateral manager communication, ongoing evaluation of CLO collateral managers' trading strategies and performance

### Analysis

- Proprietary sensitivity analysis to default, prepayment and recovery stress scenarios, including repetitions of historical macroeconomic shocks and various forward shocks, incorporating both fundamental and mark-to-market risk information
- In depth analysis of forward deal tests and triggers and projected deleveraging
- Underwriting of underlying collateral based on price, maturity, ratings, depth, and more in conjunction with single name credit desks
- Relative value not only across CLOs, but also vs. CDX index tranches and other corporate credit instruments

**Ellington's proprietary model interface allows for real-time, multi-scenario analysis of trade opportunities and associated risks**



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### III. Risk Management Framework

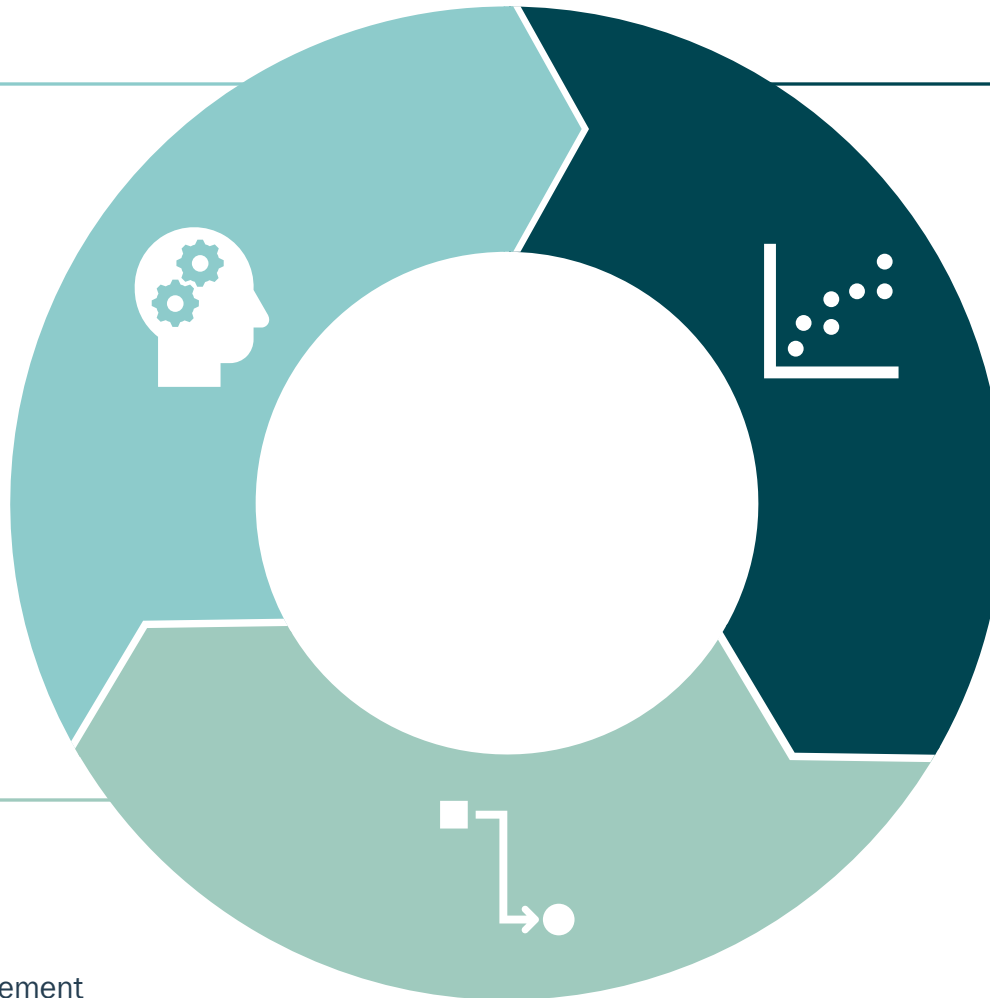
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## Assess current and emerging risks

Key exposures include:

- Macro credit risk
- Idiosyncratic and concentration risks
- Liquidity risk



## Analyze with extensive data and deep models

- Billions of corporate debt performance metric records and decades of trading data available for calibration
- Models capture a wide range of stress scenarios

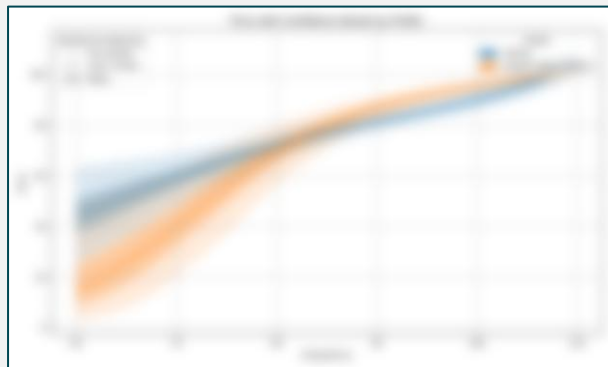
## Act on the results

- Portfolio construction
- Hedge optimization
- Cash and liability management

# Time-Tested Analytics

Our portfolio analytics seek to quantify impacts from a wide range of shocks

Managing negative credit convexity is central to risk management



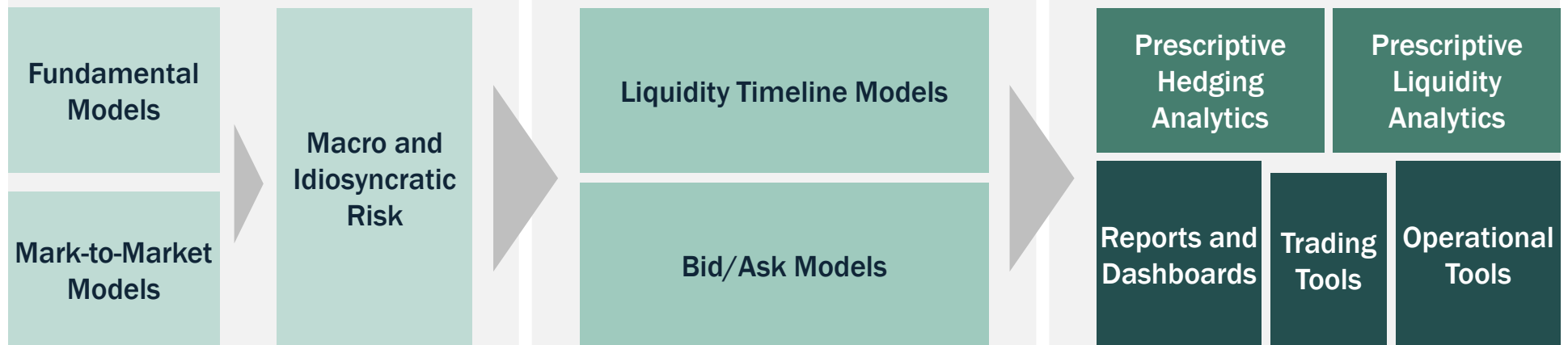
The portfolio analytics translate into bottom-up liquidity modeling executed at security level

Understanding the timeline of liquidity shocks is crucial to prudent management



Reports and tools supporting trading and operations integrate model results and risk guidelines

Coherent, prompt delivery of information to users is central to our disciplined process

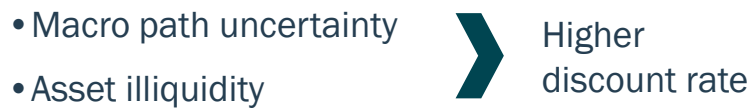


We use rich, long datasets to train coherent models across all investments and hedges.

## Fundamental Stress

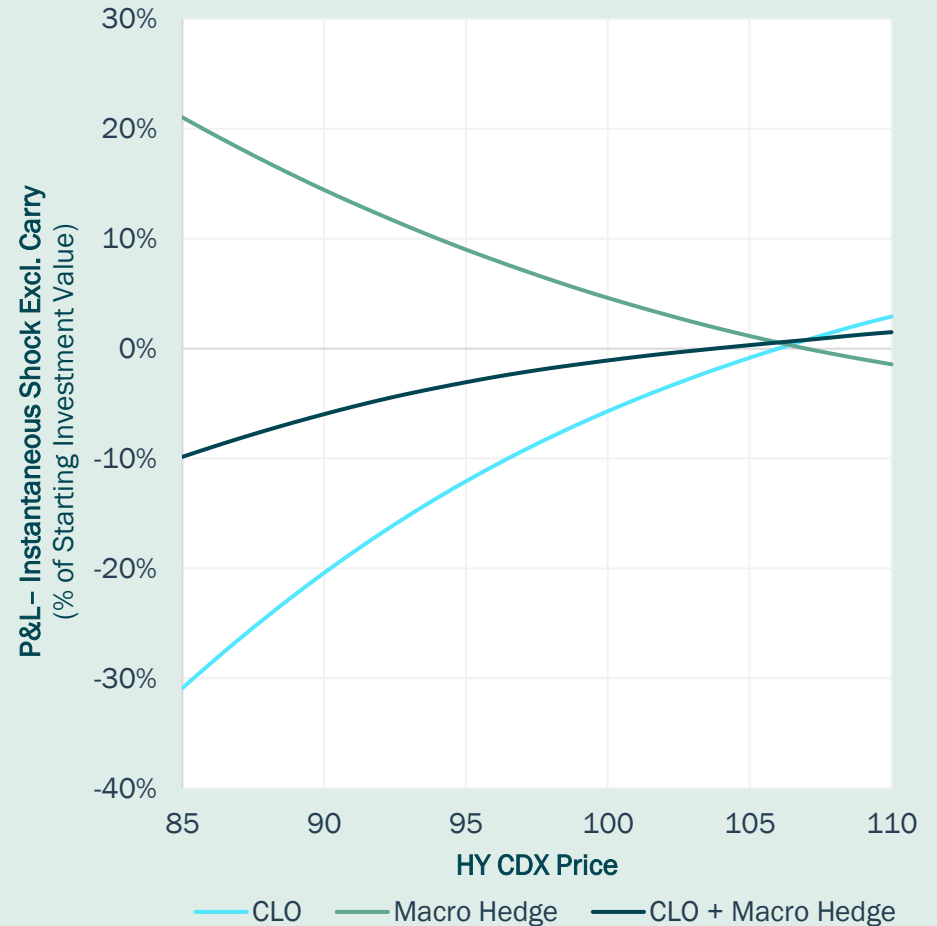


## Risk Premium / Discount Spread Stress



## Total Mark-to-Market Risk Profile

## Illustrative CLO Mezzanine Holding<sup>1</sup> Risk Profile and Macro Hedge

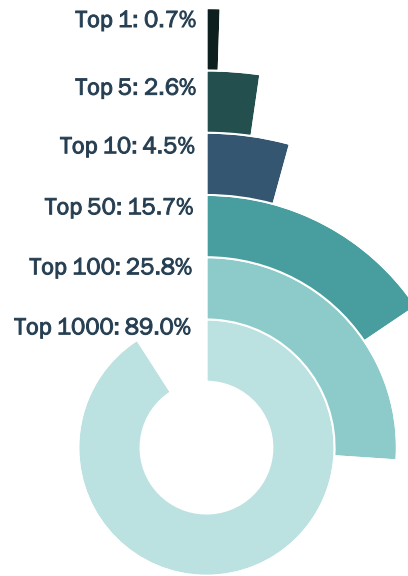


1. Illustrative holding is MDPK 2016-24A ER2. Risk profile represents instantaneous mark-to-market shock and excludes carry.

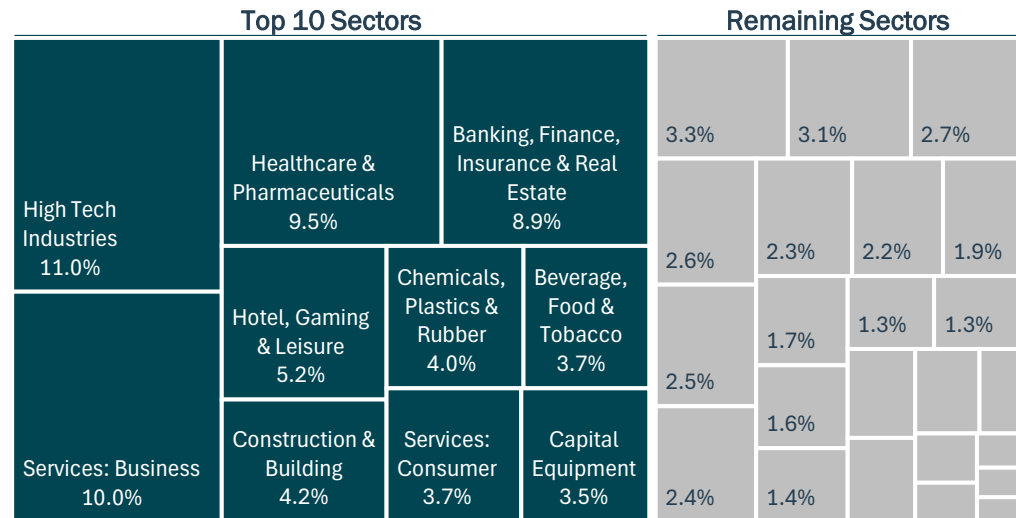
# Idiosyncratic and Concentration Risks

Managing concentrations for a wide range of attributes allows us to reduce vulnerability to idiosyncratic shocks.

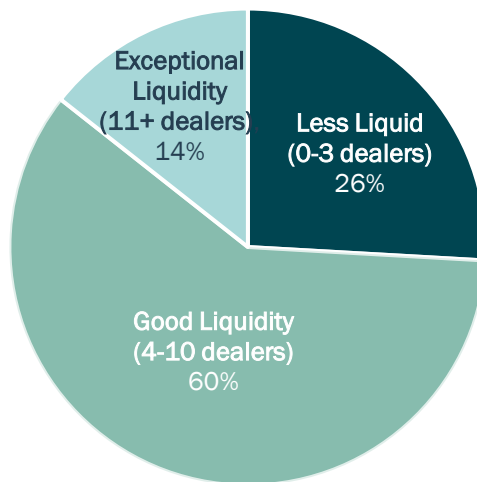
Underlying Loan Issuer Concentration<sup>1</sup>



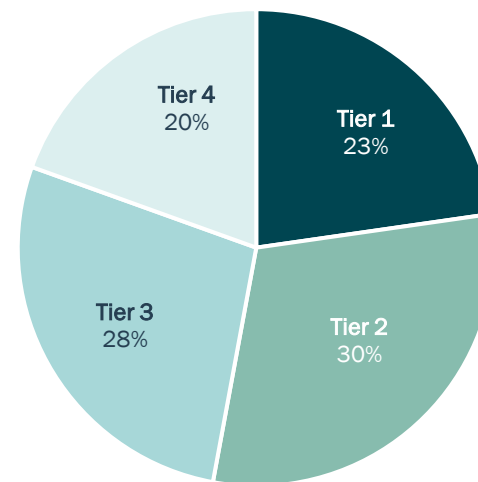
Sector Diversification<sup>1</sup>



Price Depth Distribution<sup>1</sup>



CLO Manager Tier Distribution

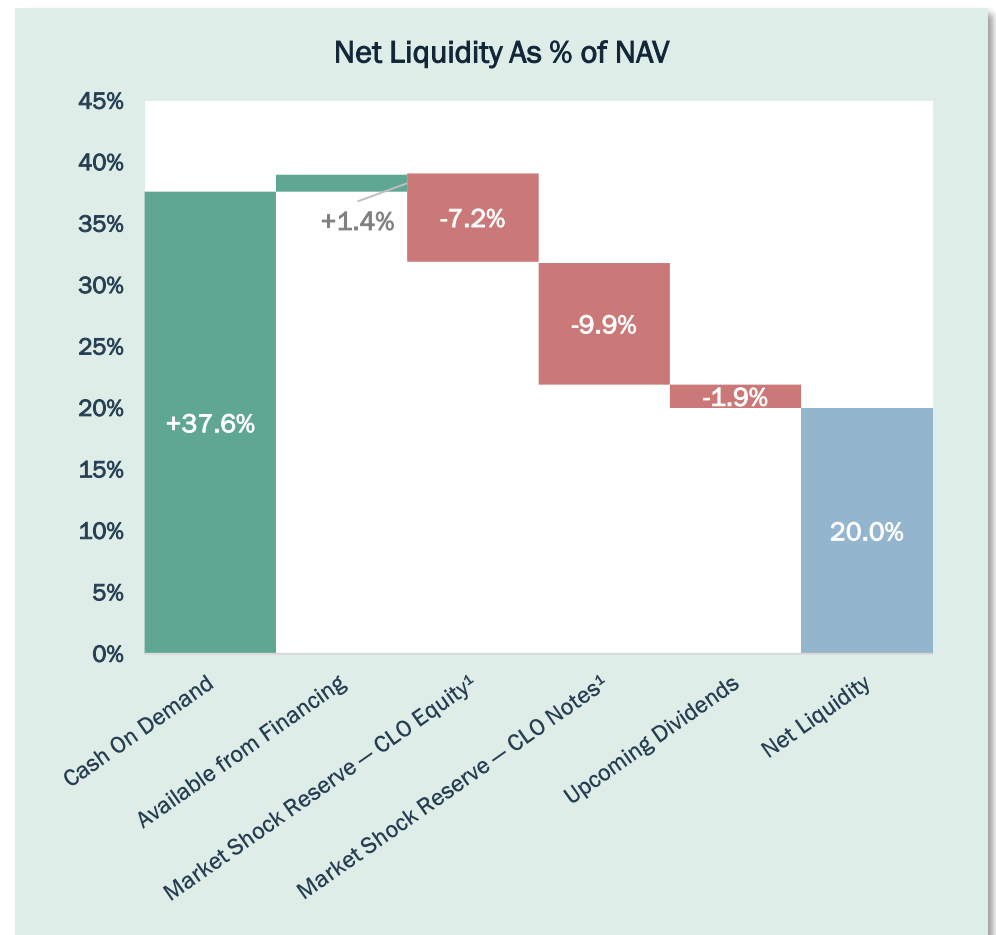


Note: Figures as of 12/31/2025. Figures may not foot due to rounding.

1. Look-through to CLO collateral based on collateral percentage of par and CLO holding market value.

# Liquidity Risks

Our analytics allow us to simulate what-ifs, translating market shocks into a cash impact, which we hold as a reserve. We manage our portfolio to net liquidity, defined as cash on demand minus reserves, adjusted for pending activity.



Note: Figures as of 3/31/2026.

1. Market shock reserve reflects investment risk net of hedge benefit.

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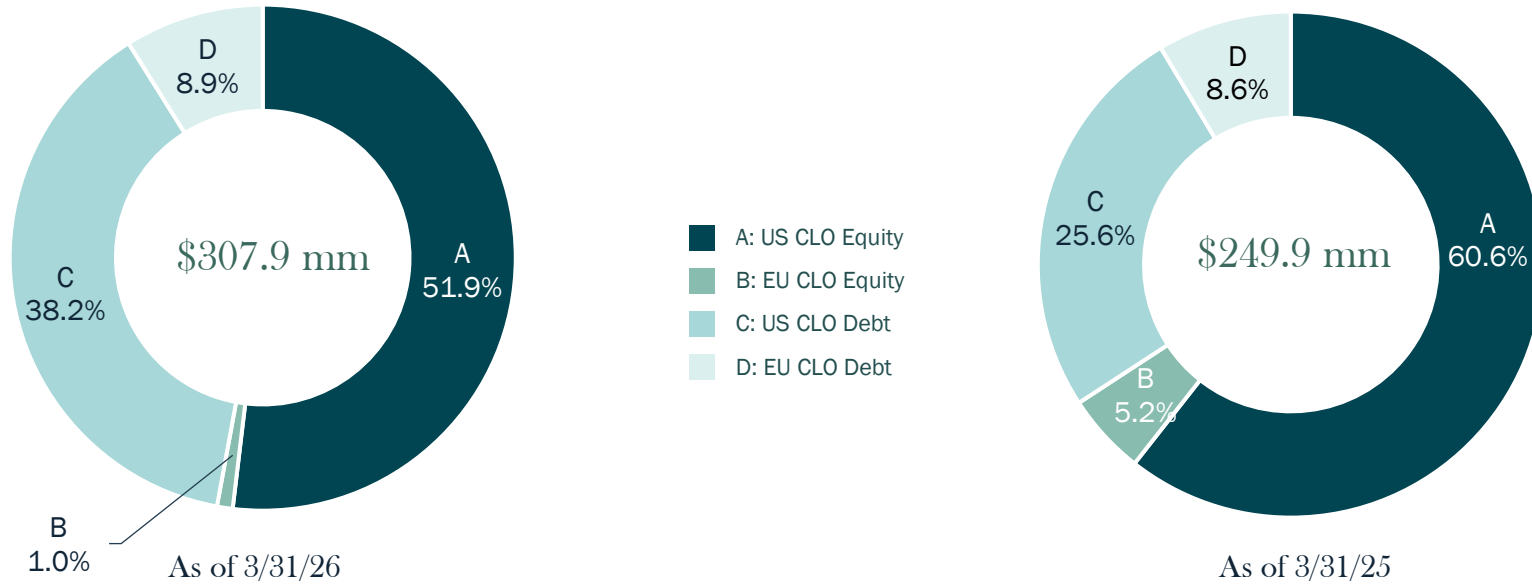
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## IV. Portfolio & Financial Summary

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# CLO Portfolio



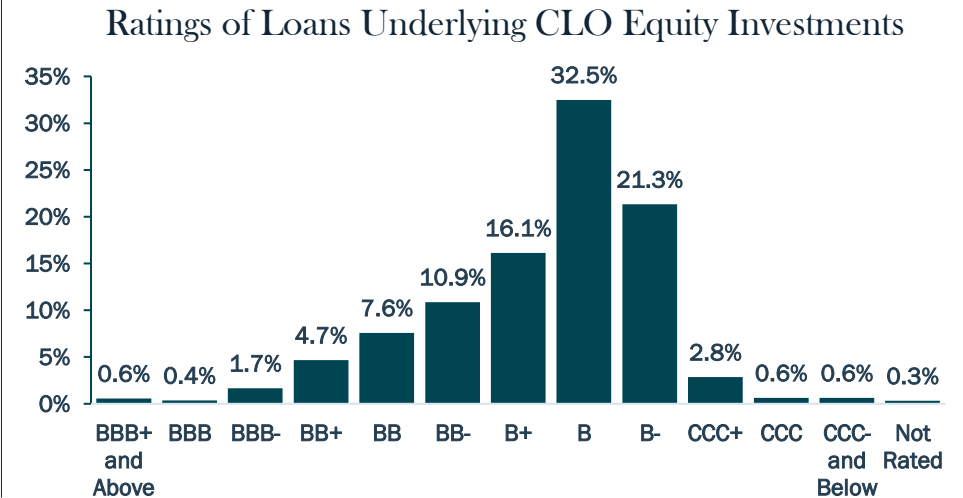
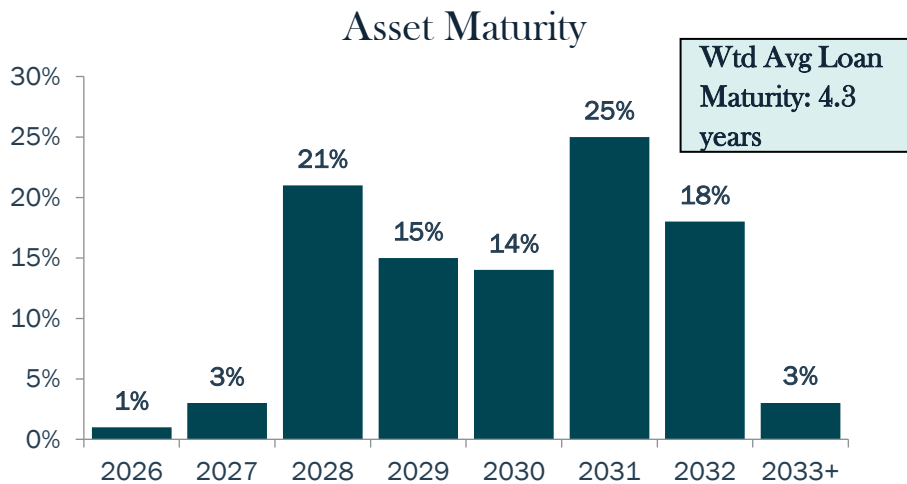
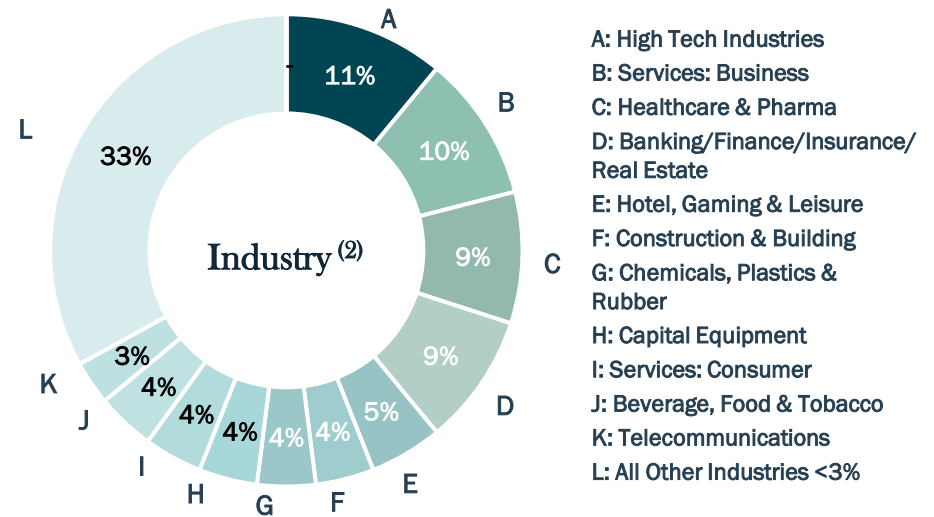
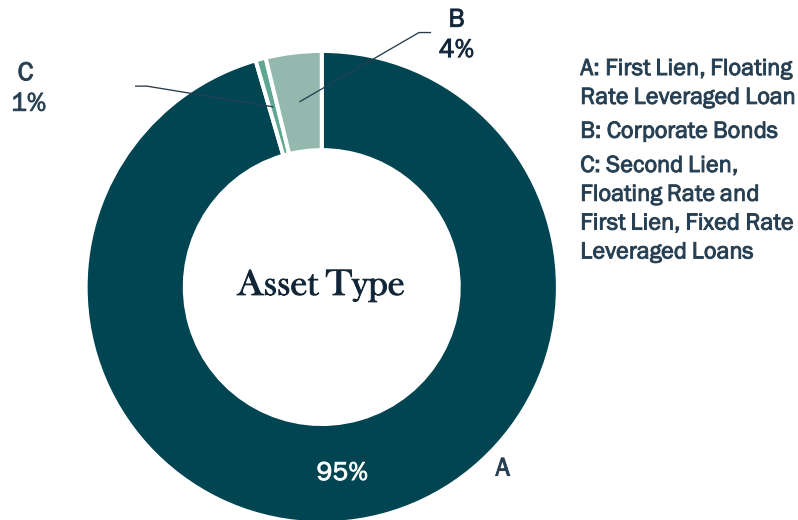
CLO portfolio grew by 23% to \$307.9 million as of 3/31/26, from \$249.9 million as of 3/31/25 at time of conversion.

During the year following conversion, we expressed an up-in-credit bias, with 72% of CLO mezzanine debt tranches and 28% of CLO equity purchased almost entirely in the secondary markets.

We aim to maintain a diversified portfolio of CLO equity and debt investments, with allocations between equity and debt adjusted based on market opportunities.

While we plan to invest in both dollar- and non-dollar-denominated CLOs based on relative value, we expect that the majority of our CLO holdings will remain dollar-denominated.

# Corporate CLO Underlying Corporate Loans – Detail as of 3/31/26<sup>1</sup>



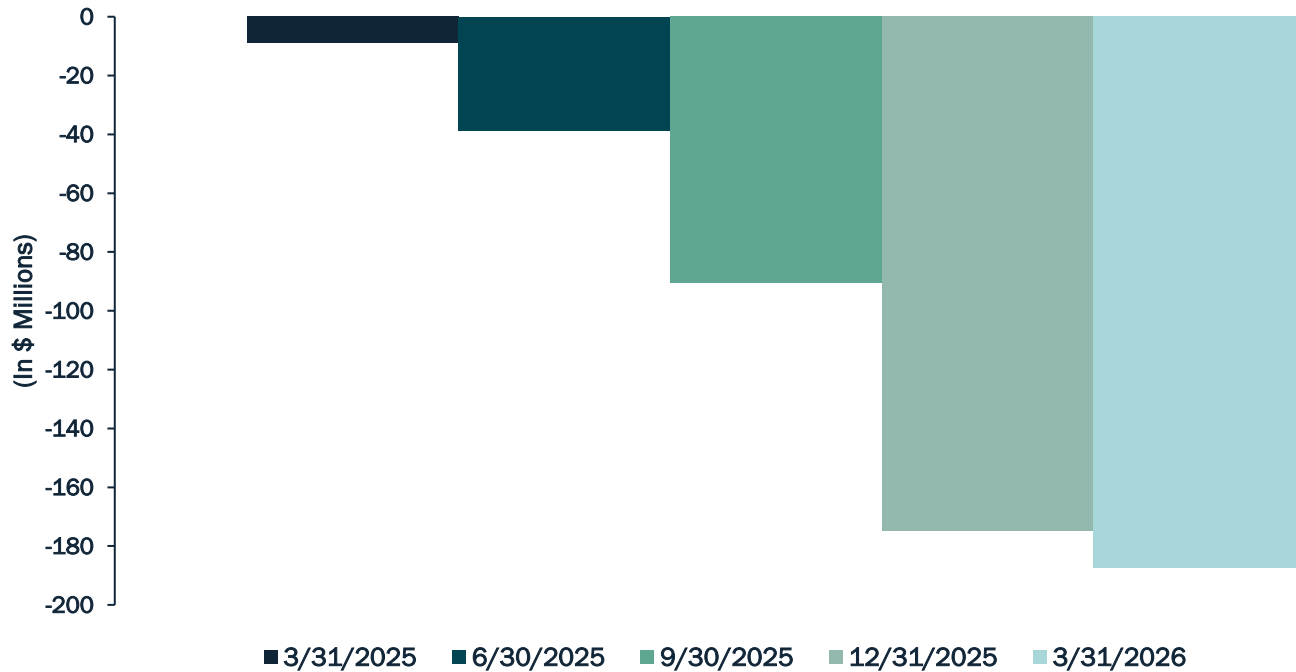
- Corporate CLO underlying asset portfolio spans 34 distinct industries, with no one industry comprising more than 11% of the total asset mix
- The majority of assets are first lien, senior secured leveraged loans from larger corporate borrowers (only ~5% of loans are below \$250mm)
- Approximately 97% of the underlying assets are floating rate
- There are few near-term asset maturities (only ~1% of the total have maturities prior to 2027)

1. Includes corporate bonds.

2. Industry classifications are based on Moody's industry categorization of each obligor as reported in CLO trustee reports, to the extent such information is available. In cases where CLO trustee reports do not provide an industry classification for an underlying obligor, it is included under "All Other Industries". As a result, the Fund's actual exposure to certain industries may be higher than what is presented if industry categories were available for all obligors.

# Corporate Credit Hedges<sup>1</sup>

Instrument Category	Corporate CDS Indices / Tranches / Options
Units	HY CDX Bond Equivalent Value <sup>2 3</sup>



- We selectively hedge a portion of the credit risk of our CLO portfolio using a variety of derivative instruments.
- EARN’s dynamic credit hedging strategy is designed to protect against downside risk.
- During market-wide negative credit shocks, our credit hedges seek not only to help stabilize our net asset value, but also to bolster our liquidity, as we have daily access (in cash) to the mark-to-market gains on these positions.
- Since conversion, we have steadily increased our corporate credit hedges alongside the growth of our long portfolio.

1. There can be no assurance that instruments in the Credit Hedging Portfolio will be effective portfolio hedges.

2. Credit hedges are displayed in units of notional equivalents of Markit CDX North American High Yield Index (the “Index”). Notional equivalents are estimated based on historical price relationships between credit hedges (and/or their underlying components) and the Index, together with other factors. Our estimations of price relationships between instruments may change over time, and actual price relationships experienced may differ from those previously estimated.

3. Hedges to the corporate credit portfolio can consist of corporate CDS indices such as the Markit CDX North American High Yield Index, tranches and options from such indices, and options on other broad corporate credit or equity market indices, including ETFs related to such indices.

# Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Unaudited)

<i>(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)</i>	March 31, 2026	
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value (cost \$372,939)	\$	308,363
Cash and cash equivalents		57,726
Due from brokers		13,542
Financial derivatives—assets, at fair value (Net upfront premiums paid (received) \$2,585)		2,398
Interest and principal receivable		4,531
Other assets		367
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>386,927</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Reverse repurchase agreements		166,274
Unsecured borrowings, at fair value (principal amount \$54,000)		54,000
Payable for securities purchased and financial derivatives		2,157
Due to brokers		7
Financial derivatives—liabilities, at fair value (Net upfront premiums paid (received) \$(4,573))		3,228
Distributions payable		3,006
Performance fee payable to affiliate		1,074
Management fee payable to affiliate		583
Interest payable		624
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		2,152
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>233,105</b>
<b>NET ASSETS applicable to common stock, no par value, unlimited shares authorized, 37,579,569 shares issued and outstanding</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>153,822</b>
<b>Composition of Net Assets</b>		
Paid-in-capital		193,775
Total distributable earnings/(accumulated losses)		(39,953)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>153,822</b>
<b>Supplemental per Share Information</b>		
Net asset value per share of common share	\$	4.09

## Key Financial Metrics as of March 31, 2026

Corporate Credit Hedges HY Notional Equivalents, as % of NAV <sup>1</sup>	122%
Debt-to-Assets Ratio	0.57x

Source: Ellington. | Company filings. | Note: Might not foot due to rounding.

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# Income Statement for the Year as CLO Closed-End Fund

	3 Months Ended June 30, 2025	3 Months Ended September 30, 2025	3 Months Ended December 31, 2025	3 Months Ended March 31, 2026	Year Ended March 31, 2026
<i>(In thousands except share amounts and per share amounts)</i>					
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Interest income	\$ 11,586	\$ 13,846	\$ 13,456	\$ 12,166	\$ 51,056
Other income	84	304	215	146	749
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>\$ 11,670</b>	<b>\$ 14,151</b>	<b>\$ 13,671</b>	<b>\$ 12,312</b>	<b>\$ 51,805</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Interest expense	\$ 1,715	\$ 1,964	\$ 2,336	\$ 2,297	\$ 8,312
Performance fees to affiliate	1,387	1,796	1,645	1,074	5,901
Management fees to affiliate	870	854	740	583	3,047
Compensation expense	438	432	393	317	1,580
Professional fees	288	181	353	729	1,550
Underwriters' fees	-	-	-	1,688	1,688
Other operating expenses	452	439	453	558	1,903
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,150</b>	<b>\$ 5,666</b>	<b>\$ 5,921</b>	<b>\$ 7,245</b>	<b>\$ 23,981</b>
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>\$ 6,521</b>	<b>\$ 8,485</b>	<b>\$ 7,751</b>	<b>\$ 5,067</b>	<b>\$ 27,824</b>
<b>Net Realized Gain (Loss) and Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</b>					
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	\$ 228	\$ 1,262	\$ 670	\$ 26	\$ 2,186
Net realized gain (loss) on financial derivatives	(1,574)	(1,151)	(2,397)	(1,576)	(6,697)
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency transactions	(997)	99	883	836	821
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	3,777	(4,097)	(27,526)	(37,125)	(64,971)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on financial derivatives	(730)	(181)	394	1,687	1,170
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency transactions	2,979	(136)	(842)	(1,185)	816
<b>Total net realized gain (loss) and change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)</b>	<b>\$ 3,684</b>	<b>\$ (4,205)</b>	<b>\$ (28,818)</b>	<b>\$ (37,337)</b>	<b>\$ (66,675)</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations Attributable to Common Shareholders</b>	<b>\$ 10,205</b>	<b>\$ 4,280</b>	<b>\$ (21,067)</b>	<b>\$ (32,270)</b>	<b>\$ (38,851)</b>
<b>Net Investment Income Per Share</b>	<b>\$ 0.17</b>	<b>\$ 0.23</b>	<b>\$ 0.21</b>	<b>\$ 0.13</b>	<b>\$ 0.74</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss) per Share</b>	<b>\$ 0.27</b>	<b>\$ 0.11</b>	<b>\$ (0.56)</b>	<b>\$ (0.86)</b>	<b>\$ (1.03)</b>
<b>Adjusted Net Investment Income<sup>1</sup></b>					
Net investment income	\$ 6,521	\$ 8,485	\$ 7,751	\$ 5,067	\$ 27,824
Adjustments:					
Less: Non-capitalized transaction costs and non-recurring expenses	(75)	(35)	(49)	(2,250)	(2,409)
Plus: Net realized and change in net appreciation (depreciation) on periodic settlements of interest rate swaps and net interest and dividend income (expense) on total return swaps	-	-	2	(5)	(3)
<b>Adjusted Net Investment Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,596</b>	<b>\$ 8,520</b>	<b>\$ 7,802</b>	<b>\$ 7,312</b>	<b>\$ 30,230</b>
<b>Adjusted Net Investment Income Per Share</b>	<b>\$ 0.18</b>	<b>\$ 0.23</b>	<b>\$ 0.21</b>	<b>\$ 0.19</b>	<b>\$ 0.80</b>
<b>Weighted Average Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>37,559,195</b>	<b>37,563,048</b>	<b>37,570,694</b>	<b>37,572,206</b>	<b>37,566,273</b>

Source: Ellington. | Company filings. | Note: Might not foot due to rounding.

1. Adjusted Net Investment Income is a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure. We believe that the presentation of Adjusted Net Investment Income provides information useful to investors, because: (i) we believe that it is a useful indicator of both current and projected long-term financial performance, in that it excludes the impact of certain expenses and non-capitalized transaction costs that we believe are less useful in forecasting long-term performance and distribution-paying ability; and (ii) we believe that realized and accrued periodic settlements on interest rates swaps and interest and dividend income (expense) net of transaction fees on total return swaps are similar to net investment income and are more appropriately classified as recurring. Our calculation of Adjusted Net Investment Income may differ from the calculation of similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures by our peers, with the result that these non-GAAP financial measures might not be directly comparable. In addition, because Adjusted Net Investment Income is an incomplete measure of our financial results and differs from net investment income computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP, it should be considered supplementary to, and not as a substitute for, net investment income computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP. In setting our distributions, our Board of Trustees considers our earnings, liquidity, financial condition, distribution requirements, and financial covenants, along with other factors that the Board of Trustees may deem relevant from time to time.

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## V. Appendix

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Chronology of  
Conversion & Related  
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# Chronology of Conversion & Related Changes at Ellington Credit Company

<p><b>Phase I:</b> <b>Proof of Concept</b> <i>Beginning September 2023</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EARN began acquiring corporate collateralized loan obligations (“CLOs”) in Sept. 2023, a sector that management believes will provide greater risk-adjusted returns for EARN’s shareholders over the long term, with less earnings volatility, compared to the Fund’s prior investment focus, Agency MBS</li><li>• During this phase, EARN generated positive returns on CLO debt and equity investments through year end 2023, net of credit hedges</li><li>• Size of CLO portfolio and credit hedging portfolio was capped to maintain compliance with REIT qualification testing (\$17.4m portfolio at 12/31/23)</li></ul>
<p><b>Phase II:</b> <b>Approval of CLO Strategy</b> <i>Beginning January 2024</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EARN revoked its REIT election effective 1/1/24 to enable further accumulation of CLO investments and operated as a taxable C Corporation, utilizing its significant net operating loss carryforwards (“NOLs”) to offset the majority of any U.S. federal tax liability, and a portion of any state income tax liability, incurred on future taxable income it generated while operating as a taxable C Corporation. Its CLO investments continued to generate positive returns, net of credit hedges</li><li>• The Fund changed name to “Ellington Credit Company” (from Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT) to reflect its new strategy</li><li>• Continued to reallocate capital from liquid Agency MBS pools to CLO debt and equity, but size of CLO portfolio and credit hedging portfolio was restricted by maintaining exemption from 1940 Act</li></ul>
<p><b>Phase III:</b> <b>Proxy Solicitation and Shareholder Approval</b> <i>Beginning August 2024</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EARN prepared a proxy statement and obtained shareholder approval to complete its conversion (the “Conversion”) to a CLO-focused closed-end fund, including approval of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– a change in the Fund’s legal form from a Maryland real estate investment trust to a Delaware statutory trust and, relatedly, adoption of a new Declaration of Trust; and</li><li>– a new investment advisory agreement with Ellington Credit Company Management LLC, the Fund’s investment adviser, to replace the existing management agreement</li></ul></li><li>• Management prepared Fund to complete the Conversion, including satisfying the new regulatory requirements of the 1940 Act</li></ul>
<p><b>Phase IV:</b> <b>Conversion to a CLO-Focused ’40 Act Fund</b> <i>Beginning April 2025</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EARN completed the Conversion on April 1, 2025</li><li>• As part of the Conversion, EARN completed the following steps:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Filed a registration statement with the SEC officially subjecting it to the rules of the 1940 Act;</li><li>– Converted to a Delaware statutory trust (from Maryland); and</li><li>– Elected to be treated as a RIC (as defined below) under the Internal Revenue Code (see “Regulated Investment Company (“RIC”) Requirements” below)</li></ul></li><li>• EARN also changed its fiscal and tax years to end on March 31 (from December 31), the day prior to the Conversion, to align its reporting cycle with the Conversion and facilitate more efficient accounting, tax, and reporting processes</li><li>• EARN adopted new policies and procedures in order to comply with the 1940 Act</li></ul>