

BDCs: 3Q25 Preview

Reassessing Our Ratings Across the Industry, as Disparate Stock Performance Has Shifted the Valuation Landscape

BDCs continued to experience volatility in 3Q. Recall that in the June quarter, volatility in BDC shares was driven by initial concerns about “Liberation Day” tariff policies, but rebounded as policy rollouts appeared to be more muted and/or delayed than initially feared. However, in 3Q (particularly in August and September), capital markets have begun to weigh the impact of expected interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. In this preview, we have updated our estimates based on a forward curve for 3-month SOFR that implies slightly lower rates than the forward curve did in mid-July. As BDCs report 3Q results, we look for modest volatility in NII and NAV (with modest fluctuations by company); we are also introducing our YE2026 price targets.

We expect investors will remain focused on earnings power of portfolios and dividend policies for 2026. Fundamentally, BDCs face some continued earnings pressure with the forward curve pricing in another ~85bps of compression in base rates through 2026 (followed by some stabilization in 2027) and spreads that remain near all-time tights. We expect: 1) continued idiosyncratic credit developments within portfolios and a gradual trend upward in non-accruals; 2) additional earnings pressure in 2026, but less than in 2025; and 3) some additional realignment of dividend policies with earnings power. All that said, we believe investors are largely discounting most these factors. At current valuation levels, we are essentially neutral on the sector.

As volatility has increased, stock performance has varied substantially in the last several months across the BDC industry. Accordingly, we are realigning several of our ratings consistent with the relative upside implied to our Dec-2026 price targets across our coverage universe.

- **CGBD: Upgrade to N from UW.** Returns appear to be more in line with the

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Equity Ratings and Price Targets

Company	Ticker	Mkt Cap (\$ mn)	Price (\$)	Rating		Price Target			
				Cur	Prev	Cur	End Date	Prev	End Date
Ares Capital	ARCC US	14,417.70	20.44	OW	n/c	22.00	Dec-26	23.00	Dec-25
Blackstone Secured Lending	BXSL US	6,174.85	26.82	OW	n/c	29.00	Dec-26	30.50	Dec-25
Carlyle Secured Lending	CGBD US	944.82	12.96	N	UW	12.50	Dec-26	13.50	Dec-25
FS KKR Capital Corp	FSK US	4,195.40	14.98	N	n/c	15.00	Dec-26	18.00	Dec-25
MidCap Financial Investment	MFIC US	1,115.92	11.96	N	n/c	12.00	Dec-26	12.50	Dec-25
Morgan Stanley Direct Lending	MSDL US	1,448.41	16.68	N	n/c	16.00	Dec-26	18.00	Dec-25
Oaktree Specialty Lending Corp	OCSL US	1,150.40	13.06	N	n/c	13.00	Dec-26	n/c	Dec-25
Palmer Square Capital BDC	PSBD US	397.72	12.38	N	OW	12.00	Dec-26	14.00	Dec-25
PennantPark Investment	PNNT US	438.14	6.71	N	n/c	6.50	Dec-26	7.00	Dec-25
Runway Growth	RWAY US	368.69	10.18	N	n/c	10.00	Dec-26	10.50	Dec-25
Sixth Street Specialty Lending	TS LX US	2,150.57	22.82	N	OW	24.00	Dec-26	n/c	Dec-25
SLR Investment Corp	SLRC US	833.05	15.27	UW	n/c	15.00	Dec-26	16.00	Dec-25
WhiteHorse Finance	WHF US	162.00	6.97	UW	n/c	6.50	Dec-26	8.00	Dec-25

Source: Company data, Bloomberg Finance L.P., J.P. Morgan estimates. n/c = no change. All prices as of 29 Sep 25.

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peer group, as CGBD works to optimize the recent merger of portfolios and bolster earnings power. We believe CGBD remains a “show me” story, with investors looking for earnings stability, particularly in the face of a declining interest rate environment, but we believe this is fully reflected at current valuation levels, particularly as CGBD has spillover income that can help support the quarterly dividend. We are establishing a \$12.50 Dec-26 PT, implying a 13% annualized total return.

- **PSBD: Downgrade to N from OW.** We believe NAV volatility and earnings headwinds from potentially lower rates and tight spreads limit the potential to narrow the discount to NAV within our investment horizon, resulting in potential returns that are more in-line with peers. We are establishing a \$12 Dec-26 PT, implying an 11% annualized total return.
- **TSLX: Downgrade to N from OW, driven by relative outperformance vs. peers YTD.** TSLX has outperformed peers YTD and over the TTM such that we believe potential upside has become limited and valuation has become disproportionately skewed relative to peers. Importantly, fundamentals remain solid with non-accruals in the LSD range on a cost basis and NAV that has been relatively stable. We model dividend coverage above 100% through our forecast horizon; spillover income is ~2.5 quarters of dividends and we expect it will continue to slowly grow. We are establishing a \$24 Dec-26 PT, implying a 13% annualized total return.

Adj. EPS Estimate Changes

\$		FY25E			FY26E		
Company	BBG Ticker	Prev	Cur	Δ	Prev	Cur	Δ
Ares Capital	ARCC US	2.00	2.00	0.1%	1.95	1.94	(0.08%)
Blackstone Secured Lending	BXSL US	3.17	3.18	0.38%	3.08	2.99	(2.89%)
Carlyle Secured Lending	CGBD US	1.57	1.57	-	1.58	1.56	(1.44%)
FS KKR Capital Corp	FSK US	2.39	2.41	0.84%	2.24	2.22	(0.74%)
MidCap Financial Investment	MFIC US	1.50	1.51	0.41%	1.49	1.48	(0.61%)
Morgan Stanley Direct Lending	MSDL US	2.00	1.99	(0.45%)	1.99	1.93	(2.82%)
Oaktree Specialty Lending Corp	OCSL US	1.76	1.76	-	1.61	1.63	1.53%
Palmer Square Capital BDC	PSBD US	1.66	1.65	(0.38%)	1.59	1.62	2.49%
PennantPark Investment	PNNT US	0.72	0.72	-	0.72	0.74	2.32%
Runway Growth	RWAY US	1.55	1.59	2.82%	1.43	1.47	3.01%
Sixth Street Specialty Lending	TSLX US	2.18	2.18	-	2.03	2.01	(0.89%)
SLR Investment Corp	SLRC US	1.65	1.63	(1.14%)	1.63	1.61	(1.04%)
WhiteHorse Finance	WHF US	1.16	1.17	0.7%	1.11	1.14	2.88%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., J.P. Morgan estimates.

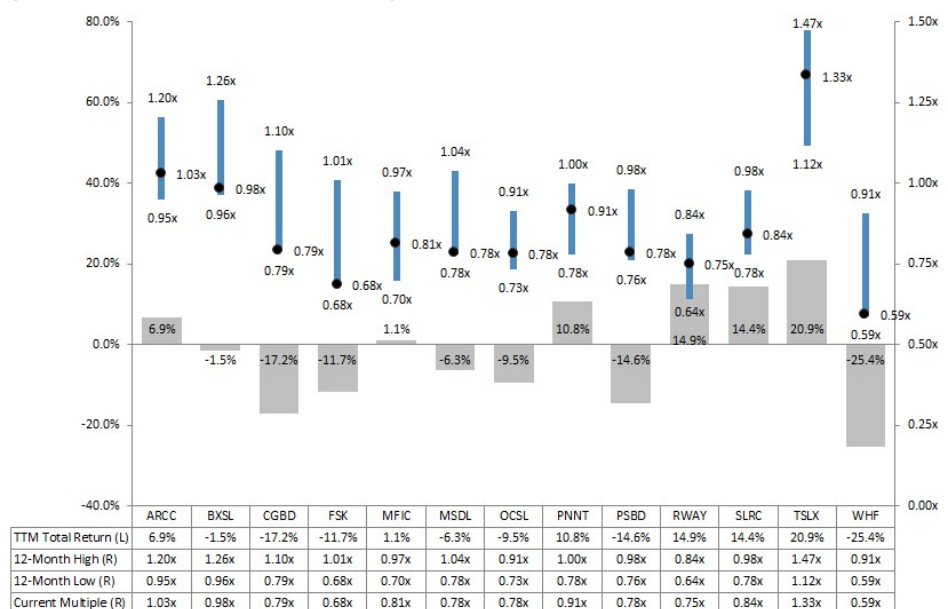
P/NAV Multiples Have Mostly Retreated Toward TTM Lows as Fed Policy Begins to Catch Up with Capital Markets' Expectations of Lower Interest Rates

Volatility across the industry persisted in 3Q, as P/NAV multiples retrenched toward post-Liberation Day lows after having recovered from them in the June quarter. From the end of 1Q25 to post-Liberation Day troughs (approx a week later), P/NAV multiples across our BDC coverage universe compressed ~15%, as investors grappled with the potential implications of tariff policy. But those concerns began to quickly subside as investors believed tariff policy would be more benign than initially feared and BDC P/NAV multiples staged a strong recovery, climbing an average of 19% (through July 24) from their post-Liberation Day trough levels. Since then, P/NAV multiples in our BDC coverage universe have contracted an average of 13% (with wide dispersion around that average).

Most of the BDCs in our coverage universe now trade at P/NAV multiples toward the low end of their respective 12-month ranges; on average, multiples across our coverage universe are at a HSD discount to their post-AFFE average levels. Three of the BDCs in our coverage universe are trading at or above NAV, and the remaining 10 BDCs in our coverage universe are trading below the historical industry average of 1.0x.

We note that BDCs with more resilient P/NAV multiples that are trading at or above 1.0x have a substantial advantage with the ability to access capital markets compared to peers that trade below NAV.

Figure 1: BDC P/NAV Multiples have Mostly Retrenched Near Their TTM Lows



Source: S&P Market Intelligence, Bloomberg Finance L.P., and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Note: Data through 9/30/25.

Coverage Summary

ARCC - Maintain Overweight given lengthy public track record through market cycles, flexible mandate, and one of the largest origination platforms in the industry. ARCC is well positioned to opportunistically allocate capital across the capital stack in an environment characterized by volatile (and now tighter) spreads. In a tight spread environment, ARCC also benefits from some of the lowest borrowing costs across the industry. ARCC will benefit from an eventual recovery in deal activity, given its scaled platform and consistent access to capital. Non-accruals have been generally stable below ARCC's long-term average non-accrual rate. We believe the dividend is secure and supported by meaningful spillover income that equates to nearly three quarters of full dividends; we model a continued quarterly dividend of \$0.48 and full coverage through NII in 2026. At the end of 2Q, ARCC had \$1.29/sh of spillover income.

BXSL - Maintain Overweight, given focus on first lien assets (which investors have favored in recent years), very low non-accruals resulting from the upper middle market first lien focus, as well scale in the private credit industry. BXSL is well positioned to outperform peers in an environment where incumbency could be particularly important (in the event of increased strategic deal activity) and where private credit solutions take share from the public market. BXSL has ample capital (and access to more) to deploy, a strong earnings profile (supported by industry-leading borrowing costs) and NAV growth, and a very low non-accrual rate. We now model the dividend being reduced back to its previous \$0.70/sh quarterly level beginning in 2026, down from the current \$0.77/sh level. Our assumption is based on mgmt's commentary over the last several quarters about aligning the dividend with the earnings power of the portfolio and our NII estimates in 2026 and 2027; our new dividend estimate implies dividend coverage by NII in excess of 100% for 2026 and 2027. Importantly, we highlight that mgmt's comments have been high level; any dividend realignment may look different in structure or amount from our estimates. While BXSL maintains meaningful spillover income that equates to \$1.86/sh (~2.5 quarters of full dividends), we do not believe that will be relied on in lieu of aligning the regular dividend with mgmt's view of the intermediate-term earnings power of the portfolio.

CGBD - Upgrade to Neutral (from Underweight) on relative valuation. CGBD's merger earlier this year with one of the Carlyle private BDCs brings the benefit of additional scale and also eliminates the overhang of its costly convertible preferred. We believe CGBD remains a "show me" story, with investors looking for earnings stability, particularly in the face of a declining interest rate environment, before re-rating shares higher. Non-accruals have fluctuated in the last year, but remain generally lower than CGBD's historical levels. While we model dividend coverage slightly below 100% through 2027 (by a magnitude of a penny or two quarterly), mgmt has highlighted CGBD's spillover income, which we estimate to be more than two full quarters of dividends (or \$0.89/sh), and we expect mgmt will use that spillover income to maintain the current dividend based on our interpretation of mgmt's comments on recent earnings calls. We view current valuation levels and potential upside as more in line with peers, resulting in our upgrade to Neutral from Underweight.

FSK - Maintain Neutral, as investors await stabilization of credit and NAV, as well as clarity on the earnings power of the portfolio in a declining rate environment. Non-accruals jumped again in 2Q and drove a 6% NAV decline, reigniting long-

standing investor concerns about FSK's credit quality. Non-accruals at cost jumped to 5.3% (from 3/5% Q/Q), following a five-quarter trend of sequential improvement, where non-accruals (at cost) had improved by 550bps. spillover income that we estimate to be ~2.6 quarters of full dividends (including the \$0.06/sh quarterly supplemental). We believe there is a chance that FSK will realign the dividend with the earnings power of the portfolio in 2026, though much of this is based on reading between the lines of mgmt comments on earnings calls. For modeling purposes, we assume that FSK will reduce the regular dividend to \$0.50/sh (implying a ~9.1% base dividend yield on 2Q25 NAV) and a supplemental dividend level that equates to ~half of the adj. NII in excess of the base dividend level. This is our estimate of what a reasonable base + supplemental framework could look like based on our estimated earnings power of quarterly NII/sh in the mid-\$0.50 range. Mgmt has not announced any specifics about a post-2025 dividend framework and we believe details could come in the next quarter or two. However, we believe our estimates reflect a reasonable, theoretical framework for investors to consider.

MFIC - Maintain Neutral, with shares fairly valued as investors await a further rotation of assets following the merger with AFT and AIF and clarity about the portfolio's earnings power and any potential impact to the dividend before re-rating shares. This is particularly relevant, given MFIC's minimal spillover income to support the dividend in the face of a declining interest rate environment. The non-accrual rate has fluctuated over the last year, but has generally remained below 2% of investments at cost, which we consider to be generally low / comparable to many peers. We model dividend coverage through NII slightly below 100% through 2027 and with minimal spillover income, we see the potential for MFIC to possibly re-evaluate the \$0.38/sh quarterly dividend. We also note that mgmt's recent earnings call comments about the dividend and earnings power have centered around the redeployment of capital from certain portfolio company repayments to boost the portfolio's earnings power.

MSDL - Maintain Neutral as shares are fairly valued. Following the recent CEO change, we expect MSDL to maintain its focus on first lien, senior secured investments and its direct lending strategy. MSDL's portfolio has generated very low non-accruals (<1% at cost). While we model dividend coverage close to 100% in 2025, we model spillover income of \$0.82/sh (~1.6 quarters of regular dividends), which we believe will be used to support the base dividend in a lower yield / lower rate environment. We continue to model a \$0.50/sh regular quarterly dividend for MSDL.

OCSL - Maintain Neutral, as a re-rating of shares seems unlikely without a greater line of sight to NAV stability and sustained improvement in non-accruals. Following OCSL's dividend reduction and implementation of a more flexible "base plus variable supplement" dividend framework in the December quarter, we now model full dividend coverage through NII. We view this as appropriate, given the minimal amount of spillover income at OCSL. We continue to view Oaktree Capital as an experienced alternative asset manager with a deep bench of investment expertise in fixed income, opportunistic credit, and distressed debt, but we believe a re-rating of the BDC shares require fundamental improvement in earnings power and credit profile.

PNNT - Maintain Neutral, as sizable spillover income should support PNNT's relative valuation premium vs. peers while investors continue to await asset rotation. PNNT trades at a 9% discount to NAV, which is a premium relative to its own historical post-AFFE average multiple. We see potential benefits to PNNT's earnings

power from continued growth of the PSLF JV and the associated dividend and potential rotation of assets out of non-earning investments, which accounted for ~27% of investments (excluding the JV). Absent that rotation, we see potential headwinds to PNNT's earnings power in a declining rate environment. That being said, we believe PNNT's dividend is secure, as the company has substantial spillover income (\$0.84/sh or ~3.5 quarters of regular dividend) to support it. We maintain our dividend estimates of \$0.24/sh through our forecast period, despite modeling dividend coverage through NII below 100%.

PSBD - Downgrade to Neutral (from Overweight) on relative valuation and earnings headwinds in a lower rate / spread environment. We believe that shares are fairly valued vs. peers at current levels, which reflect investor concerns about the earnings power of the portfolio in a lower interest rate environment and the impact on NAV of increased volatility in the broadly syndicated loan market. PSBD should be well positioned to capitalize on periods of uncertainty, given the portfolio's relatively more liquid holdings that enable the team to rotate holdings more nimbly than peers. However, the current rate and spread environment has posed headwinds to PSBD's earnings power and volatility in the broadly syndicated markets has pressured NAV. Non-accruals have increased modestly in recent quarters, but remain very low (0.3% at cost as of 2Q25) on an absolute and relative basis. We now model dividend coverage above 100% through our forecast horizon following PSBD's earlier implementation of a lower base dividend + supplemental framework.

RWAY - Maintain Neutral, as we see investors seeking stability in the earnings stream and NAV, as well as optimized originations and portfolio leverage (particularly following the acquisition of the adviser by BC Partners) before re-rating shares. The non-accrual rate has improved in recent quarters to 0.4% of investments at cost in 2Q25. We model full dividend coverage through our forecast period following RWAY's base dividend reduction (including a supplemental framework) that took effect in the March quarter. We expect the team will aim to slowly grow spillover income over time.

SLRC - Maintain Underweight as investors look for clarity on earnings power in a lower interest rate environment and whether NII will continue to cover the dividend. Non-accruals remain very subdued at 0.5% at cost as of 2Q25. We model dividend coverage through NII slightly below 100% through 2027. While mgmt has discussed rotating increasingly into its higher-yielding specialty finance verticals (which would support earnings power), we see the potential for SLRC to possibly re-evaluate the \$0.41/sh quarterly dividend. We expect investors will look for additional guidance from mgmt about dividend policy in the coming quarters.

TSLX - Downgrade to Neutral from Overweight on relative valuation. TSLX remains an industry leader on long-term ROE, opportunistic allocation of capital, and selectivity. However, TSLX has outperformed peers YTD and over the TTM such that upside has become limited and valuation has become disproportionately skewed relative to peers. Importantly, non-accruals remain in the LSD range on a cost basis and NAV has been relatively stable. We model dividend coverage above 100% through our forecast horizon; spillover income is ~2.5 quarters of dividends and we expect it will continue to slowly grow.

WHF - Maintain Underweight, as investors await NAV and earnings stability, as well as clarity about dividend policy. WHF's portfolio credit trajectory improved in

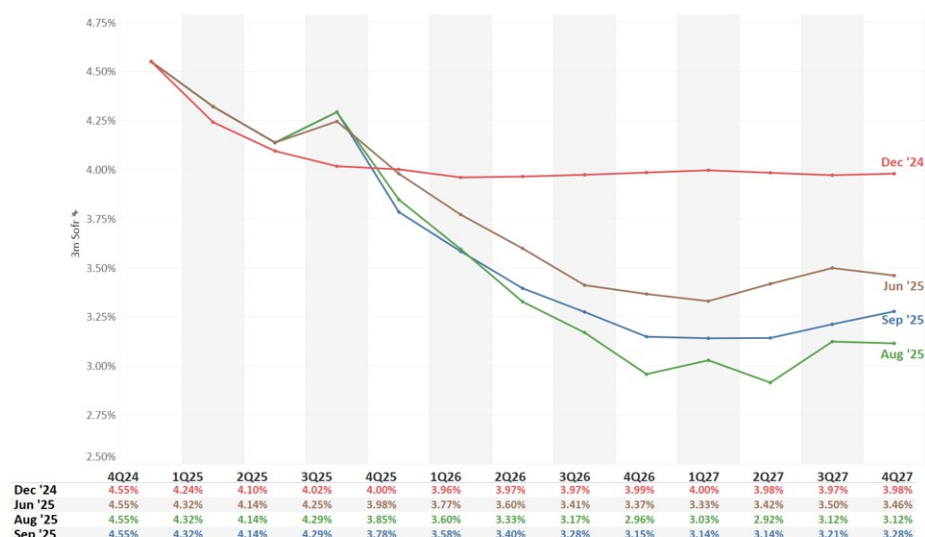
2Q, but has been particularly volatile and continues to have one of the highest non-accrual rates within our coverage. Elevated non-accruals have pressured both NAV and the earnings power of the portfolio. Mgmt continues to evaluate the earnings power of the portfolio in the near / medium term. We expect WHF's spillover income of \$9.7M to be mostly paid out by YE2025. We assume that WHF will align the dividend with the earnings power of the portfolio beginning in 2026 (we assume a base + supplemental framework). Assuming this change in policy, we model dividend coverage through NII in excess of 100%. Without that, we would expect continued pressure on NAV, as our NII estimates are below the current dividend level. We expect investors to remain focused on NAV stability, earnings power, the stabilization / continued improvement of credit metrics, and clarity about the dividend policy.

We Modestly Reduce Our NII Estimates on Slightly Lower Expected Base Rates

BDC Earnings Power Set to Continue Normalizing Off of Peak Levels, Given Forward Curve Expectations

The forward curve currently embedded in our estimates (see the blue line for September '25 in Figure 2) projects the three-month SOFR to decline to 3.78% by YE2025 (-36bps vs. 2Q25 levels) and another ~60bps in 2026, then remain relatively flat (+15bps) in 2027.

Figure 2: 3-Month SOFR Forward Curve Fluctuations in 2025



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.

Our estimates now reflect a mid-teens % Y/Y decline in NII on average in 2025, and a LSD decline in each of 2026 and 2027. We expect continued volatility in the forward curve as policy uncertainty drives broad swings in investor expectations for interest rates and sentiment. Our estimates are mixed versus consensus estimates in 2025 and 2026; there are few estimates available for 2027, reducing the reliability of consensus estimates for comparison purposes in 2027.

Table 1: Changes to JPM NII/sh Estimates; JPMe vs. Consensus

	2025					2025					2026					2027				
	JPMe (Revised)	JPMe (Previous)	% Change in JPMe	JPMe vs Consensus	JPMe vs Consensus	JPMe (Revised)	JPMe (Previous)	% Change in JPMe	JPMe vs Consensus	JPMe vs Consensus	JPMe (Revised)	JPMe (Previous)	% Change in JPMe	JPMe vs Consensus	JPMe vs Consensus	JPMe (New)	JPMe (Previous)	% Change in JPMe	JPMe vs Consensus	JPMe vs Consensus
ARCC	\$0.35	\$0.35	0%	\$0.50	-1%	\$2.00	\$2.00	0%	\$2.01	0%	\$1.94	\$1.95	-1%	\$1.97	-2%	\$1.92	\$1.93	0%	\$1.93	0%
BKSL	\$0.78	\$0.78	0%	\$0.78	-1%	\$3.18	\$3.17	0%	\$3.16	1%	\$2.99	\$3.08	-3%	\$2.93	2%	\$2.82	\$2.91	-3%	\$2.70	4%
CBDO	\$0.38	\$0.38	0%	\$0.39	-4%	\$1.57	\$1.57	0%	\$1.54	2%	\$1.56	\$1.58	-1%	\$1.58	-1%	\$1.57	\$1.60	-2%	\$1.58	-1%
FSK	\$0.38	\$0.37	2%	\$0.57	1%	\$2.41	\$2.39	1%	\$2.38	1%	\$2.22	\$2.24	-1%	\$2.18	2%	\$2.17	\$2.18	0%	\$2.08	4%
MFIC	\$0.38	\$0.38	0%	\$0.38	0%	\$1.51	\$1.50	1%	\$1.52	0%	\$1.48	\$1.49	-1%	\$1.49	-1%	\$1.47	\$1.50	-2%	\$1.42	4%
MSDL	\$0.47	\$0.47	0%	\$0.50	-6%	\$1.99	\$2.00	-1%	\$2.03	-2%	\$1.93	\$1.99	-3%	\$1.92	1%	\$1.88	\$1.95	-4%	\$1.88	0%
OCSL	\$0.40	\$0.40	0%	\$0.39	4%	\$1.77	\$1.77	0%	\$1.75	1%	\$1.63	\$1.61	1%	\$1.54	6%	\$1.68	\$1.63	3%	\$1.56	7%
PNNT	\$0.17	\$0.17	0%	\$0.17	-2%	\$0.72	\$0.72	0%	\$0.73	-2%	\$0.74	\$0.72	3%	\$0.71	5%	\$0.74	\$0.73	1%	\$0.64	16%
PSBD	\$0.41	\$0.41	0%	\$0.41	0%	\$1.65	\$1.66	-1%	\$1.64	0%	\$1.62	\$1.59	2%	\$1.56	4%	\$1.58	\$1.53	3%	\$1.48	5%
RWAY	\$0.41	\$0.40	2%	\$0.39	4%	\$1.59	\$1.55	3%	\$1.57	1%	\$1.47	\$1.43	3%	\$1.52	-3%	\$1.49	\$1.43	4%	\$1.44	4%
SLRC	\$0.41	\$0.42	-2%	\$0.41	-1%	\$1.63	\$1.65	-1%	\$1.63	0%	\$1.61	\$1.63	-1%	\$1.63	-1%	\$1.54	\$1.57	-2%	\$1.53	0%
TLXK	\$0.52	\$0.52	0%	\$0.52	0%	\$2.18	\$2.18	0%	\$2.17	1%	\$2.01	\$2.05	-1%	\$2.04	-1%	\$2.00	\$2.02	-1%	\$1.96	2%
WHF	\$0.39	\$0.39	0%	\$0.29	0%	\$1.17	\$1.18	-1%	\$1.15	2%	\$1.14	\$1.11	3%	\$1.09	5%	\$1.10	\$1.05	5%	\$1.05	5%

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates and Bloomberg Finance L.P. consensus estimates.

Base Dividend Coverage Compresses Modestly, Though Dividends Appear Secure Given Spillover Income (in Some Cases); We Look for Additional Dividend Reductions in 2026

Based on our estimates, we expect dividend coverage ratios to remain fairly close to or above 100% for most of our coverage for the remainder of 2025, excluding discretionary supplemental dividends that have been declared and following dividend reductions that have already occurred. For five of the BDCs in our coverage universe (CGBD, FSK, MSDL, PNNT, and WHF), we model 2025 dividend coverage below 100%.

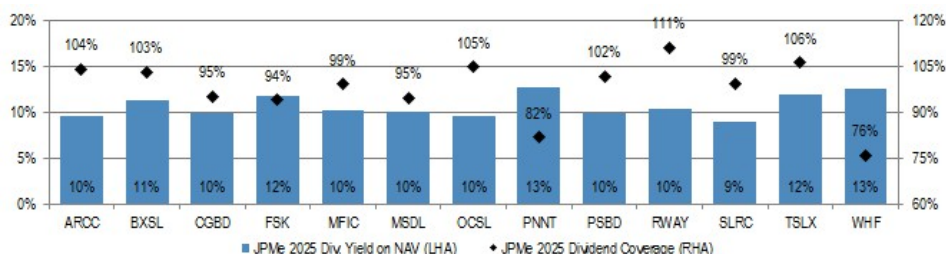
We note that FSK's and PNNT's dividend coverage levels are impacted by the excess spillover income the companies have accrued and have been paying out in the form of higher dividends. Even adjusting the dividend coverage ratios for those companies to exclude the excess amount being paid out, our estimates reflect coverage ratios below 100%. However, given the amount of spillover income accumulated at each of those companies, we do not model a change in the dividend policy in 2025. For MSDL, we model a \$0.10 special dividend in 4Q25. Absent that, the dividend would be essentially fully covered in 2025.

For CGBD, we model a modest shortfall in dividend coverage through 2H25. In 2026, we model a very modest, but consistent shortfall in full dividend coverage through NII by a penny or two quarterly. Mgmt noted in last quarter's earnings call that they believe they will be able to maintain the \$0.40/sh base dividend, especially with the \$0.89/sh of spillover income to support the dividend. Based on these comments, we continue to model the \$0.40/sh base dividend (plus the supplemental framework) through our forecast horizon.

In the case of WHF, we note that management has indicated for several quarters that they continue to evaluate the dividend in the near and medium term in the context of the earnings power of the portfolio and other relevant factors; we estimate WHF had \$26.3M of spillover income (taken with WHF's 23.2M shares outstanding equates to ~ \$1.13/sh by our math), which equates to nearly three full quarters of dividends. While we believe management might evaluate the dividend level, there is ample spillover to cover shortfall in the near term.

Figure 3: Base Dividend Coverage to Remain Near Full Coverage Levels in 2025, Supported by Some Cases of Meaningful Spillover Income; All Eyes on 2026 Dividend Policies

Dividend Coverage: NII / Dividend



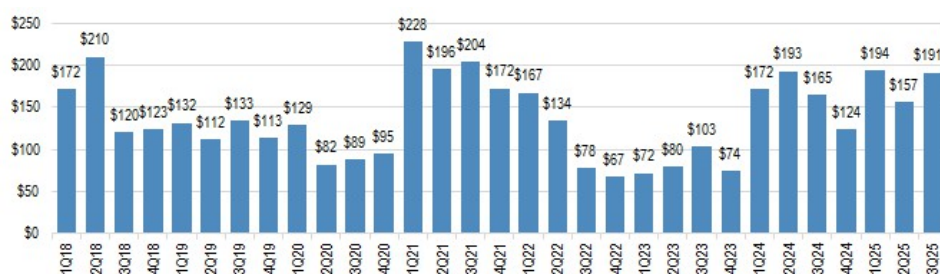
Note: Our dividend coverage estimates exclude pre-announced supplemental dividends for FSK (\$0.06/qtr) and PNNT (\$0.02/qtr) that are funded from spillover income.
Source: J.P. Morgan estimates.

Leveraged Loan Volumes Increased in 3Q as Capital Markets Remained Open

Leveraged loan issuance increased sequentially in 3Q as volatility and macro uncertainty driven by tariff policy abated and fundamental macroeconomic resilience persisted. Total leveraged loan issuance volumes increased sequentially to \$191B in 3Q (through 9/26/25) from \$157B in 2Q. Meanwhile, direct lending volumes are estimated to be flat / slightly higher in 2Q vs. the prior quarter.

Figure 4: Leveraged Loan Issuance by Quarter

\$ in billions

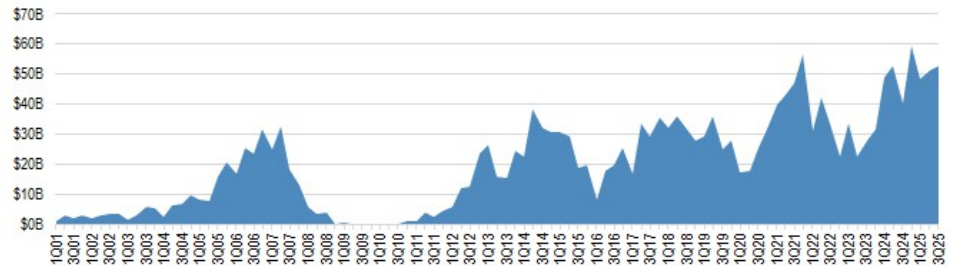


Source: Pitchbook | LCD.

Projecting Relative NAV Stability in 3Q on ~Stable Spreads

CLO issuance remained robust sequentially in 3Q25 (through 9/26/25) at \$52.6B vs. \$51.3B in 2Q, driving elevated demand for leveraged loan assets.

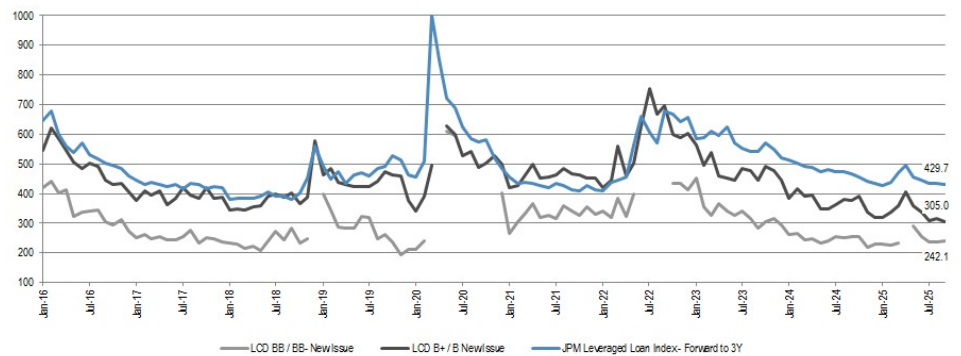
Figure 5: Quarterly Flows: CLO Issuance Remains Robust in 3Q



Source: Pitchbook | LCD and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Spreads on B+/B narrowed 15bps to SOFR+305.0 in September from SOFR+338.7 in June; spreads on BB/BB- also narrowed 15bps to SOFR+242.1 vs. SOFR+256.6 in June. The J.P. Morgan Leveraged Loan Index was consistent in the narrowing trend, showing that spreads compressed by 15bps in 3Q to SOFR+429.7 from SOFR+446.9 in June.

Figure 6: Leveraged Loan Spreads Widened Meaningfully in Early 2Q, but Recovered Well Later in the Quarter



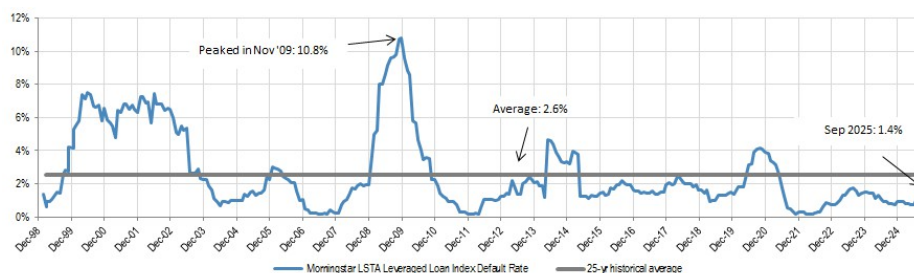
Source: S&P Market Intelligence, J.P. Morgan.

Our analysis suggests that reported NAVs will be little changed, given the recovery in spreads and volatility in 3Q, with increased attention being paid to asset yields, the trajectory of base rates, and the outlook for dividends in 2026.

Default Rate Increases in 3Q, Driven by a Large Late Quarter Filing

According to data from the Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index, the default rate for leveraged loans increased to 1.39% in 3Q vs. 1.11% at the end of 2Q, but remained below the long-term average of 2.6%. The default rate had remained stable through most of the quarter, until the Chapter 11 filing from First Brands on September 29. The J.P. Morgan High Yield team has maintained their default forecast for leveraged loans to end 2025 at 3.25% and increase to 4.75% in 2026.

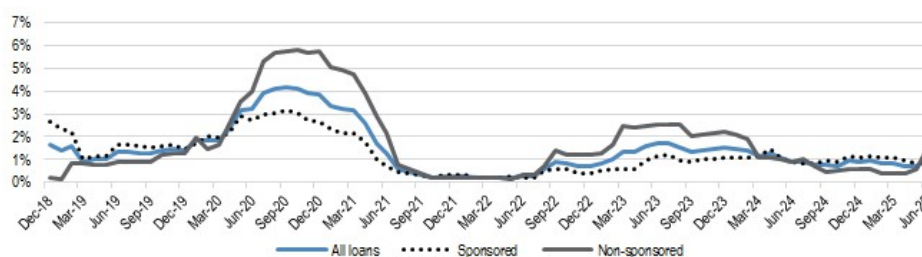
Figure 7: Leveraged Loan Defaults



Source: PitchBook | LCD; Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index.

Defaults in 3Q (through August) were driven by default activity at non-sponsor-backed companies. Defaults as a percentage of total amount from non-sponsored issuers were essentially stable at 1.48% in August vs. 1.55% in 2Q, while defaults as a percentage of sponsor-backed loan amounts deteriorated slightly to 0.96% in August from 0.83% in June. The combined default rate (as a percentage of total amount) was essentially stable at 1.15% in August from 1.11% in June.

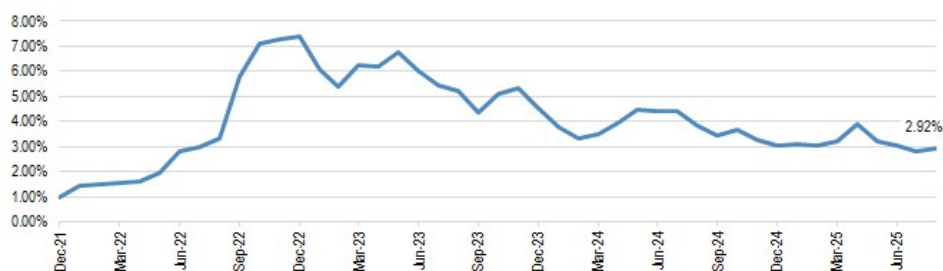
Figure 8: Default Rates for Sponsored Companies, Non-Sponsored Companies, and All Loans



Source: PitchBook | LCD; Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index.

Based on data from PitchBook | LCD and the Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index, the distressed loan ratio improved slightly (~14bps) QTD through August to 2.92% from 3.06% in the June quarter.

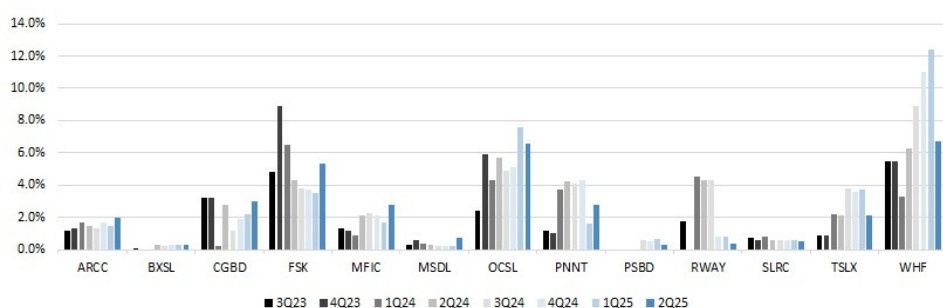
Figure 9: Distressed Loan Ratio Improved Slightly QTD (through August)



Source: PitchBook | LCD; Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index.

Non-accrual rates for seven of 13 of our covered BDCs were stable / improved on a Q/Q basis in 2Q, while the remainder saw non-accrual rates increase (though the rate of increase varied from quite modest to +1.8%). Our models assume that non-accruals will increase by 25bps annually through 2027.

Figure 10: BDC Non-Accrual Rates (at Cost)



Source: Company reports.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Ares Capital (*Overweight; Price Target: \$22.00*)

Investment Thesis

We maintain our Overweight rating. We believe the strength of ARCC's origination platform, sizable balance sheet, access to capital markets, and ample liquidity position the company favorably. ARCC's scale and industry relationships enable the BDC to continue to make competitive, high-credit-quality investments. We believe ARCC's position as one of the largest BDC platforms affords an advantage in deploying capital opportunistically during market stress and securing funding. We believe ARCC's solid capital and liquidity position as well as its position as one of the market leaders is not reflected in the share price (shares trade at 1.02x 6/30/25 NAV, modestly above the company's longer-term average).

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 price target of \$22. Our price target is based on a 1.10x target multiple of our YE2026 NAV estimate of \$19.96. Our target multiple for ARCC reflects the company's ability to opportunistically allocate capital across the capital stack in an environment characterized by volatile (and now tighter) spreads. In a tight spread environment, ARCC also benefits from some of the lowest borrowing costs across the industry. Our higher multiple reflects the beginning of a recovery in deal activity in late 2Q/early 3Q, and ARCC's advantaged position to capitalize on that given its scaled platform and consistent access to capital. Our price target implies a 16% annualized total return.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Downside risks. Ares Capital assumes substantial portfolio risk by investing in private, non-investment-grade companies. While the company seeks to mitigate this risk through diversification (across companies, industries, geographies, and instruments) and investment selection, it remains subject to earnings volatility and capital losses. Also, substantially all of these investments are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If ARCC is required to liquidate its portfolio, the company may not be able to realize the carrying value of the securities. This could lead to reduced earnings or impairments of book value, potentially triggering dividend cuts and share price declines. As a BDC, ARCC is required to distribute at least 90% of taxable income to shareholders in the form of a dividend. We expect that ARCC will periodically issue new shares. Overhang from potential offerings may limit share price appreciation.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Blackstone Secured Lending *(Overweight; Price Target: \$29.00)*

Investment Thesis

We maintain our OW rating. BXSL benefits from its association with Blackstone's top-tier alternative investments platform. The Blackstone platform affords BXSL access to the resources of the adviser, tapping into Blackstone's deep bench of investment professionals and sector experts. BXSL is part of a strong direct origination platform and benefits from Blackstone's ability to structure and negotiate terms and underwriting. BXSL also benefits from Blackstone's substantial access to capital, driving cost of borrow rates in line with industry-leading platforms. The portfolio is well positioned for rising rates, with ~99% of portfolio investments bearing floating rates. Our OW rating on the stock reflects the quality of the portfolio (focus on first-lien loans to larger EBITDA companies), stability of credit metrics (with very low non-accruals), best-in-class borrowing costs, the substantial earnings power of the portfolio, and dividend coverage.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$29. Our Dec 2026 price target is based on a 1.05x target multiple of our YE2026 NAV estimate of \$27.57. Our target multiple reflects our view that BXSL is well positioned to outperform peers in an environment where incumbency could be particularly important (in the event of increased strategic deal activity) and where private credit solutions take share from the public market. BXSL has ample capital (and access to more) to deploy, a strong earnings profile (supported by industry-leading borrowing costs) and NAV growth, and a very low non-accrual rate. Our price target implies a 21% annualized total return.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Downside risks. BXSL assumes substantial portfolio risk by investing in private, non-investment-grade companies. While the company seeks to mitigate this risk through diversification and investment selection, it remains subject to earnings volatility and capital losses. Also, substantially all of these investments are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If BXSL is required to liquidate its portfolio, the company may not be able to realize the carrying value of the securities. This could lead to reduced earnings or impairments of book value, potentially triggering dividend cuts and share price declines. As an RIC/BDC, BXSL is required to nearly fully distribute income through dividends, severely limiting its ability to retain capital. Finally, BXSL relies on leverage to enhance returns. Reduced access to leverage or increases in borrowing costs could materially impact BXSL's performance.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Carlyle Secured Lending *(Neutral; Price Target: \$12.50)*

Investment Thesis

We upgrade our rating to Neutral from Underweight. CGBD benefits from its association with Carlyle's top-tier alternative investments platform. The Carlyle private equity platform affords CGBD access to the broader resources of the adviser, tapping into Carlyle's hundreds of investment professionals and leveraging the institutional knowledge and private market investing expertise of Carlyle. CGBD is part of a strong direct origination platform and benefits from Carlyle's ability to negotiate terms and underwriting as the platform is able to invest across the capital structure. The portfolio comprises ~100% floating rate investments. CGBD recently (in 1Q25) completed a merger with one of the Carlyle private BDCs that will bring the benefit of additional scale and also eliminated the overhang of its costly convertible preferred. We believe CGBD remains a "show me" story, with investors looking for earnings stability, particularly in the face of a declining interest rate environment before re-rating shares higher. Non-accruals have fluctuated in the last year, but remain generally lower than CGBD's historical levels. While we model dividend coverage slightly below 100% in 2025 and 2026, mgmt has highlighted CGBD's spillover income, which we estimate to be more than two full quarters of dividends, and we expect mgmt will use that spillover income to maintain the current dividend. Our Neutral rating reflects return potential in line with peers, as current valuation levels reflect the "show me" story.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$12.50. Our price target for CGBD is based on a 0.75x target multiple of our YE2026 NAV estimate of \$16.31. Our target multiple reflects the progress made in 2Q on re-levering the portfolio towards target levels to support the earnings power of the company, but also accounts for the "show me" nature of this investment, lower implied forward base rates, as well as earnings power that may not cover the base dividend level in a lower interest rate environment. Our price target implies an annualized total return of 13%.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside and downside risks. CGBD could outperform our expectations if the portfolio benefits more than we expect from asset sensitivity and higher forward rates if credit performance and non-accruals remain muted. CGBD could also outperform our estimates if the company exits higher-cost, pre-merger financing, which we do not contemplate in our estimates. CGBD assumes substantial portfolio risk by investing in private, non-investment-grade companies. While the company seeks to mitigate this risk through diversification and investment selection, it remains subject to earnings volatility and capital losses. Also, substantially all of these investments are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If CGBD were required to liquidate its portfolio, the company may not be able to realize the carrying value of the securities. This could lead to reduced earnings or impairments of book value, potentially triggering dividend cuts and share price declines. Finally, CGBD relies on leverage to enhance returns. Reduced access to leverage or increases in borrowing costs could materially impact CGBD's performance.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

FS KKR Capital Corp *(Neutral; Price Target: \$15.00)*

Investment Thesis

We reiterate our Neutral rating. FSK is one of the largest publicly traded BDCs following its June 2021 combination with FSKR and prior to that with CCT in December 2018; some legacy and non-accrual investments have been a drag on valuation. While FSK has improved its portfolio credit profile for five consecutive quarters through 1Q25, non-accruals moved higher once again in 2Q, driving a sizable NAV decline. Investors await stabilization of NAV, as well as clarity on the earnings power of the portfolio in a declining rate environment. Though we model dividend coverage through NII at just below 100% in 2025, we note FSK's meaningful spillover income that we estimate to be ~2.6 quarters of full dividends (including the \$0.06/sh quarterly supplemental). However, we model a variable + supplemental framework beginning in 2026, as we expect FSK to align its dividend policy with the earnings power of the portfolio in a lower interest rate environment. Shares currently trade at a discount to 2Q25 NAV (0.68x).

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$15. Our price target is based on 0.70x our YE2026 NAV estimate of \$21.52. Our target multiple reflects investor concerns about stability of credit within the portfolio and NAV volatility, as well as uncertain earnings power and dividend policy in a potentially lower interest rate environment. Our price target implies an annualized 16% total return.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside and downside risks. FSK assumes substantial portfolio risk by investing in private, non-investment-grade companies. While the company seeks to mitigate this risk through diversification and investment selection, it remains subject to earnings volatility and capital losses. Also, substantially all of these investments are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If FSK is required to liquidate its portfolio, the company may not be able to realize the carrying value of the securities. This could lead to reduced earnings or impairments of book value, potentially triggering dividend cuts and share price declines. As a RIC/BDC, FSK is required to nearly fully distribute income through dividends, severely limiting its ability to retain capital. Finally, FSK relies on leverage to enhance returns. Reduced access to leverage or increases in borrowing costs could materially impact FSK's performance. If macroeconomic factors, including GDP and unemployment, improve more quickly than we anticipate, FSK's middle market portfolio may outperform our expectations and drive a re-rating of shares closer to NAV.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

MidCap Financial Investment *(Neutral; Price Target: \$12.00)*

Investment Thesis

Maintain Neutral. Our Neutral rating reflects MFIC's projected earnings profile following its merger with two Apollo-led closed-end funds. Following the merger, we see reduced portfolio leverage, which poses a headwind to near-term earnings power. We believe that investors will need to see progress on re-levering the portfolio, further rotation of under-earnings investments to expand the margin of dividend coverage, and NAV stability before re-rating shares. Asset rotation is particularly important, given MFIC's minimal spillover income to support the dividend in the face of a declining interest rate environment. The non-accrual rate has fluctuated over the last year, but has generally remained below 2% of investments at cost, which we consider to be generally low / comparable to many peers. Shares currently trade at 0.81x 6/30/25 NAV and we believe offer risk-adjusted returns that are in line with those for peers.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$12. This is based on a 0.80x target multiple on YE2026 forecast NAV of \$14.70. Our target multiple reflects relative stabilization in NAV and improvement in non-accruals. We model nearly full dividend coverage through NII, and note that MFIC has "minimal" spillover income. We believe investors will need to see further rotation of assets and improvement in earnings power before more fully re-rating shares. Our price target implies an annualized total return of 13%.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside and downside risks. MFIC shares could outperform our price target estimate if the portfolio's earnings power improves through faster than expected portfolio rotation and/or yield stability/expansion. MFIC has increased its leverage. Should the credit market experience disruption or volatility, MFIC could underperform based on idiosyncratic credit performance. Shares could also underperform if MFIC lowers its quarterly dividend.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Morgan Stanley Direct Lending *(Neutral; Price Target: \$16.00)*

Investment Thesis

We reiterate our Neutral rating. This reflects our view that MSDL is a solid option for investors who are looking for a first-lien-focused, direct-lending strategy with a competitive dividend yield supported by sizable spillover income, an attractive fee structure, and accretive share repurchase activity. Following the recent CEO change, we expect MSDL to maintain its focus on first-lien, senior secured investments and its direct-lending strategy. MSDL's portfolio has generated very low non-accruals (<1% at cost). While we model dividend coverage close to 100% in 2025, we model spillover income of ~1.6 quarters of regular dividends, which we believe will be used to support the base dividend in a lower-yield/lower-rate environment. Our Neutral rating reflects the strength of the Morgan Stanley franchise and sourcing potential, but also reflects that MSDL appears more fairly valued relative to some BDC peers in our coverage universe.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 price target of \$16. Our Dec 2026 price target is based on a 0.80x target multiple of our YE2026 NAV estimate of \$20.31. Our target multiple reflects increased macro risk and yield compression, despite MSDL's minimal non-accruals, first-lien focus, and ability to increase portfolio leverage incrementally. Our price target implies a potential annualized total return of 13%.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside and downside risks. MSDL shares could outperform our price target estimate if the portfolio's earnings power remains elevated beyond our estimates, particularly if reference rates remain higher for longer. MSDL could outperform our estimates if the company employs a greater degree of financial leverage than we currently model. MSDL is pursuing higher yield strategies, which may be more volatile and lead to greater losses during recessionary environments. MSDL assumes substantial portfolio risk by investing in highly levered, non-investment grade companies. While it attempts to mitigate this risk through diversification and investment selection, it remains subject to earnings volatility and capital losses. Should the credit market experience disruption or volatility, MSDL could underperform based on idiosyncratic credit performance. If MSDL were required to liquidate its portfolio, it may not be able to realize the carrying value of the securities, which could lead to earnings or book value impairment, potentially triggering dividend cuts and/or share price declines. MSDL is asset sensitive. Should interest rates decrease, MSDL would experience declines in NII that would only be partially offset by declines in the company's borrowing costs and pressure NIM. As an RIC/BDC, MSDL is required to distribute at least 90% of investment income to shareholders through dividends, limiting the company's ability to retain capital. As a result, MSDL could access the equity markets in the future to grow portfolio investments. MSDL could face difficulty in issuing equity during periods when shares trade below NAV.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Oaktree Specialty Lending Corp *(Neutral; Price Target: \$13.00)*

Investment Thesis

We maintain our Neutral rating. Oaktree Capital is an experienced alternative asset manager with a deep bench of investment expertise in fixed income and distressed debt. However, we view a re-rating of shares as unlikely in our forecast period without greater line of sight to NAV stability and improvement in non-accruals. Following OCSL's dividend reduction and implementation of a more flexible "base plus variable supplement" dividend framework in the December quarter, we now model full dividend coverage through NII. We view this as appropriate, given the minimal amount of spillover income at OCSL. We continue to view Oaktree Capital as an experienced alternative asset manager with a deep bench of investment expertise in fixed income, opportunistic credit, and distressed debt, but we believe a re-rating of the BDC shares require fundamental improvement in earnings power and credit profile. Shares trade at 0.78x 6/30/25 NAV.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$13. Our Dec 2026 price target of \$13 reflects a multiple of 0.775x our CYE2026 NAV estimate of \$16.72. Our target multiple reflects increased macro risk through our investment horizon, as well as OCSL's non-accrual profile and is below the historical peer average to reflect persistent NAV depreciation and non-accrual pressure, but also accounts for a more achievable dividend given the earnings power of the portfolio. Our price target implies a 13% annualized total return potential.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside and downside risks. OCSL shares could outperform our price target if the portfolio's earnings power remains elevated beyond our estimates, particularly if reference rates remain higher for longer. OCSL could outperform our estimates if the company employs a greater degree of financial leverage than we currently model. OCSL is pursuing higher yielding strategies, which may be more volatile and lead to greater losses during recessionary environments. OCSL assumes substantial portfolio risk by investing in private, non-investment-grade companies. While it attempts to mitigate this risk through diversification and investment selection, it remains subject to earnings volatility and capital losses. If OCSL is required to liquidate its portfolio, it may not be able to realize the carrying value of the securities. This could lead to reduced earnings or impairments of book value, potentially triggering dividend cuts and/or share price declines. A large portion of OCSL's corporate borrowings are at floating rates. Should interest rates rise, OCSL's cost of capital would rise while interest derived from the fixed-rate portion of its loan portfolio would remain unchanged. This could pressure NIM. As a RIC/BDC, OCSL is required to nearly fully distribute income through dividends, severely limiting its ability to retain capital. As a result, OCSL must continually access the equity markets. OCSL may face difficulty in issuing equity during periods when shares trade below NAV. Finally, OCSL relies on leverage to enhance returns. Reduced access to leverage or increases in borrowing costs could materially impact OCSL's performance.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Palmer Square Capital BDC *(Neutral; Price Target: \$12.00)*

Investment Thesis

We downgrade our rating to Neutral from Overweight. This reflects our view that current levels reflect investor questions about the portfolio's earnings power in a declining rate environment. At these levels, potential returns to our price target are in line with peers. PSBD remains a solid option for investors who are targeting private credit-like returns and prefer exposure to larger borrowers, more liquid broadly syndicated loans, and a more frequently/transparently marked portfolio managed by a team with decades of experience across a variety of leveraged credit and structured credit strategies. The Palmer Square team is focused on large, broadly syndicated senior secured loans with a focus on liquid loans to larger companies. The team maintains a smaller (~10%) allocation for opportunistic credit investments (such as CLOs, where the team has significant investment expertise). We believe PSBD's relatively small asset base and relative value approach are well suited for the broadly syndicated market as the team can rotate portfolio investments in normal course as well as in periods of market volatility to allocate to the team's best ideas, though near-term earnings power has been pressured by declining base rates and tight spreads. Shares trade at 0.78x of PSBD's 2Q25 NAV.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec 2026 PT to \$12. Our price target is based on a 0.75x target multiple of our YE2026 NAV estimate of \$15.95. Our target multiple is below the historical average P/NAV multiple of BDC peers to reflect increased macro risks through our investment horizon and PSBD's NAV volatility, but is higher than our previous target multiple to reflect resilient NII on relative value opportunities and progress on the already-low level of non-accruals. Our price target implies a potential 11% annualized total return.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside and downside risks: PSBD shares could outperform our price target if the portfolio's earnings power remains elevated beyond our estimates, particularly if reference rates remain higher for longer. PSBD could outperform our estimates if the company employs a greater degree of financial leverage than we currently model or if yields on new investments exceed our estimates. PSBD is pursuing higher yield strategies, which may be more volatile and lead to greater losses during recessionary environments. PSBD assumes substantial portfolio risk by investing in highly levered, non-investment grade companies. While it attempts to mitigate this risk through diversification, investment selection, and a focus on more liquid securities, it remains subject to earnings volatility and capital losses. If PSBD were required to liquidate its portfolio, it may not be able to realize the carrying value of the securities. This could lead to reduced earnings or impairments of book value, potentially triggering dividend cuts and/or share price declines. PSBD is asset sensitive. Should interest rates decrease, PSBD would experience declines in NII that would only be partially offset by declines in the company's borrowing costs and pressure NIM. As an RIC/BDC, PSBD is required to distribute at least 90% of investment income to shareholders through dividends, limiting the company's ability to retain capital. As a result, PSBD could access the equity markets in the future to grow portfolio investments. PSBD could face difficulty in issuing equity during periods when shares trade below NAV. PSBD invests in relatively more liquid securities vs. BDC peers (Level 2 assets vs. Level 3 assets). The increased liquidity of underlying investments could result in higher share price and P/NAV multiple volatility. PSBD relies on leverage to enhance returns. Reduced access to leverage or increases in borrowing costs could materially impact PSBD's performance.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

PennantPark Investment *(Neutral; Price Target: \$6.50)*

Investment Thesis

We reiterate our Neutral rating. Our Neutral rating reflects our belief that PNNT is making progress in rotating non-earning assets and in growing the PSLF joint venture, which could drive incremental NII growth, but that the prospect of declining interest rates poses an incremental headwind to earnings power. PNNT's elevated preferred and common equity allocation (~27% as of 6/30/25, excluding the PSLF JV and PSLF equity) pose headwinds to the earnings power of the portfolio. We believe catalysts for re-rating could include further sizable equity investment rotation, demonstrated NAV stability through the credit cycle, further scaling of the JV, sustained NII growth, and continued coverage of the dividend through NII.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$6.50. Our price target is based on 0.90x our CYE2025 NAV estimate of \$7.03. Our target multiple of 0.90x reflects potential for rotation out of non-earning equity investments, though more is needed, and ample spillover income to maintain the current dividend level. Our price target implies a 12% annualized total return.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside and downside risks. If PNNT rotates out of its equity positions into income-generating investments more quickly than we anticipate, NII could climb faster than our estimates and drive the discount to NAV to narrow. An increase in expected interest rates could also improve the portfolio's earnings power and expand NII beyond our estimates. Additionally, market sentiment could improve if the company rotated out of its equity exposures more quickly than we anticipate. If PNNT is not able to reduce its equity exposure consistent with our expectations, NII could underperform our estimates.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Runway Growth *(Neutral; Price Target: \$10.00)*

Investment Thesis

We maintain our Neutral rating. Our Neutral rating reflects our view that while RWAY is a solid option for investors to gain exposure to the late-stage venture lending space, uncertainty about the portfolio's earnings power, the recently lowered dividend, and NAV volatility will limit further narrowing of the discount to NAV within our investment horizon. Yields in venture debt typically offer several hundred bps of incremental yield vs. traditional middle market cash flow loans. The VC deal space is returning to a growth trajectory, and venture debt lending is also growing as later-stage companies remain private for longer and are embracing venture debt capital as a means to reach additional milestones and avoid/postpone dilutive equity fund-raising. It remains to be seen if the acquisition by BC Partners will expand RWAY's pipeline of investment opportunities, as management expects.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$10, based on a 0.725x target multiple of our YE2026 NAV estimate of \$13.78. Our target multiple reflects uncertain earnings power in a compressed spread and lower rate environment, and it reflects a more achievable dividend level following the reduction, but is higher than our previous target multiple to reflect solid execution in 2Q on earnings power of the portfolio, NAV stability/growth, and further improvement on non-accruals. We note that our target multiple is below the long-term historical and current average of broader BDC peers but reflects a meaningful discount to some venture lending BDC peers, though the P/NAV multiples of some peers have converged (lower) toward RWAY. There remains a "show me" aspect to RWAY, and we believe that in order to re-rate shares, investors will look for continued NAV stability/appreciation, stabilized earnings power, as well as execution on the enhanced pipeline following the acquisition by BC Partners. Our price target implies a 13% annualized potential total return.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside and downside risks. RWAY may experience portfolio gains or favorable fair value marks that exceed our estimates. Additionally, portfolio leverage may re-ramp faster than we expect, driving more robust earnings power and NAV and/or dividend growth versus our estimates. RWAY is pursuing higher-yielding strategies, which may be more volatile and lead to greater losses during recessionary environments. RWAY assumes substantial portfolio risk by investing in private, non-investment grade companies. While it attempts to mitigate this risk through diversification and investment selection, it remains subject to earnings volatility and capital losses. If RWAY is required to liquidate its portfolio, it may not be able to realize the carrying value of portfolio securities. This could lead to reduced earnings or impairments of book value, potentially triggering dividend cuts and/or share price declines. A large portion of RWAY's corporate borrowings are at floating rates. Should interest rates rise, RWAY's cost of capital would rise while interest derived from the fixed-rate portion of its loan portfolio would remain unchanged. This could pressure NIM. As a RIC/BDC, RWAY is required to nearly fully distribute income through dividends, severely limiting its ability to retain capital. As a result, RWAY may access the equity markets and may face difficulty in issuing equity during periods when shares trade below NAV. Finally, RWAY relies on leverage to enhance returns. Reduced access to leverage or increases in borrowing costs could materially impact RWAY's performance.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Sixth Street Specialty Lending *(Neutral; Price Target: \$24.00)*

Investment Thesis

We downgrade our rating to N from OW. Our Neutral rating reflects TSLX's outperformance versus peers YTD and over TTM, providing potential future returns in line with the broader peer group. TSLX benefits from a top-tier origination and sourcing pipeline through Sixth Street, which affords TSLX access to a robust middle-market network, making TSLX less reliant on more traditional (and competitive) sources of deal flow. TSLX has a substantial portfolio size, which enables it to close deals in the more profitable upper middle market, as only a handful of BDC peers can compete in that space. TSLX has a fully ramped dividend that is structured in a base plus supplemental format. While this introduces modest variability in the quarterly dividend size, it also ensures a relatively high payout consistent with the earnings power of the portfolio. Although TSLX is one of the few BDCs trading at a premium to NAV, we believe TSLX will demonstrate a peer-leading credit track record through the cycle and, from current levels, offers a potential return in line with peers.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$24. We project CYE2026 adjusted NAV of \$17.22. Our price target is derived from a 1.4x target multiple of our YE2026 adj. NAV estimate. Our target multiple is higher than our target multiples for other BDCs, driven by TSLX's peer-leading ROE profile and track record of outperforming estimates. Our target multiple for TSLX remains at the upper end of multiples of industry leaders and remains the highest in our coverage space, reflecting the relative selectivity we anticipate vs. peers through our investment horizon. We believe TSLX will continue to trade at a premium to the broader peer group given the quality and reputation of the platform as well as ample dividend coverage. Our price target implies an annualized total return potential of 13%.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside and downside risks. TSLX could outperform our estimates if base rates remain higher than expected or if fee and other income increases. TSLX could also outperform our estimates if realized and unrealized gains exceed our estimates and NAV exceeds our forecasts. TSLX assumes substantial portfolio risk by investing in private, non-investment-grade companies. While the company seeks to mitigate this risk through diversification and investment selection, it remains subject to earnings volatility and capital losses. Also, substantially all of these investments are subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and are less liquid than publicly traded securities. If TSLX is required to liquidate its portfolio, the company may not be able to realize the carrying value of the securities. This could lead to reduced earnings or impairments of book value, potentially triggering dividend cuts and share price declines. As an RIC/BDC, TSLX is required to distribute at least 90% of its income through dividends or else it will be subject to excise taxes. This could limit TSLX's ability and/or willingness to retain capital, increasing the company's reliance on accessing the capital markets. TSLX may face difficulty in issuing equity during periods when shares trade below NAV. Finally, TSLX relies on leverage to enhance returns. Reduced access to leverage or increases in borrowing costs could materially impact TSLX's performance.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

SLR Investment Corp *(Underweight; Price Target: \$15.00)*

Investment Thesis

We maintain our Underweight rating. In our view, SLRC shares offer limited upside relative to peers at current levels. We note that the team has worked to re-lever the portfolio and build out the firm's capabilities through ancillary platforms such as SLR Credit Solutions (ABL), SLR Equipment Finance, SLR Life Science Finance, and capital lessor Kingsbridge. The company is conservatively managed, and the underlying portfolio has exhibited strong credit performance. We believe management has made significant progress in achieving strategic diversification of the portfolio through multiple origination channels, which has benefitted NII/sh. Trading at 0.84x 2Q25 NAV, we believe shares reflect expected rate volatility and credit normalization. While credit metrics remain solid, our estimates reflect quite narrow dividend coverage through NII in 2025-2027. We note that this could be a non-issue should rate cuts evolve more slowly than expected or if SLRC is able to boost earnings power another way. However, we believe the narrow dividend cushion in 2025 will limit upside to the P/NAV multiple and relative total return versus peers through our investment horizon.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$15. Our price target represents a target NAV multiple of 0.825x applied to our projected YE2026 NAV of \$18.10. The target multiple reflects more robust yields in SLRC's specialty financials space that could partially insulate the portfolio's earnings power from the lower projected base rates in future periods. Our analysis accounts for SLRC's successful diversification away from cash flow loans but remains below the 1.0x long-term peer group average to reflect expected interest rate volatility, a narrow margin of excess dividend coverage, and an uncertain credit environment. Our price target equates to a potential annualized total return of 10%.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside risks. Upside risk presents if SLRC is able to re-lever the portfolio more quickly than we have forecast and/or increases the portfolio beyond our forecast and drives NII higher more quickly than our estimates assume.

Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

WhiteHorse Finance *(Underweight; Price Target: \$6.50)*

Investment Thesis

We reiterate our Underweight rating. Our Underweight rating is based on our view that credit and NAV volatility have been challenging so far this cycle and that shares could inflect lower with continued credit and NAV volatility, as well as questions about the earnings power of the portfolio and dividend coverage through NII. All BDC peers face the headwind of the economic impact on portfolio companies from inflation, supply chain disruptions, and geopolitical uncertainty. We note that WHF's differentiated self-origination strategy remains intact. We continue to believe that WHF's access to H.I.G.'s proprietary small-cap deal sourcing network enables it to originate deals that are less liquid than large- and mid-cap loans in the marketplace. We also note the smaller nature of WHF's portfolio companies, which may be more susceptible as the credit cycle progresses.

Valuation

We are establishing a Dec-2026 PT of \$6.50. This is based on a 0.55x target multiple, which below the long-term peer average trading multiple, and reflects credit challenges in the portfolio, lower NII, and dividend coverage through NII well below 100%. We apply a target multiple to our estimated YE2026 NAV of \$11.66. Our price target implies an annualized total return potential of 13%.

Risks to Rating and Price Target

Upside risks. In a rising interest rate environment, WhiteHorse Finance may benefit from a portfolio yield that increases more than we expect and/or better than expected credit performance of the portfolio. This could drive NII higher, potentially improving dividend coverage and allowing more NII to accrue to shareholders should income exceed the incentive fee catch-up range. If shares trade higher, WHF may issue equity capital to fund greater than anticipated portfolio growth.

Ares Capital: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Interest Income	1,962	2,162	2,175	2,323	Interest Income	1,962	2,162	2,175	2,323
Dividend Income	501	594	601	580	Dividend Income	501	594	601	580
Total Investment Income	2,614	2,990	3,007	3,134	Total Investment Income	2,614	2,990	3,007	3,134
Interest Expense	(582)	(715)	(751)	(788)	Interest Expense	(582)	(715)	(751)	(788)
Tax	(20)	(73)	(33)	(36)	Tax	(20)	(73)	(33)	(36)
Total expense	(1,280)	(1,470)	(1,573)	(1,655)	Total expense	(1,280)	(1,470)	(1,573)	(1,655)
Net Investment Income	1,314	1,455	1,401	1,443	Net Investment Income	1,314	1,455	1,401	1,443
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(179)	(55)	(27)	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(179)	(55)	(27)	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	435	188	(95)	(37)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	435	188	(95)	(37)
Net income	1,522	1,530	1,299	1,406	Net income	1,522	1,530	1,299	1,406
Shares O/S	582	672	726	758	Shares O/S	582	672	726	758
Weighted Avg. Shares O/S	554	624	701	742	Weighted Avg. Shares O/S	554	624	701	742
Operating EPS	2.37	2.33	2.00	1.94	Operating EPS	2.37	2.33	2.00	1.94
GAAP EPS	2.75	2.45	1.85	1.89	GAAP EPS	2.75	2.45	1.85	1.89
DPS	1.92	1.92	1.92	1.92	DPS	1.92	1.92	1.92	1.92
Balance sheet	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Investments	22,874	26,720	29,119	31,332	EPS growth	17.9%	(1.8%)	(14.2%)	(2.7%)
Cash and cash equivalents	564	860	600	600	ROA	5.7%	5.6%	4.8%	4.6%
Total assets	23,800	28,254	30,240	32,453	ROE	12.7%	11.8%	10.1%	9.7%
					Debt to equity	106.4%	103.0%	102.7%	108.6%
Total Debt	11,918	13,759	14,858	16,418	BVPS	19.24	19.89	19.93	19.96
total Liabilities	12,599	14,899	15,766	17,334	Dividend payout ratio	69.9%	78.4%	103.5%	101.3%
					Dividend Yield	9.4%	9.4%	9.4%	9.4%
Shareholders' equity	11,201	13,355	14,474	15,119					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Blackstone Secured Lending: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Interest Income	1,143	1,327	1,378	1,351	Interest Income	1,143	1,327	1,378	1,351
Dividend Income	0	0	0	0	Dividend Income	0	0	0	0
Total Investment Income	1,144	1,327	1,379	1,351	Total Investment Income	1,144	1,327	1,379	1,351
Interest Expense	(266)	(326)	(354)	(343)	Interest Expense	(266)	(326)	(354)	(343)
Tax	(17)	(15)	(8)	(2)	Tax	(17)	(15)	(8)	(2)
Total expense	-	-	-	-	Total expense	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income	654	708	731	722	Net Investment Income	654	708	731	722
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	13	(0)	(5)	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	13	(0)	(5)	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(55)	(13)	(64)	(18)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(55)	(13)	(64)	(18)
Net income	612	694	663	705	Net income	612	694	663	705
Shares O/S	186	222	234	251	Shares O/S	186	222	234	251
Weighted Avg. Shares O/S	168	201	230	242	Weighted Avg. Shares O/S	168	201	230	242
Operating EPS	3.90	3.51	3.18	2.99	Operating EPS	3.90	3.51	3.18	2.99
GAAP EPS	3.65	3.45	2.89	2.91	GAAP EPS	3.65	3.45	2.89	2.91
DPS	2.94	3.08	3.08	2.80	DPS	2.94	3.08	3.08	2.80
Balance sheet	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Investments	-	-	-	-	EPS growth	33.9%	(9.9%)	(9.4%)	(6.2%)
Cash and cash equivalents	155	230	200	200	ROA	6.5%	6.0%	5.3%	4.9%
Total assets	10,135	13,472	14,137	15,137	ROE	14.4%	12.8%	11.7%	10.8%
					Debt to equity	99.2%	116.1%	115.5%	114.1%
Total Debt	4,912	7,056	7,398	7,894	BVPS	26.66	27.39	27.37	27.57
total Liabilities	5,183	7,396	7,731	8,221	Dividend payout ratio	80.5%	89.4%	106.7%	96.1%
					Dividend Yield	11.0%	11.5%	11.5%	10.4%
Shareholders' equity	4,952	6,077	6,407	6,916					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Carlyle Secured Lending: Summary of Financials

Income Statement - Annual	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Income Statement - Quarterly	1Q25A	2Q25A	3Q25E	4Q25E
Interest Income	233	260	269	268	Interest Income	55A	67A	68	70
Interest Expense	(68)	(84)	(80)	(77)	Interest Expense	(19)A	(22)A	(22)	(22)
Net Interest Income	164	175	189	191	Net Interest Income	36A	46A	46	48
Unrealized losses on swaps	23	0	(3)	(3)	Unrealized losses on swaps	12A	(11)A	0	(1)
Realized losses on sale	(40)	(22)	0	0	Realized losses on sale	(19)A	(3)A	0	0
Management fee	(27)	(35)	(37)	(37)	Management fee	(8)A	(9)A	(9)	(9)
Incentive fee	(22)	(24)	(27)	(27)	Incentive fee	(4)A	(6)A	(7)	(7)
Non-cash equity compensation	-	-	-	-	Non-cash equity compensation	-	-	-	-
G&A	-	-	-	-	G&A	-	-	-	-
Reserve for loan losses	-	-	-	-	Reserve for loan losses	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	(56)	(67)	(73)	(74)	Total Expenses	(14)A	(17)A	(18)	(18)
Pretax Income	108	109	115	117	Pretax Income	23A	29A	28	30
Income Taxes	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	Income Taxes	(1)A	(0)A	(0)	(1)
Net Income (GAAP)	85	84	110	112	Net Income (GAAP)	14A	15A	28	29
Core Earnings	102	106	113	115	Core Earnings	21A	28A	28	29
Core EPS, diluted	2.00	1.57	1.56	1.57	Core EPS, diluted	0.41A	0.39A	0.38	0.40
EPS - reported (GAAP), diluted	1.68	1.24	1.51	1.53	EPS - reported (GAAP), diluted	0.26A	0.20A	0.38	0.39
Dividends	1.86	1.65	1.60	1.60	Dividends	0.45A	0.40A	0.40	0.40

Balance Sheet Data	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Ratio Analysis	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Assets					Net Interest Income growth	(3.4%)	6.9%	7.7%	1.1%
Cash	57	100	100	100	Investment Portfolio Growth	(6.4%)	76.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Reverse Purchase Agreements	-	-	-	-	Total Asset Growth	(0.9%)	34.0%	1.7%	1.1%
Mortgage Backed Securities (Fair Value)	-	-	-	-	EPS Growth	(4.5%)	(21.8%)	(0.6%)	1.2%
Loans held for investment	1,804	2,441	2,486	2,516	ROA	5.3%	4.7%	4.4%	4.3%
Total Investment Portfolio	-	-	-	-	ROE (GAAP)	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	1,926	2,580	2,625	2,655	ROE (Core)	11.2%	10.1%	9.5%	9.7%
Liabilities					Dividend payout ratio	110.4%	132.9%	105.7%	104.5%
Repurchase agreements	-	-	-	-	Assets/Equity	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
Securitized debt	-	-	-	-	Debt/Equity	106.2%	110.2%	115.1%	118.6%
Total Debt	961	1,318	1,369	1,404					
Total Liabilities	1,021	1,385	1,436	1,471					
Common Equity	-	-	-	-					
Additional paid-in capital	-	-	-	-					
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Retained Earnings	-	-	-	-					
Total Equity	905	1,195	1,189	1,184					
Book value per share	17.78	16.40	16.31	16.24					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Note: \$ in Millions (except per-share data).

FS KKR Capital Corp: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Cash flow statement	1Q25A	2Q25A	3Q25E	4Q25E
Interest Income	1,383	1,185	1,091	1,060	Interest Income	302A	298A	293	292
Dividend Income	275	322	284	284	Dividend Income	81A	91A	75	75
Total Investment Income	1,721	1,552	1,437	1,406	Total Investment Income	400A	398A	377	377
Interest Expense	(465)	(467)	(432)	(418)	Interest Expense	(113)A	(125)A	(113)	(116)
Tax	(23)	(29)	(18)	(18)	Tax	0A	(11)A	0	(18)
Total expense	-	-	-	-	Total expense	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income	-	-	-	-	Net Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(476)	(164)	0	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(17)A	(147)A	0	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	248	(283)	(17)	(17)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(50)A	(224)A	(4)	(4)
Net income	585	220	608	594	Net income	120A	(209)A	162	147
Shares O/S	280	280	280	280	Shares O/S	280A	280A	280	280
Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	280	280	280	280	Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	280A	280A	280	280
Operating EPS	2.90	2.41	2.22	2.17	Operating EPS	0.65A	0.60A	0.58	0.59
GAAP EPS	2.09	0.79	2.17	2.12	GAAP EPS	0.43A	(0.75)A	0.58	0.53
DPS	2.90	2.80	2.11	2.09	DPS	0.70A	0.70A	0.70	0.70
Balance sheet	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Ratio Analysis	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Investments	13,490	13,221	13,102	12,983	EPS growth	(7.0%)	(16.7%)	(7.8%)	(2.1%)
Cash and cash equivalents	296	225	225	225	ROA	5.5%	4.8%	4.4%	4.4%
Total assets	14,219	14,079	13,960	13,841	ROE	12.0%	10.7%	10.3%	10.1%
					Debt to equity	111.0%	126.0%	125.3%	123.0%
Total Debt	7,351	7,635	7,551	7,425	BVPS	23.64	21.63	21.52	21.55
total Liabilities	7,597	8,021	7,933	7,807	Dividend payout ratio	138.8%	356.6%	97.3%	98.4%
					Dividend Yield	19.4%	18.7%	14.1%	13.9%
Shareholders' equity	6,622	6,058	6,026	6,035					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

MidCap Financial Investment: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Income Statement	1Q25A	2Q25A	3Q25E	4Q25E
Interest Income	271	297	313	310	Interest Income	75A	76A	81	82
Dividend Income	1	1	0	0	Dividend Income	0A	0A	0	0
Total Investment Income	278	303	325	314	Total Investment Income	79A	81A	82	83
Interest Expense	(104)	(116)	(127)	(113)	Interest Expense	(30)A	(33)A	(32)	(32)
Tax	0	0	0	0	Tax	0A	0A	0	0
Total expense	(161)	(168)	(184)	(177)	Total expense	(44)A	(45)A	(47)	(48)
Net Investment Income	116	133	141	138	Net Investment Income	34A	36A	35	35
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	0	(77)	(14)	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	3A	(17)A	0	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	3	43	(3)	(4)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(7)A	(1)A	6	(1)
Net income	119	99	124	134	Net income	30A	18A	41	34
Shares O/S	65	94	93	93	Shares O/S	93A	93A	93	93
Weighted Avg. Shares O/S	65	78	93	93	Weighted Avg. Shares O/S	94A	93A	93	93
Operating EPS	1.78	1.71	1.51	1.48	Operating EPS	0.37A	0.39A	0.38	0.38
GAAP EPS	1.82	1.27	1.32	1.43	GAAP EPS	0.32A	0.19A	0.44	0.36
DPS	1.52	1.72	1.52	1.52	DPS	0.38A	0.38A	0.38	0.38
Balance sheet	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Investments	2,334	3,014	3,302	3,298	EPS growth	13.0%	(3.6%)	(11.8%)	(2.2%)
Cash and cash equivalents	94	74	69	69	ROA	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%	4.0%
Total assets	2,501	3,191	3,437	3,432	ROE	11.6%	11.1%	10.1%	10.0%
					Debt to equity	145.5%	124.7%	146.3%	147.5%
Total Debt	1,462	1,752	2,019	2,023	BVPS	15.41	14.98	14.79	14.70
total Liabilities	1,496	1,786	2,057	2,060	Dividend payout ratio	83.6%	135.6%	114.8%	106.2%
					Dividend Yield	12.7%	14.4%	12.7%	12.7%
Shareholders' equity	1,005	1,405	1,380	1,372					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Morgan Stanley Direct Lending: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Income Statement	1Q25A	2Q25A	3Q25E	4Q25E
Interest Income	366	413	389	360	Interest Income	101A	99A	94	95
Dividend Income	2	3	3	3	Dividend Income	1A	1A	1	1
Total Investment Income	368	416	391	363	Total Investment Income	101A	100A	95	96
Interest Expense	(113)	(123)	(136)	(118)	Interest Expense	(34)A	(35)A	(35)	(32)
Tax	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	Tax	(1)A	(0)A	(0)	(0)
Total expense	-	-	-	-	Total expense	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income	198	220	173	167	Net Investment Income	46A	44A	40	43
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	0	(16)	1	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	1A	0A	0	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	33	12	(27)	(5)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(17)A	(8)A	(1)	(1)
Net income	231	216	147	162	Net income	30A	36A	39	42
Shares O/S	83	89	86	86	Shares O/S	88A	87A	86	86
Weighted Avg. Shares O/S	74	89	87	86	Weighted Avg. Shares O/S	88A	87A	87	86
Operating EPS	2.67	2.48	1.99	1.93	Operating EPS	0.52A	0.50A	0.47	0.50
GAAP EPS	3.11	2.43	1.68	1.87	GAAP EPS	0.34A	0.41A	0.45	0.49
DPS	2.27	2.20	2.10	2.00	DPS	0.50A	0.50A	0.50	0.60
Balance sheet	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Investments	-	-	-	-	EPS growth	28.5%	(6.9%)	(20.0%)	(3.0%)
Cash and cash equivalents	70	72	20	20	ROA	6.3%	6.1%	4.5%	4.3%
Total assets	3,307	3,912	3,849	3,889	ROE	12.7%	12.4%	9.6%	9.5%
					Debt to equity	86.9%	107.1%	112.9%	117.0%
Total Debt	1,496	1,973	1,995	2,055	BVPS	20.67	20.81	20.43	20.31
total Liabilities	1,586	2,070	2,083	2,134	Dividend payout ratio	72.9%	90.5%	124.6%	106.7%
					Dividend Yield	13.6%	13.2%	12.6%	12.0%
Shareholders' equity	1,721	1,842	1,766	1,755					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Oaktree Specialty Lending Corp: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Cash flow statement	1Q25A	2Q25A	3Q25A	4Q25E
Interest Income	367	306	301	299	Interest Income	84A	75A	74A	72
Dividend Income	5	3	3	3	Dividend Income	1A	1A	1A	1
Total Investment Income	-	-	-	-	Total Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	(129)	(115)	(97)	(89)	Interest Expense	(31)A	(28)A	(31)A	(25)
Tax	0	(0)	0	0	Tax	(0)A	0A	(0)A	0
Total expense	-	-	-	-	Total expense	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income	-	-	-	-	Net Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	-	-	-	-	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	-	-	-	-
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	-	-	-	-	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	-	-	-	-
Net income	58	44	140	144	Net income	8A	(37)A	37A	35
Shares O/S	82	88	88	88	Shares O/S	82A	88A	88A	88
Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	80	86	88	88	Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	82A	86A	88A	88
Operating EPS	2.23	1.76	1.63	1.68	Operating EPS	0.54A	0.45A	0.37A	0.40
GAAP EPS	0.77	0.50	1.59	1.63	GAAP EPS	0.09A	(0.43)A	0.42A	0.39
DPS	2.27	1.69	1.62	1.64	DPS	0.47A	0.42A	0.40A	0.40
Balance sheet	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Ratio Analysis	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Investments	3,021	2,843	2,966	2,989	EPS growth	(9.6%)	(21.1%)	(7.2%)	2.7%
Cash and cash equivalents	79	75	50	50	ROA	5.6%	4.9%	4.7%	4.7%
Total assets	3,198	3,027	3,124	3,148	ROE	11.9%	10.2%	9.8%	10.0%
					Debt to equity	110.1%	102.4%	109.4%	111.1%
Total Debt	1,639	1,511	1,611	1,635	BVPS	18.09	16.75	16.72	16.71
total Liabilities	1,711	1,551	1,651	1,675	Dividend payout ratio	293.6%	338.3%	102.0%	100.4%
					Dividend Yield	17.4%	13.0%	12.4%	12.5%
Shareholders' equity	1,488	1,476	1,473	1,472					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Palmer Square Capital BDC: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Income Statement	1Q25A	2Q25A	3Q25E	4Q25E
Interest Income	108	140	122	113	Interest Income	31A	31A	29	30
Dividend Income	4	3	2	2	Dividend Income	1A	0A	0	0
Total Investment Income	112	144	123	114	Total Investment Income	31A	32A	30	31
Interest Expense	(44)	(58)	(49)	(42)	Interest Expense	(13)A	(13)A	(12)	(12)
Tax	0	0	0	0	Tax	0A	0A	0	0
Total expense	-	-	-	-	Total expense	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income	58	63	53	52	Net Investment Income	13A	14A	13	14
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(3)	(18)	(12)	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(6)A	(6)A	0	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	53	3	(10)	(2)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(15)A	(1)A	7	(0)
Net income	108	48	32	51	Net income	(8)A	7A	20	13
Shares O/S	27	33	32	32	Shares O/S	33A	32A	32	32
Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	26	32	32	32	Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	33A	32A	32	32
Operating EPS	2.26	1.93	1.65	1.62	Operating EPS	0.40A	0.43A	0.41	0.42
GAAP EPS	4.20	1.47	0.99	1.57	GAAP EPS	(0.26)A	0.22A	0.63	0.41
DPS	2.12	1.91	1.62	1.53	DPS	0.39A	0.42A	0.42	0.39
Balance sheet	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Investments	1,090	1,396	1,291	1,290	EPS growth	27.0%	(14.2%)	(14.7%)	(1.6%)
Cash and cash equivalents	2	3	16	16	ROA	5.3%	4.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Total assets	1,122	1,431	1,333	1,331	ROE	14.1%	12.5%	10.2%	10.2%
					Debt to equity	138.9%	149.5%	151.0%	150.0%
Total Debt	642	804	774	771	BVPS	17.04	16.50	15.91	15.95
total Liabilities	660	893	820	817	Dividend payout ratio	50.5%	129.6%	163.0%	97.4%
					Dividend Yield	17.1%	15.4%	13.1%	12.4%
Shareholders' equity	462	538	512	514					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

PennantPark Investment: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Cash flow statement	1Q25A	2Q25A	3Q25A	4Q25E
Interest Income	116	96	88	88	Interest Income	28A	24A	23A	21
Dividend Income	3	2	2	2	Dividend Income	1A	0A	1A	1
Total Investment Income	144	122	116	116	Total Investment Income	34A	31A	30A	28
Interest Expense	(45)	(40)	(34)	(35)	Interest Expense	(12)A	(10)A	(9)A	(9)
Tax	0	0	0	0	Tax	0A	0A	0A	0
Total expense	65	65	65	65	Total expense	65A	65A	65A	65
Net Investment Income	60	47	48	48	Net Investment Income	13A	11A	12A	11
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(34)	(31)	0	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(3)A	(28)A	(0)A	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	22	28	(1)	(1)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	6A	26A	(3)A	0
Net income	49	44	47	47	Net income	16A	9A	8A	11
Shares O/S	65	65	65	65	Shares O/S	65A	65A	65A	65
Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	65	65	65	65	Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	65A	65A	65A	65
Operating EPS	0.92	0.72	0.74	0.74	Operating EPS	0.20A	0.18A	0.18A	0.17
GAAP EPS	0.75	0.68	0.72	0.72	GAAP EPS	0.25A	0.14A	0.12A	0.17
DPS	0.88	0.96	0.96	0.96	DPS	0.24A	0.24A	0.24A	0.24
Balance sheet	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Ratio Analysis	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Investments	1,328	1,147	1,145	1,144	EPS growth	(8.4%)	(21.7%)	2.8%	(0.4%)
Cash and cash equivalents	50	35	35	35	ROA	4.7%	3.6%	4.1%	4.0%
Total assets	1,389	1,192	1,191	1,190	ROE	12.1%	9.7%	10.3%	10.6%
					Debt to equity	156.3%	121.8%	128.1%	135.1%
Total Debt	772	579	591	604	BVPS	7.56	7.29	7.07	6.85
total Liabilities	895	717	729	742	Dividend payout ratio	117.6%	140.9%	133.5%	134.0%
					Dividend Yield	13.1%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%
Shareholders' equity	494	476	462	447					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Runway Growth: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Interest Income	159	142	139	135	Interest Income	159	142	139	135
Dividend Income	1	0	1	1	Dividend Income	1	0	1	1
Total Investment Income	164	145	142	138	Total Investment Income	164	145	142	138
Interest Expense	(43)	(44)	(45)	(45)	Interest Expense	(43)	(44)	(45)	(45)
Tax	0	(0)	(0)	0	Tax	0	(0)	(0)	0
Total expense	-	-	-	-	Total expense	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income	78	64	59	55	Net Investment Income	78	64	59	55
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(18)	(3)	5	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(18)	(3)	5	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(16)	13	(16)	(1)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(16)	13	(16)	(1)
Net income	44	74	47	54	Net income	44	74	47	54
Shares O/S	41	37	37	38	Shares O/S	41	37	37	38
Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	41	39	37	37	Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	41	39	37	37
Operating EPS	1.93	1.64	1.59	1.47	Operating EPS	1.93	1.64	1.59	1.47
GAAP EPS	1.09	1.89	1.28	1.44	GAAP EPS	1.09	1.89	1.28	1.44
DPS	1.81	1.79	1.43	1.37	DPS	1.81	1.79	1.43	1.37
Balance sheet	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Investments	-	-	-	-	EPS growth	32.4%	(15.1%)	(3.1%)	(7.2%)
Cash and cash equivalents	45	6	6	6	ROA	7.0%	5.9%	5.6%	5.2%
Total assets	1,079	1,091	1,021	1,076	ROE	13.9%	12.0%	11.5%	10.7%
					Debt to equity	48.0%	59.3%	70.4%	76.9%
Total Debt	263	305	356	399	BVPS	13.50	13.79	13.72	13.78
total Liabilities	532	576	515	558	Dividend payout ratio	165.4%	94.5%	111.6%	95.4%
					Dividend Yield	17.8%	17.6%	14.0%	13.5%
Shareholders' equity	547	515	506	519					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Sixth Street Specialty Lending: Summary of Financials

Income Statement - Annual	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Income Statement - Quarterly	1Q25A	2Q25A	3Q25E	4Q25E
Interest Income	449	395	383	386	Interest Income	99A	97A	99	100
Interest Expense	(154)	(123)	(103)	(101)	Interest Expense	(33)A	(34)A	(28)	(28)
Net Interest Income	295	272	280	286	Net Interest Income	66A	64A	71	72
Unrealized losses on swaps	-	-	-	-	Unrealized losses on swaps	-	-	-	-
Realized losses on sale	-	-	-	-	Realized losses on sale	-	-	-	-
Management fee	(52)	(51)	(50)	(50)	Management fee	(13)A	(13)A	(12)	(12)
Incentive fee	(40)	(54)	(63)	(62)	Incentive fee	(8)A	(13)A	(16)	(17)
Non-cash equity compensation	-	-	-	-	Non-cash equity compensation	-	-	-	-
G&A	-	-	-	-	G&A	-	-	-	-
Reserve for loan losses	-	-	-	-	Reserve for loan losses	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	(106)	(119)	(127)	(127)	Total Expenses	(24)A	(30)A	(32)	(33)
Pretax Income	224	212	193	192	Pretax Income	59A	52A	50	51
Income Taxes	(4)	(5)	(4)	(4)	Income Taxes	(1)A	(1)A	(1)	(1)
Net Income (GAAP)	215	206	189	188	Net Income (GAAP)	54A	52A	49	50
Core Earnings	215	206	189	188	Core Earnings	54A	52A	49	50
Core EPS, diluted	2.33	2.18	2.01	2.00	Core EPS, diluted	0.58A	0.56A	0.52	0.53
EPS - reported (GAAP), diluted	2.33	2.18	2.01	2.00	EPS - reported (GAAP), diluted	0.58A	0.56A	0.52	0.53
Dividends	2.09	2.05	1.94	1.92	Dividends	0.53A	0.52A	0.51	0.49

Balance Sheet Data	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Ratio Analysis	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Assets					Net Interest Income growth	5.0%	(7.8%)	3.0%	1.9%
Cash	27	15	15	15	Investment Portfolio Growth	8.5%	(45.1%)	0.0%	0.0%
Reverse Purchase Agreements	-	-	-	-	Total Asset Growth	7.1%	(4.6%)	3.1%	2.1%
Mortgage Backed Securities (Fair Value)	-	-	-	-	EPS Growth	(1.0%)	(6.4%)	(8.1%)	(0.4%)
Loans held for investment	3,361	3,150	3,255	3,330	ROA	6.2%	5.9%	5.5%	5.3%
Total Investment Portfolio	-	-	-	-	ROE (GAAP)	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	3,582	3,416	3,520	3,596	ROE (Core)	13.8%	12.7%	11.7%	11.6%
Liabilities					Dividend payout ratio	89.6%	93.8%	96.6%	96.0%
Repurchase agreements	-	-	-	-	Assets/Equity	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2
Securitized debt	1,901	1,724	1,826	1,898	Debt/Equity	118.3%	106.4%	112.5%	116.7%
Total Debt	1,901	1,724	1,826	1,898					
Total Liabilities	1,975	1,795	1,897	1,969					
Common Equity	-	-	-	-					
Additional paid-in capital	-	-	-	-					
AOCI	-	-	-	-					
Retained Earnings	-	-	-	-					
Total Equity	1,608	1,620	1,623	1,626					
Book value per share	17.16	17.19	17.22	17.26					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Note: \$ in Millions (except per-share data).

SLR Investment Corp: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Income Statement	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Interest Income	229	232	216	209	Interest Income	229	232	216	209
Dividend Income	-	-	-	-	Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Total Investment Income	229	232	216	209	Total Investment Income	229	232	216	209
Interest Expense	(73)	(71)	(65)	(59)	Interest Expense	(73)	(71)	(65)	(59)
Tax	0	0	0	0	Tax	0	0	0	0
Total expense	-	-	-	-	Total expense	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income	92	96	89	88	Net Investment Income	92	96	89	88
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(28)	(2)	(0)	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(28)	(2)	(0)	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	12	2	(1)	(3)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	12	2	(1)	(3)
Net income	76	96	88	85	Net income	76	96	88	85
Shares O/S	55	55	55	55	Shares O/S	55	55	55	55
Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	55	55	55	55	Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	55	55	55	55
Operating EPS	1.69	1.77	1.63	1.61	Operating EPS	1.69	1.77	1.63	1.61
GAAP EPS	1.40	1.76	1.61	1.57	GAAP EPS	1.40	1.76	1.61	1.57
DPS	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64	DPS	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64
Balance sheet	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Investments	1,811	1,591	1,762	1,762	EPS growth	14.2%	4.6%	(7.6%)	(1.0%)
Cash and cash equivalents	344	414	373	373	ROA	3.6%	3.9%	3.6%	3.5%
Total assets	2,524	2,449	2,537	2,537	ROE	9.3%	9.7%	9.0%	8.9%
					Debt to equity	71.8%	64.3%	82.3%	90.6%
Total Debt	709	638	816	895	BVPS	18.09	18.20	18.18	18.10
total Liabilities	1,537	1,456	1,546	1,550	Dividend payout ratio	117.1%	93.4%	101.6%	104.8%
					Dividend Yield	10.7%	10.7%	10.7%	10.7%
Shareholders' equity	987	993	992	987					

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

WhiteHorse Finance: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Cash flow statement	1Q25A	2Q25A	3Q25E	4Q25E
Interest Income	93	74	71	69	Interest Income	19A	19A	18	18
Dividend Income	-	-	-	-	Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Total Investment Income	93	74	71	69	Total Investment Income	19A	19A	18	18
Interest Expense	(28)	(23)	(20)	(20)	Interest Expense	(6)A	(6)A	(5)	(6)
Tax	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	Tax	(0)A	(0)A	(0)	(0)
Total expense	(54)	(46)	(43)	(42)	Total expense	(12)A	(12)A	(11)	(11)
Net Investment Income	38	28	28	26	Net Investment Income	7A	7A	7	7
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(18)	(22)	0	0	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	(0)A	(22)A	0	0
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(8)	15	(1)	(1)	Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(2)A	18A	(0)	(0)
Net income	11	20	26	25	Net income	4A	2A	7	7
Shares O/S	23	23	23	23	Shares O/S	23A	23A	23	23
Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	23	23	23	23	Weighted Avg.Shares O/S	23A	23A	23	23
Operating EPS	1.60	1.17	1.14	1.10	Operating EPS	0.29A	0.28A	0.29	0.30
GAAP EPS	0.47	0.85	1.11	1.06	GAAP EPS	0.18A	0.10A	0.28	0.29
DPS	1.79	1.54	1.07	1.05	DPS	0.39A	0.39A	0.39	0.39
Balance sheet	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Ratio Analysis	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Investments	642	629	629	629	EPS growth	(12.8%)	(27.1%)	(2.3%)	(3.9%)
Cash and cash equivalents	12	11	11	11	ROA	5.3%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%
Total assets	677	658	658	658	ROE	12.4%	9.8%	9.8%	9.4%
					Debt to equity	123.4%	131.4%	130.7%	130.4%
Total Debt	353	355	354	354	BVPS	12.31	11.62	11.66	11.68
total Liabilities	391	388	387	387	Dividend payout ratio	382.4%	180.4%	96.7%	98.7%
					Dividend Yield	25.6%	22.1%	15.4%	15.0%
Shareholders' equity	286	270	271	271					

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