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**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

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**Carlyle Credit Income Fund**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: September 30

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2025

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders**

The annual report to stockholders for the year ended September 30, 2025 is filed herewith pursuant to Rule 30e -1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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## CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND

ANNUAL REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025



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## Letter to Shareholders and Management's Discussion of Fund Performance

### FUND REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF PERFORMANCE

On November 18, 2025, Carlyle Credit Income Fund ("we," "us," "our," "CCIF" or the "Fund") (NYSE: CCIF) announced via press release the financial results for the fourth quarter ending September 30, 2025. Over the past year, the Fund has successfully implemented the following:

- The fund currently holds a diversified portfolio consisting of 54 unique collateralized loan obligation ("CLO") investments managed by 27 different collateral managers with exposure to 2,032 separate loans.
- The weighted average GAAP yield of the portfolio is 14.44% as of September 30, 2025.
- The fund completed 30 accretive CLO refinancings and resets in the underlying portfolio to either reduce the weighted average cost of debt in the CLO or to extend the reinvestment period.
- We maintained a 24.14% annualized dividend based on the share price as of November 12, 2025.
- The Fund continues to incorporate an at-the-market ("ATM") offering program to issue common shares above net asset value ("NAV") when the stock price is above NAV. We continue to believe the implementation of the ATM offering program is an efficient and accretive way to grow the Fund. ATM issuance for the year totaled \$32.3 million of net proceeds.
- We continue to efficiently leverage the fund with long-term and flexible-term preferred stock and convertible preferred stock with limited covenants.

As of September 30, 2025, the NAV of the Fund is \$6.13 per share.

The Fund continues to hold one legacy real estate asset in the portfolio that was inherited from the prior advisor of the Fund. The fair market value of the loan is \$2.2 million and the third party we engaged to sell the position continues to work through the process in order to maximize proceeds.

We believe Carlyle's 15 years of CLO investment experience and its team of over 30+ credit investment professionals across the U.S. and Europe provide differentiated insights into the CLO market. Carlyle remains one of the largest CLO managers globally with

over \$49 billion in AUM and \$3.1 billion in third party managed CLO investments.<sup>1</sup>

### MARKET REVIEW

Leveraged loans posted positive returns through Q3 2025 amid shifting expectations for the Federal Reserve's ("Fed's") rate cuts. The LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index ("LSTA Index") returned 1.7% for the Q3 2025, compared to 2.4% for high yield bonds and 7.9% for the S&P 500. The year-to-date return for the LSTA Index was 4.6%.<sup>2,3,4</sup> The Index price ended the quarter at \$97.06, with nearly half of the loans trading above par.<sup>2</sup> The Fed implemented its first rate cut of the cycle in September amid moderating inflation and relatively stable economic conditions.

Institutional loan issuance totaled \$384.0 billion in Q3 2025, compared to \$222.0 billion in Q3 2024.<sup>5</sup> Refinancing and repricing activity accounted for the majority of volume at \$66.5 billion and \$219.2 billion, respectively, as borrowers continued to focus on extending maturities and reducing borrowing costs.<sup>5</sup> New money issuance remained limited, with LBO and M&A related volume relatively unchanged from the third quarter of the prior year. Loan secondary prices held steady through the quarter amid consistent investor demand and limited net supply.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, issuance activity strengthened toward the end of the quarter driven by steady demand and favorable technical conditions. We expect activity will continue to increase, supported by declining base rates driving lower funding costs, normalization of tariff and regulatory policies, and resilient expectations for economic growth.

The CLO market remained active through Q3 2025, building on the steady momentum seen earlier in the year. New issuance totaled \$52.2 billion in the quarter, up from \$48.5 billion in Q2 2025, as managers benefited from improved market conditions and modest tightening in liability spreads.<sup>5</sup> CLOs continued to represent the dominant source of demand for leveraged loans, helping to absorb steady primary issuance and support secondary market liquidity. Liability spreads compressed across the capital stack, with AAAs tightening by roughly 10 bps and BBs by around 40 bps, approaching the post-financial crisis tightness we saw earlier in 2025.<sup>6</sup> This is creating an attractive environment for new issue and refinancing activity.

CLO refinancing and reset activity also remained robust, with \$37.7 billion of refinancings and \$66.1 billion of resets pricing during the quarter as managers extended

<sup>1</sup> Carlyle Internal Sources as of September 30, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Leveraged Commentary & Data ("LCD") as of September 30, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> Bloomberg as of September 30, 2025.

<sup>4</sup> Standard and Poor's Dow Jones Indices as of September 30, 2025.

<sup>5</sup> LevFin Insights as of September 30, 2025.

<sup>6</sup> Wells Fargo Research as of September 30, 2025.

reinvestment periods and lowered financing costs.<sup>7</sup> Market tone improved late in the quarter following the Federal Reserve's rate cut, providing a constructive backdrop for deal execution.

Credit fundamentals across CLO portfolios remained stable. As of Q2 2025, using Carlyle's U.S. loan portfolio of 600+ borrowers as a proxy, more than 67% of borrowers generated positive free cash flow, and borrower revenue and EBITDA growth of 5.1% and 4.6% year-over-year, respectively.<sup>8</sup> The average Interest Coverage Ratio ("ICR") was approximately 3.6x, reflecting a continued focus on managing interest expense and producing steady underlying cash flows.<sup>8</sup> These metrics offer important insight into the health of the underlying collateral and continue to guide our bottom-up CLO investment process.

As of September 30, 2025, the J.P. Morgan Leveraged Loan Index Default Rate, including distressed exchanges ("DEs"), totals 3.49%, a decline of 1.00% from the recent peak default rate of 4.49% in December 2024.<sup>9</sup> Carlyle continues to leverage the insights of its dedicated Special Credits Group and 30+ credit analysts when evaluating loan borrowers in third-party managed CLO portfolios. This is evidenced by a CCIF portfolio default rate of 1.09%, inclusive of DEs, which is approximately one-third of the market's rate.<sup>1,9</sup>

While lower liability costs and extended reinvestment periods have supported CLO structures, tighter loan spreads continued to weigh on equity cash-on-cash distributions to CLO equity and fair market value of CLO equity positions. Repricing activity has been driven by the supply / demand imbalance in the loan market as net loan issuance has been limited over the past 3 year while we continue to see record CLO issuance. As a result, quarterly payments for CLO equity declined modestly during the quarter. However, locking in low-cost debt with extended reinvestment periods, positions CLO equity for improved cash flow potential in the event loan spreads widen due to volatility or a return of net loan supply.

## STRATEGY & OUTLOOK

We remain confident in the resilience of our portfolio, which is diversified across high-quality managers and structured to withstand evolving market conditions.

We believe that, despite tighter spreads and moderating equity distributions, resilient fundamentals and consistent demand will continue to support CLO performance. Loan spreads have historically moved in multi-year cycles, and current levels are comparable to those observed in 2018, a period that was followed by meaningful spread widening.<sup>2</sup> CLO equity is well positioned to benefit from similar dynamics ahead, supported by transactions with

historically low funding costs. Future results are likely to depend on manager's reinvestment discipline and their effectiveness in actively managing the portfolio and avoiding losses.

We continue to monitor the effects of shifting rate policy and have positioned CCIF's portfolio defensively, with a focus on experienced managers and portfolios demonstrating strong par build and credit discipline. This approach has resulted in a weighted average junior overcollateralization cushion of 4.59%.<sup>1</sup>

We continue to deploy capital selectively, focusing on opportunities that offer compelling relative value across both new and seasoned transactions. Carlyle's market-leading platform provides differentiated access to managers and deal flow, enabling us to identify attractive entry points and maintain a disciplined investment pace.

For CCIF, we remain focused on CLO equity positions with clean underlying loan portfolios. We continue to leverage Carlyle's 14-step CLO investment process and the credit expertise of the broader Carlyle Liquid Credit platform.

<sup>7</sup> Citi Global Research as of September 30, 2025.

<sup>8</sup> Carlyle Internal Sources as of June 30, 2025.

<sup>9</sup> J.P. Morgan as of September 30, 2025.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS REPORT AND CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND

### *Investment Objectives and Strategies*

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company that has registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act. We have elected to be treated, and intend to qualify annually, as a regulated investment company, or “RIC,” under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the “Code.”

The Fund’s primary investment objective is to generate current income, with a secondary objective to generate capital appreciation. We seek to achieve our investment objectives by investing primarily in equity and junior debt tranches of collateralized loan obligations, or “CLOs,” that are collateralized by a portfolio consisting primarily of below investment grade U.S. senior secured loans with a large number of distinct underlying borrowers across various industry sectors. We may also invest in other related securities and instruments or other securities and instruments that the Adviser believes are consistent with our investment objectives, including senior debt tranches of CLOs, loan accumulation facilities (“LAFs”) and securities issued by other securitization vehicles, such as collateralized bond obligations, or “CBOs.” LAFs are short- to medium-term facilities often provided by the bank that will serve as the placement agent or arranger on a CLO transaction. LAFs typically incur leverage between four and six times equity value prior to a CLO’s pricing. The CLO securities in which we primarily seek to invest are unrated or rated below investment grade and are considered speculative with respect to timely payment of interest and repayment of principal. Unrated and below investment grade securities are also sometimes referred to as “junk” securities. In addition, the CLO equity and junior debt securities in which we invest are highly leveraged (with CLO equity securities typically being leveraged ten times), which magnifies our risk of loss on such investments.

### *“Names Rule” Policy*

In accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act, we have adopted a policy to invest at least 80% of our assets in the particular type of investments suggested by our name. Accordingly, under normal circumstances, we invest at least 80% of the aggregate of its net assets and borrowings for investment purposes in credit and credit-related instruments. For purposes of this policy, the Fund considers credit and credit-related instruments to include, without limitation: (i) equity and debt tranches of CLOs, LAFs and securities issued by other securitization vehicles, such as CBOs; (ii) secured and unsecured floating rate and fixed rate loans; (iii) investments in corporate debt obligations, including bonds, notes, debentures, commercial paper and other obligations of corporations to pay interest and repay principal; (iv) debt issued by governments, their agencies, instrumentalities, and central banks; (v) commercial paper and short-term notes; (vi) convertible debt securities; (vii) certificates of deposit, bankers’ acceptances and time deposits; and (viii) other credit-related instruments. The Fund’s investments in derivatives, other investment companies, and other instruments designed to obtain indirect exposure to credit and credit-related instruments will be counted towards its 80% investment policy to the extent such instruments have similar economic characteristics to the investments included within that policy.

Our 80% policy with respect to investments in credit and credit-related instruments is not fundamental and may be changed by the Board without prior approval of our shareholders. Shareholders will be provided with sixty (60) days notice in the manner prescribed by the SEC before making any change to this policy.

### *Investment Restrictions*

The Fund’s stated fundamental policies, which may only be changed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund (the shares), are listed below. “Majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund” means the vote, at an annual or special meeting of shareholders, duly called, (a) of 67% or more of the shares present at such meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present or represented by proxy; or (b) of more than 50% of the outstanding shares, whichever is less. The Fund may not:

1. Borrow money, except to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act (which currently limits borrowing to no more than 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund’s total assets, including the value of the assets purchased with the proceeds of its indebtedness, if any). The Fund may borrow for investment purposes, for temporary liquidity, or to finance repurchases of its shares.
2. Issue senior securities, except to the extent permitted by Section 18 of the 1940 Act (which currently limits the issuance of a class of senior securities that is indebtedness to no more than 33-1/3% of the value of the Fund’s total assets or, if the class of senior security is stock, to no more than 50% of the value of the Fund’s total assets).
3. Underwrite securities of other issuers, except insofar as the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) in connection with the disposition of its portfolio securities. The Fund may invest in restricted securities (those that must be registered under the Securities Act before they may be offered or sold to the public) to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.

4. Invest more than 25% of the market value of its assets in the securities of companies, entities or issuers engaged in any one industry. This limitation does not apply to investment in the securities of the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. For purposes of this restriction, an investment in a CLO, CBO, collateralized debt obligation, or “CDO” or a swap or other derivative will be considered to be an investment in the industry (if any) of the underlying or reference security, instrument or asset.
5. Purchase or sell real estate or interests in real estate. This limitation is not applicable to investments in securities that are secured by or represent interests in real estate (e.g. mortgage loans evidenced by notes or other writings defined to be a type of security). Additionally, the preceding limitation on real estate or interests in real estate does not preclude the Fund from investing in mortgage-related securities or investing in companies engaged in the real estate business or that have a significant portion of their assets in real estate (including real estate investment trusts), nor from disposing of real estate that may be acquired pursuant to a foreclosure (or equivalent procedure) upon a security interest.
6. Purchase or sell commodities, commodity contracts, including commodity futures contracts, unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other investments, except that the Fund may invest in securities or other instruments backed by or linked to commodities, and invest in companies that are engaged in a commodities business or have a significant portion of their assets in commodities, and may invest in commodity pools and other entities that purchase and sell commodities and commodity contracts.
7. Make loans to others, except (a) through the purchase of debt securities in accordance with its investment objectives and policies, including notes secured by real estate, which may be considered loans; (b) to the extent the entry into a repurchase agreement is deemed to be a loan; and (c) by loaning portfolio securities. Additionally, the preceding limitation on loans does not preclude the Fund from modifying note terms.

The Fund will treat with respect to participation interests both the financial intermediary and the borrower as “issuers” for purposes of fundamental investment restriction.

The fundamental investment limitations set forth above restrict the ability of the Fund to engage in certain practices and purchase securities and other instruments other than as permitted by, or consistent with, applicable law, including the 1940 Act. Relevant limitations of the 1940 Act as they presently exist are described below. These limitations are based either on the 1940 Act itself, the rules or regulations thereunder or applicable orders of the SEC. In addition, interpretations and guidance provided by the SEC staff may be taken into account to determine if a certain practice or the purchase of securities or other instruments is permitted by the 1940 Act, the rules or regulations thereunder or applicable orders of the SEC. As a result, the foregoing fundamental investment policies may be interpreted differently over time as the statute, rules, regulations or orders (or, if applicable, interpretations) that relate to the meaning and effect of these policies change, and no vote of Shareholders, as applicable, will be required or sought.

#### *Use of Leverage and Leverage Risks*

The use of leverage, whether directly or indirectly through investments such as CLO equity or junior debt securities that inherently involve leverage, may magnify our risk of loss. CLO equity or junior debt securities are very highly leveraged (with CLO equity securities typically being leveraged ten times), and therefore the CLO securities in which we invest are subject to a higher degree of loss since the use of leverage magnifies losses.

We may incur leverage, directly or indirectly, through one or more special purpose vehicles (entities primarily engaged in investment activities in securities or other assets that are wholly owned by the Fund), indebtedness for borrowed money, as well as leverage in the form of Derivative Transactions, preferred shares, debt securities and other structures and instruments, in significant amounts and on terms that the Adviser and the Board deem appropriate, subject to applicable limitations under the 1940 Act. Such leverage may be used for the acquisition and financing of our investments, to pay fees and expenses and for other purposes. Such leverage may be secured and/or unsecured. Any such leverage does not include leverage embedded or inherent in the CLO structures in which we invest or in derivative instruments in which we may invest. Accordingly, there is a layering of leverage in our overall structure.

The more leverage we employ, the more likely a substantial change will occur in our NAV. Accordingly, any event that adversely affects the value of an investment would be magnified to the extent leverage is utilized. For instance, any decrease in our income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could also negatively affect our ability to make distributions and other payments to our security holders. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique. Our ability to service any debt that we incur will depend largely on our financial performance and will be subject to prevailing economic conditions and competitive pressures. The cumulative effect of the use of leverage with respect to any investments in a market that moves adversely to such investments could result in a substantial loss that would be greater than if our investments were not leveraged.

As a registered closed-end management investment company, we are required to meet certain asset coverage requirements, as defined under the 1940 Act, with respect to any senior securities. With respect to senior securities representing indebtedness (i.e., borrowings or deemed borrowings, including any notes), other than temporary borrowings as defined under the 1940 Act, we are required under current law to have an asset coverage of at least 300%, as measured at the time of borrowing and calculated as the ratio of our total assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) over the aggregate amount of our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness. With respect to senior securities that are stock (i.e., our preferred shares), we are required under current law to have an asset coverage of at least 200%, as measured at the time of the issuance of any such preferred shares and calculated as the ratio of our total assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) over the aggregate amount of our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness plus the aggregate liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred shares. If legislation were passed that modifies this section of the 1940 Act and increases the amount of senior securities that we may incur, we may increase our leverage to the extent then permitted by the 1940 Act and the risks associated with an investment in us may increase.

If our asset coverage declines below 300% (or 200%, as applicable), we would not be able to incur additional debt or issue additional preferred shares, and could be required by law to sell a portion of our investments to repay some debt or redeem preferred shares when it is disadvantageous to do so, which could have a material adverse effect on our operations, and we may not be able to make certain distributions or pay dividends of an amount necessary to continue to be subject to tax as a RIC. The amount of leverage that we employ will depend on the Adviser's and the Board's assessment of market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain credit at all or on terms acceptable to us.

In addition, any debt facility into which we may enter would likely impose financial and operating covenants that restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our ability to be subject to tax as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

The following table illustrates the effects of the Fund's leverage due to senior securities on corresponding share total return, assuming investment portfolio total returns (consisting of income and changes in the value of investments held in the Fund's portfolio) of -10%, -5%, 0%, 5% and 10%. These assumed investment portfolio returns are hypothetical figures and are not necessarily indicative of the investment portfolio returns expected to be experienced by the Fund. Your actual returns may be greater or less than those appearing below.

The following table assumes the Fund's continued use of Preferred Shares represents 35.59% of the Fund's Managed Assets, its Credit Facility represents 3.18% of the Fund's Managed Assets as of September 30, 2025, and the Fund bears expenses relating to such Preferred Shares and borrowings at annualized average interest rates of 8.34% and 7.30%, respectively (based on dividend rates for such Preferred Shares and interest rates for such borrowings as of September 30, 2025). The table below also assumes the annual return that the Fund's portfolio must experience (net of expenses not related to Preferred Shares and the Credit Facility) in order to cover the costs of such leverage would be 3.20%. These figures are estimates based on current market conditions and are used for illustration purposes only. Actual expenses associated with Preferred Shares and borrowings used by the Fund may vary frequently and may be significantly higher or lower than the rate used for the example below.

Assumed Return on Portfolio (Net of Expenses)	(10.00)%	(5.00)%	—%	5.00%	10.00%
Corresponding Share Total Return	(21.56)%	(13.40)%	(5.23)%	2.94%	11.10%

#### Principal Risk Factors

For a description of the principal risk factors associated with an investment in the Fund, please refer to Note 5. *Risk Factors*, to the Financial Statements.

#### Additional Information

We file with or submit to the SEC annual and semi-annual reports, proxy statements and other information meeting the informational requirements of the Exchange Act or pursuant to Rule 30b2-1 under the 1940 Act. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information we file with the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). This information is also available free of charge on our website ([www.carlylecreditingfund.com](http://www.carlylecreditingfund.com)) or by calling (866) 277-8243 (toll-free).

#### Forward Looking Statements

This report may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements other than statements of historical facts included in this report may constitute forward-looking

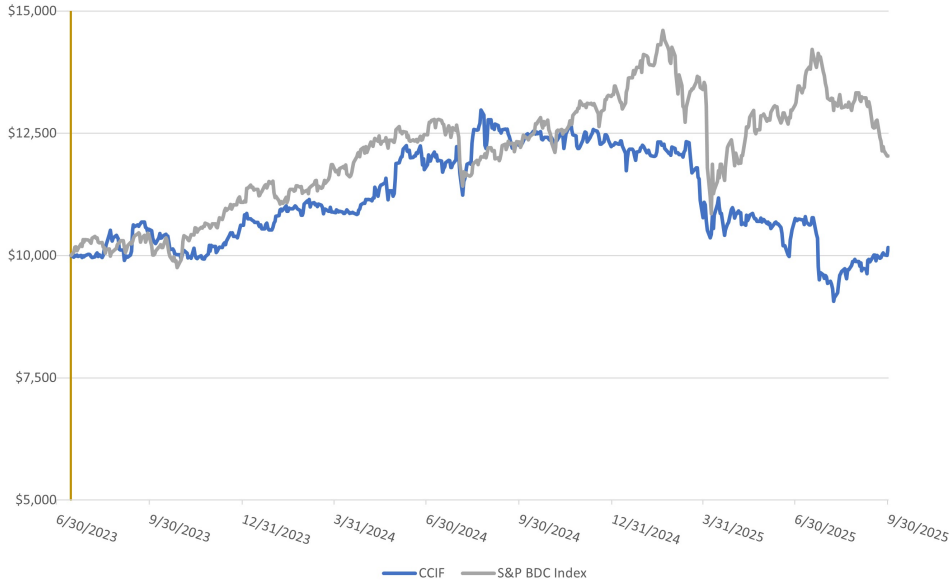
statements and are not guarantees of future performance or results and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described in the Fund's filings with the SEC. The Company undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statement made herein. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report.

**PERFORMANCE DATA**

The graph presented below compares the cumulative shareholder return on our common shares with that of the S&P BDC Index. The Fund commenced operations on September 20, 2013; however prior to the close of business on July 14, 2023, the Fund was advised by a different investment adviser that is not affiliated with the Fund’s current adviser and the Fund’s performance for periods prior to July 14, 2023 are not shown in the graph below. Effective at the close of business on July 14, 2023, the Fund’s principal investment strategy was changed and the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing primarily in equity and junior debt tranches of collateralized loan obligations, or “CLOs.” The Fund believes the S&P BDC Index is the most appropriate and relevant index for comparative purposes for this investment strategy.

The graph assumes an investment of \$10,000 in the Fund since the change in investment adviser on July 14, 2023. Total return is calculated assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. Returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the repurchase of fund shares.

Past performance is not indicative of future results or a guarantee of future returns. Future results may vary and may be higher or lower than the data shown.



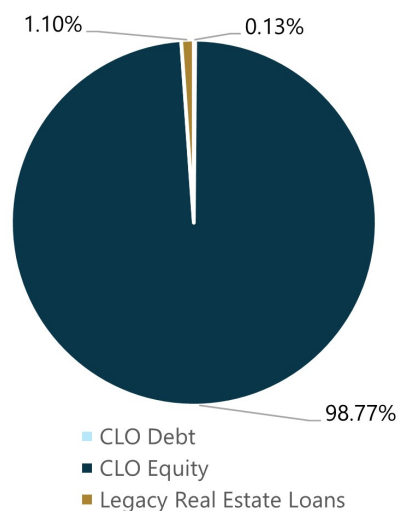
	<u>Annualized Total Return</u>				<u>Since Change in Strategy (July 14, 2023)</u>
	<u>3 Month</u>	<u>6 Month</u>	<u>9 Month</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	
Carlyle Credit Income Fund	(19.26)%	(9.16)%	(20.06)%	(15.09)%	2.40%
S&P BDC Index	(21.74)%	(12.25)%	(7.25)%	0.34%	9.16%

**SUMMARY OF CERTAIN UNAUDITED PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

The information presented below is on a look-through basis to the collateralized loan obligation, or "CLO", equity and related investments held by the Fund as of September 30, 2025, and reflects the aggregate underlying exposure of the Fund based on the portfolios of those investments. The data is estimated, unaudited, and derived from CLO trustee reports received by the Fund as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025 and from custody statements and/or other information received from CLO collateral managers, or third party sources.

**Portfolio Investment Breakdown as of September 30, 2025**

(Excludes cash equivalents and other assets)



**Summary of Underlying Portfolio**

Number of Unique Underlying Loan Obligors	1,479
Number of Underlying Loans	2,032
Aggregate Balance of Underlying Loans	\$22.45 Billion
Average Individual Loan Obligor Exposure	0.07 %
Currency: USD Exposure	100.00 %
Aggregate Indirect Exposure to Senior Secured Loans	96.56 %
Weighted Average Junior OC Cushion	4.59 %
Weighted Average Market Price of Loan Collateral	97.53
Weighted Average Remaining CLO Reinvestment Period	3.25 years
CCIF's Last 12 Month Default Rate including Distressed Exchanges of Underlying Loans	1.09 %
Loan Market Default Rate including Distressed Exchanges	3.49 %



## FEES AND EXPENSES

The following table is intended to assist in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in our common shares will bear, directly or indirectly, based on the assumptions set forth below. The expenses shown in the table under “Annual Expenses” are estimated amounts based on historical fees and expenses, as appropriate. We caution that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this table contains a reference to our fees or expenses, we will pay such fees and expenses out of our net assets and, consequently, shareholders will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as investors in the Fund.

### SHAREHOLDER TRANSACTION FEES

Sales load	— % <sup>(1)</sup>
Offering expenses borne by the Fund	— % <sup>(2)</sup>
Dividend reinvestment plan expenses	— % <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Total shareholder transaction fees</b>	<b>— % <sup>(4)</sup></b>

### ESTIMATED ANNUAL FUND EXPENSES (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common shares)

Management Fee	2.63 % <sup>(5)</sup>
Incentive Fee payable under Investment Advisory Agreement (17.5%)	1.65 % <sup>(6)</sup>
Interest payments and fees on borrowed funds	6.05 % <sup>(7)</sup>
Other Expenses	1.75 % <sup>(8)</sup>
<b>Total annual fund expenses</b>	<b>12.08 %</b>

In the event that the Fund sells its securities publicly through underwriters or agents the related prospectus supplement will disclose the applicable sales load.

In the event that the Fund sells its securities publicly through underwriters or agents the related prospectus supplement will disclose the estimated amount of total offering expenses (which may include offering expenses borne by third parties on the Fund’s behalf), the offering price and the offering expenses borne by the Fund as a percentage of the offering price.

The expenses of administering the dividend reinvestment plan (the “DRP”) are included in “Other Expenses.” Investors will pay brokerage charges if they direct their broker or the DRP Plan agent to sell their Common Shares that they acquired pursuant to the DRP. See “*Dividend Reinvestment Plan.*”

The related prospectus supplement will disclose the offering price and the total stockholder transaction expenses as a percentage of the offering price.

The Management Fee is calculated and payable monthly in arrears at the annual rate of 1.75% of the month-end value of the Fund’s managed Assets. “Managed Assets” means the total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to any preferred shares or to indebtedness) minus the Fund’s liabilities other than liabilities relating to indebtedness.

The Fund shall pay CGCIM an Incentive Fee calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based upon the Fund’s “pre-incentive fee net investment income” for the immediately preceding quarter, and is subject to a hurdle rate, expressed as a rate of return on the Fund’s net assets, equal to 2.00% per quarter (or an annualized hurdle rate of 8.00%), subject to a “catch-up” feature. For this purpose, “pre-incentive fee net investment income” means interest income, dividend income, income generated from original issue discounts, payment-in-kind income, and any other income earned or accrued during the calendar quarter, minus the Fund’s operating expenses (which, for this purpose shall not include any distribution and/or shareholder servicing fees, litigation, any extraordinary expenses or Incentive Fee) for the quarter. For purposes of computing the Fund’s pre-incentive fee net investment income, the calculation methodology will look through total return swaps as if the Fund owned the referenced assets directly. As a result, the Fund’s pre-incentive fee net investment income includes net interest, if any, associated with a derivative or swap, which is the difference between (a) the interest income and transaction fees related to the reference assets and (b) all interest and other expenses paid by the Fund to the derivative or swap counterparty. “Net assets” means the total assets of the Fund minus the Fund’s liabilities. For purposes of the Incentive Fee, net assets are calculated for the relevant quarter as the weighted average of the net asset value of the Fund as of the first business day of each month therein. The weighted average net asset value shall be calculated for each month by multiplying the net asset value as of the beginning of the first business day of the month times the number of days in that month, divided by the number of days in the applicable calendar quarter.

The calculation of the Incentive Fee for each calendar quarter is as follows:

- No Incentive Fee is payable to CGCIM if the Fund’s pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a percentage of the Fund’s net assets in respect of the relevant calendar quarter, does not exceed the quarterly hurdle rate of 2.00%;
- 100% of the portion of the Fund’s pre-incentive fee net investment income that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than or equal to 2.4242% (the “catch-up”) is payable to CGCIM if the Fund’s pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a percentage of the Fund’s net assets in respect of the relevant calendar quarter, exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than or equal to 2.4242% (9.6968% annualized). The “catch-up” provision is intended to provide CGCIM with an incentive fee of 17.5% on all of the Fund’s pre-incentive fee net investment income when the Fund’s pre-incentive fee net investment income reaches 2.4242% of net assets; and

- 17.5% of the portion of the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income that exceeds the "catch-up" is payable to CGCIM if the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a percentage of the Fund's net assets in respect of the relevant calendar quarter, exceeds 2.4242% (9.6968% annualized). As a result, once the hurdle rate is reached and the catch-up is achieved, 17.5% of all the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income thereafter is allocated to CGCIM.

The Fund may issue preferred shares or debt securities. The above figure assumes an aggregate of \$3.5 million of the Fund's Series B Convertible Preferred Shares with an interest rate of 7.125% per annum, \$20.0 million of the Fund's Series C Convertible Preferred Shares with an interest rate of 7.50% per annum, \$30.0 million of the Fund's Series D Term Preferred Shares with an interest rate of 7.375%, and \$17.5 million of the Fund's Series E Convertible Preferred Shares with an interest rate of 7.25%. In the event that the Fund were to issue additional preferred shares or debt securities, the Fund's borrowing costs, and correspondingly its total annual expenses, including, in the case of such preferred shares, the base management fee as a percentage of the Fund's net assets attributable to common shares, would increase.

"Other expenses" includes the Fund's overhead expenses, including payments under the Administration Agreement based on the Fund's allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Administrator, and payment of fees in connection with outsourced administrative functions, and are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year. "Other expenses" also includes the ongoing administrative expenses to the independent accountants and legal counsel of the Fund, compensation of independent directors, and costs and expenses relating to rating agencies.

The following examples illustrate the hypothetical expenses that would be paid on a \$1,000 investment assuming annual expenses attributable to common shares remain unchanged and common shares earn a 5% annual return:

<b>Example</b>	<b><u>1 Year</u></b>	<b><u>3 Years</u></b>	<b><u>5 Years</u></b>	<b><u>10 Years</u></b>
Expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5% annual return	\$124	\$345	\$534	\$898

The example and the expenses in the tables above should not be considered a representation of the Fund's future expenses, and actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown. While the example assumes a 5.0% annual return, as required by the SEC, the Fund's performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5.0%.

**CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**As of September 30, 2025**  
(expresses in U.S. dollars)

	<u>September 30, 2025</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Investments, at fair value (cost \$206,263,382)	\$ 192,203,718
Cash and cash equivalents	2,465,620
Interest receivable	6,192,755
Deferred financing costs	682,483
Receivable for investments sold	10,948,046
Prepaid expenses	282,662
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 212,775,284</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Preferred Shares (net of unamortized deferred issuance costs of \$1,872,238) (Note 7)	\$ 73,644,762
Secured credit facility	6,750,000
Incentive fee payable	670,743
Management fee payable	305,632
Professional fees payable	739,283
Interest payable	366,228
Administration and custodian fees payable	162,714
Other payables and accrued expenses	222,300
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 82,861,662</b>
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 8)</b>	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 129,913,622</b>
<b>COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS</b>	
Paid-in capital	\$ 151,629,695
Total distributable earnings (losses)	(21,716,073)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 129,913,622</b>
<b>Common shares outstanding (no par value)</b>	<b>21,198,622</b>
<b>Net asset value per share of common stock</b>	<b>\$ 6.13</b>

*See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.*

**CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**  
**As of September 30, 2025**  
(expressed in U.S. dollars)

Issuer <sup>(1)(7)</sup>	Investment Description	Acquisition Date <sup>(2)</sup>	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value <sup>(3)</sup>	% of Net Assets
<b>CLO - Equity <sup>(4)(5)</sup></b>						
522 Funding CLO 2021-7, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 0.00%, 4/23/2034) <sup>8</sup>	7/27/2023	\$ 4,505,000	\$ 481,463	\$ 268,926	0.21 %
AGL CLO 17, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 16.29%, 1/21/2035)	5/6/2024	2,750,000	1,912,404	1,674,561	1.29 %
Aimco CLO 10, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 13.00%, 7/22/2032)	11/27/2023	11,071,800	6,030,589	5,787,370	4.45 %
Aimco CLO 14, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 11.79%, 4/20/2034)	7/17/2023	6,200,000	4,270,383	4,549,343	3.50 %
Allegro XVII, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 11.26%, 7/25/2038) <sup>6</sup>	5/07/2025	1,875,000	1,494,271	1,460,690	1.12 %
Apidos CLO XXV, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 15.90%, 1/20/2037)	7/1/2025	6,000,000	2,242,584	2,028,065	1.56 %
Apidos CLO XXXIII, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 12.57%, 10/24/2034) <sup>6</sup>	7/25/2024	22,780,000	12,355,829	12,049,918	9.28 %
Apidos CLO XXXIX, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 12.32%, 4/21/2035)	5/2/2024	5,710,000	3,719,833	3,376,793	2.60 %
Ares LIX CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 19.36%, 4/25/2034)	12/7/2023	8,000,000	4,274,067	3,941,352	3.03 %
Ares LV CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 13.94%, 10/15/2037)	8/19/2025	7,500,000	5,409,375	5,199,049	4.00 %
Ares LVI CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 16.72%, 1/25/2038)	8/24/2023	4,751,000	2,819,779	2,956,606	2.28 %
Ares LX CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 19.39%, 7/18/2034)	11/29/2023	1,600,000	769,476	743,983	0.57 %
Ares LXXIV CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 11.91%, 10/15/2037)	7/23/2025	4,000,000	3,325,000	3,284,658	2.53 %
Audax CLO 12, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 15.51%, 4/22/2037)	3/03/2025	1,330,000	1,230,250	1,199,310	0.92 %
Ballyrock CLO 15, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 13.79%, 1/15/2038)	8/16/2023	5,450,000	3,413,252	3,079,644	2.37 %
Ballyrock CLO 16, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 17.28%, 7/20/2034)	8/20/2024	5,867,000	3,356,512	3,204,649	2.47 %
Ballyrock CLO 18, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 13.97%, 4/15/2038)	8/16/2023	3,260,000	1,923,546	1,718,807	1.32 %
Barings CLO, Ltd. 2019-III	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 18.54%, 1/20/2036) <sup>6</sup>	12/13/2023	7,695,466	3,534,196	3,350,965	2.58 %
Barings CLO, Ltd. 2021-I	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 17.63%, 4/25/2034)	7/17/2023	3,400,000	1,872,625	1,437,359	1.11 %
Barings CLO, Ltd. 2025-I	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 13.27%, 4/20/2038)	2/14/2025	6,000,000	5,184,000	4,960,581	3.82 %
Benefit Street Partners CLO XXIII, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 21.63%, 4/25/2034)	8/02/2023	10,000,000	6,250,685	6,745,736	5.19 %
Benefit Street Partners CLO XXXVIII, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 10.52%, 1/25/2038)	12/17/2024	5,000,000	4,733,139	4,361,582	3.36 %
Birch Grove CLO 3, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 15.14%, 1/19/2038)	9/4/2024	8,602,500	6,942,420	6,668,832	5.13 %
CIFC Funding 2020-II, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 14.02%, 10/20/2034)	2/11/2025	5,000,000	3,239,283	2,753,609	2.12 %
CIFC Funding 2020-III, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 12.92%, 10/20/2034)	9/20/2023	8,750,000	6,022,485	5,040,118	3.88 %
Davis Park CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 11.20%, 4/20/2035)	2/11/2025	5,822,940	4,073,946	3,931,247	3.03 %
Elmwood CLO 17, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 13.50%, 7/17/2037)	8/13/2025	17,500,000	11,555,250	11,302,944	8.70 %
Elmwood CLO VII, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 12.33%, 1/17/2034)	7/17/2023	3,400,000	1,598,696	1,485,176	1.14 %
Empower CLO 2022-1, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 14.11%, 10/20/2037)	9/27/2024	9,500,000	7,464,604	6,818,464	5.25 %
Galaxy XXII CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 16.66%, 4/16/2034)	12/15/2023	3,560,000	1,880,314	1,271,699	0.98 %
KKR CLO 25, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 16.91%, 7/15/2034)	12/11/2023	2,500,000	1,572,921	1,086,934	0.84 %
MidOcean Credit CLO XI, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 17.79%, 1/18/2036)	1/12/2024	6,250,000	3,795,032	3,720,069	2.86 %

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**As of September 30, 2025**  
(expressed in U.S. dollars)

Issuer <sup>(1)(7)</sup>	Investment Description	Acquisition Date <sup>(2)</sup>	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value <sup>(3)</sup>	% of Net Assets
MidOcean Credit CLO XIV, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 11.06%, 4/15/2037) <sup>8</sup>	2/15/2024	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 4,510,173	\$ 3,977,980	3.06 %
Neuberger Berman Loan Advisers CLO 38, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 20.36%, 10/20/2035)	8/1/2023	9,500,000	5,160,348	4,998,040	3.85 %
Neuberger Berman Loan Advisers CLO 41, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 13.18%, 4/15/2034)	11/1/2023	4,500,000	2,480,389	2,183,786	1.68 %
Niagara Park CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 18.02%, 1/17/2038)	12/1/2023	7,850,000	4,231,278	4,528,517	3.49 %
Niagara Park CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 11.20%, 1/17/2038)	11/6/2024	425,000	227,195	404,157	0.31 %
Oaktree CLO 2019-3, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 15.14%, 1/20/2038)	6/12/2025	3,500,000	2,082,225	2,001,692	1.54 %
OCP CLO 2015-9, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 14.92%, 1/15/2037)	12/6/2023	21,847,700	8,075,051	8,838,605	6.80 %
OCP CLO 2017-13, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 11.54%, 11/26/2037)	5/13/2025	17,897,237	5,921,279	5,681,395	4.37 %
Octagon 55, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 14.51%, 7/20/2034)	7/19/2023	9,691,000	4,382,510	3,692,847	2.84 %
OHA Credit Partners XIII, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 15.82%, 10/21/2034)	7/17/2023	2,950,000	1,702,274	1,903,316	1.47 %
RAD CLO 12, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 12.44%, 10/30/2034)	11/5/2024	7,396,000	4,382,554	3,547,732	2.73 %
RR 12, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 16.00%, 1/15/2036)	7/31/2024	8,542,000	2,520,434	1,851,092	1.42 %
RR 6, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 0.00%, 4/15/2036) <sup>8</sup>	4/25/2024	2,206,250	1,017,197	264,070	0.20 %
Signal Peak CLO 10, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 15.50%, 1/24/2038)	3/28/2024	3,775,995	2,243,009	2,166,380	1.67 %
Signal Peak CLO 9, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 16.92%, 1/21/2038)	6/4/2025	10,664,718	5,824,422	4,978,858	3.83 %
Silver Point CLO 4, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 13.71%, 4/15/2037)	2/28/2025	7,140,000	4,534,702	4,272,824	3.29 %
Voya CLO 2020-2, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 13.89%, 7/19/2034)	8/02/2023	13,597,500	9,975,981	9,349,151	7.20 %
Voya CLO 2020-3, Ltd.	Subordinated Notes (effective yield 12.56%, 1/20/2038)	8/3/2023	5,798,000	3,849,777	3,501,813	2.70 %
<b>Total CLO Equity</b>				<b>\$ 201,869,007</b>	<b>\$ 189,601,294</b>	<b>145.94 %</b>
<b>CLO - Debt<sup>(4)</sup></b>						
Apidos CLO XXXIII, Ltd.	12.87% (3M Term SOFR + 8.55%, 4/24/2038)	4/23/2025	\$ 250,000	\$ 230,269	\$ 242,794	0.19 %
<b>Total CLO Debt</b>				<b>\$ 230,269</b>	<b>\$ 242,794</b>	<b>0.19 %</b>
<b>CLO - Subordinated Fee Note <sup>(4)(5)</sup></b>						
Davis Park CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Fee Notes (effective yield 41.27%, 4/20/2035)	2/11/2025	\$ 5,822,940	\$ 35,876	\$ 46,650	0.04 %
Davis Park CLO, Ltd.	Subordinated Fee Notes (effective yield 39.72%, 4/20/2035)	2/11/2025	5,822,940	86,268	111,417	0.08 %
Neuberger Berman Loan Advisers CLO 38, Ltd.	Subordinated Fee Notes (effective yield 23.61%, 10/20/2035)	8/1/2023	69,788	38,083	26,563	0.02 %
<b>Total CLO Subordinated Fee Notes</b>				<b>\$ 160,227</b>	<b>\$ 184,630</b>	<b>0.14 %</b>
<b>Real Estate<sup>(9)</sup></b>						
Moore's Crossing - Travis County, TX		7/14/2023	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,003,879	\$ 2,175,000	1.68 %
<b>Total Investments</b>				<b>\$ 206,263,382</b>	<b>\$ 192,203,718</b>	<b>147.95 %</b>
<b>Cash Equivalents</b>						
City National Bank MMDA	Money Market Deposit Account		\$ 2,008,834	\$ 2,008,834	\$ 2,008,834	1.55 %
U.S. Bank MMDA	Money Market Deposit Account		456,786	456,786	456,786	0.35 %
<b>Total Cash Equivalents</b>				<b>\$ 2,465,620</b>	<b>\$ 2,465,620</b>	<b>1.90 %</b>
<b>Total Investments and Cash Equivalents</b>				<b>\$ 208,729,002</b>	<b>\$ 194,669,338</b>	<b>149.85 %</b>

**CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

**As of September 30, 2025**

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- (1) The Fund is not affiliated with, nor does it "control" (as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act")), any of the issuers listed. In general, under the 1940 Act, the Fund would be presumed to "control" an issuer if it owned 25% or more of its voting securities.
- (2) Acquisition date represents the initial date of purchase or the date the investment was contributed to the Fund at the time of the Fund's formation.
- (3) Fair value is determined by the Adviser in accordance with the written valuation policies and procedures, subject to oversight by the Fund's Board of Trustees, in accordance with Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act.
- (4) Securities exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, and are deemed to be "restricted securities." As of September 30, 2025, the aggregate fair value of these securities is \$190,028,718, or 146.27% of the Fund's net assets.
- (5) CLO subordinated notes and subordinated fee notes are considered CLO equity positions. CLO equity positions are entitled to recurring distributions which are generally equal to the remaining cash flow of payments made by underlying assets less contractual payments to debt holders and fund expenses. The effective yield is estimated based upon the current projection of the amount and timing of these recurring distributions in addition to the estimated amount of terminal principal payment. It is the Fund's policy to calculate the effective yield for each CLO equity position held within the Fund's portfolio at the initiation of each investment and to update it each subsequent quarter thereafter. The effective yield and investment cost may ultimately not be realized. As of September 30, 2025, the Fund's weighted average effective yield on its aggregate CLO equity positions, based on current amortized cost, was 14.44%. When excluding called CLOs, the Fund's weighted average effective yield on its CLO equity positions was 14.55%.
- (6) Fair value includes the Fund's interests in fee rebates on the CLO subordinated notes.
- (7) The fair value of the investment was determined using significant unobservable inputs. See "Note 3. Fair Value Measurements."
- (8) As of September 30, 2025, the investment has been called. Expected value of residual distributions, once received, is anticipated to be recognized as return of capital, pending any remaining amortized cost, and/or realized gain for any amounts received in excess of such amortized cost.
- (9) The Fund inherited a non-income producing defaulted real estate loan from VCIF that was not included in the legacy portfolio sale. Pursuant to a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure on August 10, 2023, the Fund has ownership of the real estate.

*See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.*

**CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2025**  
(expressed in U.S. dollars)

	<b>Year Ended September 30, 2025</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>	
Interest income	\$ 33,179,036
Total investment income	<u>33,179,036</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Interest expense	8,597,149
Management fees	3,623,309
Incentive fees	3,225,894
Professional fees	1,076,988
Administration and custodian fees	666,685
Insurance expense	238,533
Printing expense	140,869
Transfer agent fees	134,999
Trustees' fees and expenses	125,000
Other expenses	140,745
Total expenses	<u>17,970,171</u>
<b>Net Investment Income</b>	<b><u>15,208,865</u></b>
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)</b>	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(17,706,825)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, foreign currency, and cash equivalents	(3,504,909)
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)</b>	<u>(21,211,734)</u>
<b>Net Decrease in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shares from Operations</b>	<b><u>\$ (6,002,869)</u></b>

*See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.*

**CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**For the Years Ended September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2024**  
(expressed in U.S. dollars)

	<u>Year Ended September 30, 2025</u>	<u>Year Ended September 30, 2024</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 15,208,865	\$ 15,045,543
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(17,706,825)	99,225
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, foreign currency and cash equivalents	(3,504,909)	(9,578,026)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(6,002,869)	5,566,742
Distributions to shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(10,363,754)	(427,365)
Return of capital	(13,459,803)	(15,218,076)
Total distributions to shareholders	(23,823,557)	(15,645,441)
Capital share transactions		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from beneficial interest:		
Issuance of common shares	40,303,512	28,063,654
Reinvestment of dividends	1,823,533	877,308
Net increase in net assets from capital share transactions	42,127,045	28,940,962
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	12,300,619	18,862,263
Net assets at the beginning of the period	117,613,003	98,750,740
Net assets at the end of the period	<b>\$ 129,913,622</b>	<b>\$ 117,613,003</b>

*See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.*

**CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2025**  
(expressed in U.S. dollars)

	<b>Year Ended September 30, 2025</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (6,002,869)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Purchases of investments, net of change in payable for investments purchased	(106,130,703)
Proceeds from disposition of investments and reductions to investment cost value <sup>(1)</sup>	55,221,617
Net amortization on investments	(499)
Amortization of deferred issuance costs on preferred shares and credit facility	2,399,937
Net realized loss on investments	17,706,825
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	3,504,909
<i>Changes in assets:</i>	
Increase in interest receivable	(154,212)
Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	294,081
<i>Changes in liabilities:</i>	
Decrease in incentive fee payable	(230,211)
Increase in management fee payable	44,727
Increase in interest payable on preferred shares	288,728
Increase in professional fees payable	103,398
Increase in administration and custodian fees payable	116,605
Decrease in other payables and accrued expenses	(166,513)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(33,004,180)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	
Borrowings on credit facility	26,000,000
Repayments on credit facility	(19,250,000)
Deferred issuance costs paid for the credit facility	(737,620)
Proceeds from the issuance of preferred shares	20,000,000
Deferred issuance costs for the issuance of preferred shares	(1,571,470)
Proceeds from common shares issued, net of commissions and fees	32,303,512
Dividends paid to shareholders, net of reinvestments	(22,000,024)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>34,744,398</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,740,218
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	725,402
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 2,465,620</u>
<b>Supplemental information:</b>	
Cash paid for interest on preferred shares	\$ 5,867,872
<b>Non-cash activities:</b>	
Reinvestment of dividends	\$ 1,823,533
Conversion of preferred shares to common shares (net of deferred issuance costs)	\$ 7,785,030

(1) Proceeds from the disposition of investments and reductions to investment cost value includes \$14,422,841 of return of capital on CLO equity investments from recurring cash flows and distributions from called deals and refinancings during the year ended September 30, 2025.

*See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.*

**CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND  
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

	Year Ended September 30, 2025		Year Ended September 30,		
		2024	2023 <sup>(6)</sup>	2022	2021
<b>Per Share Operating Data</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 7.64	\$ 8.42	\$ 10.39	\$ 11.69	\$ 12.05
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	0.81	1.19	0.05	0.50	0.42
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) <sup>(2)</sup>	(1.13)	(0.74)	(1.20)	(0.80)	0.33
Total from investment operations	(0.32)	0.45	(1.15)	(0.30)	0.75
Dividends to shareholders from:					
Net investment income <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.55)	(0.03)	(0.43)	(0.73)	(0.89)
Net realized gains <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	(0.18)	(0.22)
Return of capital <sup>(3)</sup>	(0.71)	(1.20)	(0.40)	(0.09)	—
Total dividends	(1.26)	(1.23)	(0.82)	(1.00)	(1.11)
Effect of shares issued	\$ 0.07	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 6.13	\$ 7.64	\$ 8.42	\$ 10.39	\$ 11.69
Per share market value at beginning of period	\$ 8.23	\$ 8.18	\$ 8.92	\$ 10.49	\$ 9.93
Per share market value at end of period	\$ 5.82	\$ 8.23	\$ 8.18	\$ 8.92	\$ 10.49
Total Return based on Net Asset Value <sup>(4)</sup>	(3.74)%	6.07 %	(11.75)%	(2.77)%	6.52 %
Total Return based on Market Value <sup>(4)</sup>	(15.09)%	17.21 %	0.39 %	(5.95)%	17.59 %
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$ 129,914	\$ 117,613	\$ 98,751	\$ 107,829	\$ 121,324
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets <sup>(5)</sup>	13.85 %	12.92 %	7.42 %	3.27 %	3.05 %
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets <sup>(5)</sup>	13.85 %	12.92 %	6.72 %	3.09 %	2.88 %
Ratio of net expenses before incentive fees to average net assets <sup>(5)</sup>	11.36 %	9.72 %	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets <sup>(5)</sup>	11.72 %	15.10 %	0.56 %	4.53 %	3.56 %
Portfolio turnover rate	28.91 %	17.69 %	100.91 %	28.39 %	14.73 %
Asset coverage of preferred shares and credit facility	258 %	285 %	N/A	N/A	N/A
Loan Outstanding, End of Year/Period (in thousands) <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 6,750	N/A	N/A	\$ 7,455	\$ 1,923
Asset Coverage Ratio for Loan Outstanding <sup>(7)</sup>	3143 %	N/A	N/A	1546 %	6409 %
Asset Coverage, per \$1,000 Principal Amount of Loan Outstanding <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 31,434	N/A	N/A	\$ 15,463	\$ 64,090
Weighted Average Loans Outstanding (in thousands) <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 7,542	N/A	\$ 3,732	\$ 8,051	\$ 10,788
Weighted Average Interest Rate on Loans Outstanding <sup>(7)</sup>	7.45 %	N/A	7.94 %	4.50 %	3.75 %

(1) Per share amounts are calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

(2) Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) includes adjustments to reconcile change in net asset value ("NAV") per share. The amount may not agree with the change in the aggregate net realized and unrealized gain (loss) due to the timing of the issuance of the Fund's common shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the portfolio.

(3) Management monitors available taxable earnings to determine if a tax return of capital may occur for the period. To the extent the Fund's taxable earnings fall below the total amount of the Fund's distributions for that fiscal year, a portion of those distributions may be deemed a tax return of capital to the Fund's shareholders. The ultimate tax character of the Fund's earnings cannot be determined until tax returns are prepared after the end of the fiscal year.

(4) Total returns are historical in nature and assume changes in share price, reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions, if any, and excludes the effect of sales charges. Had the Adviser not waived expenses, total returns would have been lower. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares.

(5) Annualized for periods less than one full year. For years ended September 2021, 2022, and 2023 the Fund waived certain expenses in connection with an expense limitation agreement. For the year ended September 30, 2025, there were no expenses waived. See Note 4. *Related Party Transactions*, for further information.

(6) Effective at the close of business on July 14, 2023, CGCIM replaced Oakline Advisors as the Fund's new investment adviser and the Fund's investment strategy was changed to invest primarily in debt and equity tranches issued by collateralized loan obligations. Prior to the close of business on July 14, 2023, the investment strategy was to invest primarily in mortgage notes secured by residential real estate.

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**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)**

(7) On July 11, 2025, the Fund entered into a revolving credit and security agreement (the "Credit Facility"). The weighted average loans outstanding and weighted average interest rate on loans outstanding are calculated from August 13, 2025 (initial date the Fund borrowed under the Credit Facility) through September 30, 2025. The obligations under the Credit Facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the Fund's portfolio investments (see Note 6, Borrowings). A revolving line of credit agreement between the Fund and Nexbank was terminated on July 5, 2023.

**Senior Securities**

<b>Class and Period Ended</b>	<b>Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities <sup>(1)</sup></b>		<b>Asset Coverage Per Unit <sup>(2)</sup></b>		<b>Involuntary Liquidating Preference <sup>(3)</sup> Per Unit</b>		<b>Average Market Value Per Unit <sup>(4)</sup></b>	
<b>Credit Facility</b>								
September 30, 2025	\$	6,750,000	\$	31,434.17	\$	—		N/A
<b>8.75% Series A Term Preferred Shares</b>								
September 30, 2025	\$	52,000,000	\$	64.48	\$	25.00	\$	25.74
September 30, 2024	\$	52,000,000	\$	71.29	\$	25.00	\$	25.60
<b>7.125% Series B Convertible Preferred Shares</b>								
September 30, 2025	\$	3,517,000	\$	2,579.17	\$	1,000.00		N/A
September 30, 2024	\$	11,517,000	\$	2,851.68	\$	1,000.00		N/A
<b>7.50% Series C Convertible Preferred Shares</b>								
September 30, 2025	\$	20,000,000	\$	2,579.17	\$	1,000.00		N/A

(1) Total amount of each class of senior securities outstanding at principal value at the end of the period presented.

(2) Asset coverage per unit is the ratio of the carrying value of the Fund's total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, to the aggregate amount of the outstanding senior securities as calculated in accordance with Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act. The asset coverage per unit figure is expressed in terms of dollar amounts per share of outstanding Preferred Shares (based on a per share liquidation preference of \$25 in the case of the 8.75% Series A Term Preferred Shares and \$1,000 in the case of the 7.125% Series B Convertible Preferred Shares and the 7.50% Series C Convertible Preferred Shares). With respect to the Credit Facility, the asset coverage ratio is multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the asset coverage per unit.

(3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon our involuntary liquidation in preference to any security junior to it.

(4) The average market value per unit is calculated by taking the average of the closing price of the 8.75% Series A Term Preferred Shares (NYSE: CCIA) for each day during the year for which it was listed on the NYSE. Not applicable for the 7.125% Series B Convertible Preferred Shares, the 7.50% Series C Convertible Preferred Shares, and the Credit Facility.

*See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.*

## 1. ORGANIZATION

Carlyle Credit Income Fund (the “Fund”) is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The Fund was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on April 8, 2011. In addition, the Fund has elected to be treated, and intends to continue to comply with the requirements to qualify annually, as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the “Code”). The Fund currently has one class of common shares which commenced operations on December 30, 2011. The Fund was previously named Vertical Capital Income Fund (“VCIF”) and was managed by its Adviser, Oakline Advisors LLC (“Oakline”). Effective at the close of business on July 14, 2023, the Fund is managed by its Adviser, Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C. (“CGCIM” or the “Adviser”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C.

On January 12, 2023, the Fund entered into a definitive agreement (the “Transaction Agreement”) with the Adviser pursuant to which, among other things, CGCIM would become the investment adviser to the Fund (the “Transaction”). Pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, the investment advisory agreement between the Fund and Oakline terminated at or near the closing of the Transaction (the “Closing”). As a result, the holders of the Fund’s common shares (“Shareholders”) were asked to approve a new investment advisory agreement between the Fund and CGCIM and to approve certain other proposals upon which the Closing was conditioned. The Shareholders approved the new Investment Advisory Agreement and the other proposals at a shareholder meeting on June 15, 2023, followed by the Closing, which occurred on July 14, 2023. In connection with Closing, (i) the Fund sold existing investments with a gross asset value equal to approximately 97% of the total gross asset value of such investments as of August 31, 2022, subject to certain exclusions; (ii) CGCIM replaced Oakline as the Fund’s new investment adviser; (iii) the Fund’s investment strategy was changed to invest primarily in debt and equity tranches issued by collateralized loan obligations; (iv) each of the Fund’s trustees and officers were replaced; (v) the Fund changed its name on July 14, 2023 from Vertical Capital Income Fund to Carlyle Credit Income Fund; and (vi) on July 27, 2023 the Fund’s common shares began trading on NYSE under the symbol “CCIF.” In addition, Shareholders of the Fund received a special one-time payment of \$10,000,000 from CGCIM (or one of its affiliates), or approximately \$0.96 per common share.

Following the closing of the Transaction and pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, (i) CG Subsidiary Holdings L.L.C., an affiliate of the Adviser (the “Purchaser”) commenced a tender offer on July 18, 2023 to purchase up to \$25,000,000 of outstanding Fund common shares at the then-current net asset value per common share (the “Tender Offer”), and (ii) the Purchaser agreed to invest \$15,000,000 into the Fund through the purchase of newly issued Fund common shares at a price equal to the greater of the then-current net asset value per common share and the net asset value per common share that represents the tender offer purchase price (the “New Issuance”), and through acquiring common shares in private purchases (the “Private Purchase”).

The Tender Offer expired on August 28, 2023, and the Purchaser accepted for purchase 3,012,049 common shares at a purchase price of \$8.30 per common share for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000,007, excluding fees and expenses relating to the Tender Offer.

On September 12, 2023, the Fund closed the New Issuance and issued and sold 1,269,537 common shares to the Purchaser at a purchase price of \$8.52 per common share, which price represented the net asset value per common share as of the closing of the New Issuance, for an aggregate purchase price of \$10,816,451.

On September 12, 2023, the Purchaser closed the Private Purchase and acquired 504,042 common shares from existing shareholders of the Fund.

Prior to the close of business on July 14, 2023, the Fund’s investment objective was to generate income by primarily investing in mortgage notes secured by residential real estate. Following the closing of the Transaction, the Fund’s primary investment objective is to generate current income, with a secondary objective to generate capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing primarily in equity and junior debt tranches of collateralized loan obligations (“CLO”) that are collateralized by a portfolio consisting primarily of below investment grade U.S. senior secured loans with a large number of distinct underlying borrowers across various industry sectors. The Fund may also invest in other related securities and instruments or other securities and instruments that the Adviser believes are consistent with its investment objectives, including senior debt tranches of CLOs, loan accumulation facilities (“LAFs”) and securities issued by other securitization vehicles, such as collateralized bond obligations, or “CBOs.” LAFs are short- to medium-term facilities often provided by the bank that will serve as the placement agent or arranger on a CLO transaction. LAFs typically incur leverage between four and six times equity value prior to a CLO’s pricing. The CLO securities in which the Fund primarily seek to invest are unrated or rated below investment grade and are considered speculative with respect to timely payment of interest and repayment of principal. Unrated and below investment grade securities are also sometimes referred to as “junk” securities. In

addition, the CLO equity and junior debt securities in which the Fund invests are highly leveraged (with CLO equity securities typically being leveraged ten times), which magnifies the Fund's risk of loss on such investments.

To qualify as a RIC, the Fund must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and timely distribute to its shareholders generally at least 90% of its investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. Pursuant to this election, the Fund generally does not have to pay corporate level taxes on any income that it distributes to shareholders, provided that the Fund satisfies those requirements.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### *Basis of Presentation*

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). The Fund is an investment company for the purposes of accounting and financial reporting in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 946, *Financial Services—Investment Companies* ("ASC 946"). U.S. GAAP for an investment company requires investments to be recorded at fair value. With the exception of the line item entitled "preferred shares" which is reported at amortized cost, the carrying value for all other assets and liabilities approximates their fair value. The Fund's fiscal year ends on September 30, and unless otherwise noted, references to fiscal year or year are for fiscal years ended September 30.

### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make assumptions and estimates that affect the reported amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Management's estimates are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. It also requires management to exercise judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies.

### *Investments*

Investment transactions are recorded as of the applicable trade date. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment using the specific identification method without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and includes investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments as presented in the accompanying Statement of Operations reflects the net change in the fair value of investments, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized. See Note 3. *Fair Value Measurements*, for further information.

### *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits and highly liquid investments (e.g., money market funds, U.S. treasury notes) with original maturities of three months or less. The Fund's cash and cash equivalents are held at one or more large financial institutions and cash held in such financial institutions may, at times, exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit. The Fund classifies cash equivalents as Level I in the fair value hierarchy. Cash equivalents are carried at cost or amortized cost which approximates fair value.

### *Interest from Investments*

CLO equity investments recognize investment income by utilizing an effective interest methodology based upon an effective yield to maturity utilizing projected cash flow, as required by ASC Topic 325-40, *Beneficial Interest in Securitized Financial Assets*. The Fund monitors the expected residual payments, and effective yield is determined and updated periodically, as needed. Accordingly, investment income recognized on CLO equity securities in the U.S. GAAP statement of operations differs from both the tax-basis investment income and from the cash distributions actually received by the Fund during the quarterly period.

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis and includes the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Discounts from and premiums to par value on debt investments purchased are accreted/amortized into interest income over the life of the respective security using the effective interest method. The amortized cost of debt investments represents the original cost, including origination fees and upfront fees received that are deemed to be an adjustment to yield, adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

*Interest Expense*

Interest expense includes the Fund's dividends associated with its 8.75% Series A Term Preferred Shares due October 31, 2028 (the "Series A Term Preferred Shares"), its 7.125% Series B Convertible Preferred Shares (the "Series B Convertible Preferred Shares"), its 7.50% Series C Convertible Preferred Shares (the "Series C Convertible Preferred Shares"), and its Credit Facility. Interest expense also includes the Fund's amortization of deferred issuance costs associated with its Series A Term Preferred Shares, its Series B Convertible Preferred Shares, its Series C Convertible Preferred Shares, and its Credit Facility.

*Prepaid Expenses*

Prepaid expenses consist primarily of insurance premiums and ATM program expenses. See Note 9. *Capital*, for further information. Insurance premiums are amortized over the term of the current policy. Prepaid ATM program expenses represent fees and expenses incurred in connection with the ATM program. Such costs are allocated pro-rata based on the amount issued relative to the total respective offering amount and are charged to paid-in-capital. Any remaining prepaid expense balance associated with the ATM program is charged to expense at the earlier of the end of the program period, or at the effective date of a new ATM program.

*Preferred Shares* (See Note 7. *Preferred Shares*, for further information)

The Fund authorized and issued its Series A Term Preferred and its Series B Convertible Preferred Shares during the year ended September 30, 2024. The Fund authorized and issued its Series C Convertible Preferred Shares during the year ended September 30, 2025. The Fund carries its mandatory redeemable Series A Term Preferred Shares, Series B Convertible Preferred Shares and Series C Convertible Preferred Shares at amortized cost, and such shares are included as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

*Deferred Issuance Costs*

Deferred issuance costs consist of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the closing of the Fund's Series A Term Preferred Shares, Series B Convertible Preferred Shares, Series C Convertible Preferred Shares, and Credit Facility. Deferred issuance costs related to the Series A Term Preferred Shares are amortized over the period the shares are outstanding. Deferred issuance costs related to the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares and Series C Convertible Preferred Shares are amortized over the shorter of 12 months or the period the shares are outstanding. Deferred issuance costs related to the Credit Facility are amortized on the straight-line basis over the term of the Credit Facility. The amortized expenses are included in interest expense in the Fund's financial statements. The unamortized deferred issuance costs related to the Series A Term Preferred Shares, Series B Convertible Preferred Shares, and Series C Convertible Preferred Shares are included on the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a direct deduction from the related preferred share liability. The unamortized balance of such costs related to the Credit Facility is included in Deferred Issuance Costs on the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

*Income Taxes*

For federal income tax purposes, the Fund has elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code, and intends to make the required distributions to its shareholders as specified therein. In order to qualify as a RIC, the Fund must meet certain minimum distribution, source-of-income and asset diversification requirements. If such requirements are met, then the Fund is generally required to pay income taxes only on the portion of its taxable income and gains it does not distribute.

The minimum distribution requirements applicable to RICs require the Fund to distribute to its shareholders at least 90% of its investment company taxable income ("ICTI"), as defined by the Code, each year (the "Annual Distribution Requirement"). Depending on the level of ICTI earned in a tax year, the Fund may choose to carry forward ICTI in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year. Any such carryover ICTI must be distributed before the end of that next tax year through a dividend declared prior to filing the final tax return related to the year which generated such ICTI.

In addition, based on the excise distribution requirements, the Fund is subject to a 4% nondeductible federal excise tax on undistributed income unless the Fund distributes in a timely manner an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of its ordinary income for each calendar year, (2) 98.2% of capital gain net income (both long-term and short-term) for the one-year period ending October 31 in that calendar year and (3) any income realized, but not distributed, in the preceding year. For this purpose, however, any ordinary income or capital gain net income retained by the Fund that is subject to corporate income tax is considered to have been distributed. The Fund intends to make sufficient distributions each taxable year to satisfy the excise distribution requirements.

Due to timing of dividends and distributions, the fiscal year in which amounts are distributed may differ from the fiscal year in which the income or net realized gain was recorded by the Fund.

#### *Dividends*

The composition of distributions paid to common shareholders from net investment income and capital gains are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations, which differ from U.S. GAAP. Distributions to common shareholders can be comprised of net investment income, net realized capital gains and return of capital for U.S. federal income tax purposes and are intended to be paid monthly. Distributions payable to common shareholders are recorded as a liability on ex-dividend date.

The Fund has an “opt out” dividend reinvestment plan (“DRP”) that provides for reinvestment of dividends and other distributions on behalf of the shareholder, other than those shareholders who have “opted out” of the plan. As a result of adopting the plan, if the Board of Trustees authorizes, and the Fund declares, a cash dividend or distribution, the shareholders who have not elected to “opt out” of the DRP will have their cash dividends or distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Fund’s shares of beneficial interest, rather than receiving cash. Each registered shareholder may elect to have such shareholder’s dividends and distributions distributed in cash rather than participate in the plan. For any registered shareholder that does not so elect, distributions on such shareholder’s shares will be reinvested by the Transfer Agent, the Fund’s plan administrator, in additional shares. The number of shares to be issued to the shareholder will be determined based on the total dollar amount of the cash distribution payable, net of applicable withholding taxes.

#### *Functional Currency*

The functional currency of the Fund is the U.S. Dollar. Investments are generally made in the local currency of the country in which the investments are domiciled and are translated into U.S. Dollars with foreign currency translation gains or losses recorded within net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments in the accompanying Statement of Operations.

### **3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Fund applies fair value accounting in accordance with the terms of FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement* (“ASC 820”). ASC 820 defines fair value as the amount that would be exchanged to sell an asset or transfer a liability in an orderly transfer between market participants at the measurement date. The Fund values securities/instruments traded in active markets on the measurement date by multiplying the bid price of such traded securities/instruments by the quantity of shares or amount of the instrument held. The Fund may also obtain quotes with respect to certain of its investments, such as its securities/instruments traded in active markets and its liquid securities/instruments that are not traded in active markets, from pricing services, brokers, or counterparties (i.e., “consensus pricing”). When doing so, the Adviser determines whether the quote obtained is sufficient according to U.S. GAAP to determine the fair value of the security. The Fund may use the quote obtained or alternative pricing sources may be utilized including valuation techniques typically utilized for illiquid securities/instruments.

The Board of Trustees has designated the Adviser as the Fund’s valuation designee for purposes of Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act to perform the fair value determination of all of the Fund’s assets in accordance with the terms of ASC 820. Securities/instruments that are illiquid or for which the pricing source does not provide a valuation or methodology or provides a valuation or methodology that, in the judgment of the Adviser, does not represent fair value shall each be valued as of the measurement date using all techniques appropriate under the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available. These valuation techniques may vary by investment and include comparable public market valuations, comparable precedent transaction valuations and/or discounted cash flow analyses. The Adviser engages third-party valuation firms to provide independent prices on securities/instruments. The Adviser’s Valuation Committee (the “Valuation Committee”) reviews the assessments of the third-party valuation firms and provides any recommendations with respect to changes to the fair value of each investment in the portfolio and approves the fair value of each investment in the portfolio in good faith based on the input of the third-party valuation firms. If the Adviser reasonably believes a valuation from a pricing vendor is inaccurate or unreliable, the Valuation Committee will consider an “override” of the particular valuation. The Valuation Committee will consider all available information at its disposal prior to making a valuation determination.

U.S. GAAP establishes a hierarchical disclosure framework which ranks the level of observability of market price inputs used in measuring investments at fair value. The observability of inputs is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of investment and the characteristics specific to the investment and state of the marketplace, including the existence and transparency of transactions between market participants. Investments with readily available quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from quoted prices in active markets generally have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment applied in determining fair value.

Investments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed based on the observability of inputs used in determination of fair values, as follows:

- Level 1— inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date. The types of financial instruments included in Level 1 generally include unrestricted securities, including equities and derivatives, listed in active markets. The Adviser does not adjust the quoted price for these investments, even in situations where we hold a large position and a sale could reasonably impact the quoted price.
- Level 2—inputs to the valuation methodology are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date and are those other than quoted prices in active markets. The type of financial instruments in this category generally includes less liquid and restricted securities listed in active markets, securities traded in other than active markets, government and agency securities, and certain over-the-counter derivatives where the fair value is based on observable inputs.
- Level 3—inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to overall fair value measurement. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. Financial instruments that are included in this category generally include investments in privately held entities, non-investment grade residual interests in securitizations, collateralized loan obligations, and certain over-the-counter derivatives where the fair value is based on unobservable inputs.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the overall fair value measurement. The Adviser's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment.

Transfers between levels, if any, are recognized at the beginning of the period in which the transfers occur. During the year ended September 30, 2025, there were no transfers.

The following table summarizes the Fund's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis by the above fair value hierarchy levels as of September 30, 2025:

	As of September 30, 2025			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,465,620	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,465,620
Collateralized Loan Obligations	—	—	190,028,718	190,028,718
Real Estate	—	—	2,175,000	2,175,000
<b>Total Investments, at Fair Value</b>	<b>\$ 2,465,620</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 192,203,718</b>	<b>\$ 194,669,338</b>

The changes in the Fund's investments at fair value for which the Fund has classified as Level 3 for the year ended September 30, 2025, are as follows:

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2025		
	Collateralized Loan Obligations	Real Estate	Total
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 171,278,913	\$ 2,175,000	\$ 173,453,913
Purchases of investments	106,130,703	—	106,130,703
Proceeds from sales and paydowns of investments <sup>(1)</sup>	(66,169,663)	—	(66,169,663)
Net realized gains (losses)	(17,706,825)	—	(17,706,825)
Accretion of discount (premium)	499	—	499
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(3,504,909)	—	(3,504,909)
Balance, end of period	\$ 190,028,718	\$ 2,175,000	\$ 192,203,718
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) included in earnings related to investments still held at the reporting date	\$ (7,854,210)	\$ —	\$ (7,854,210)

(1) Includes \$14,422,841 of return of capital on CLO investments from recurring cash flows and refinancings.

The Fund generally uses the following framework when determining the fair value of investments that are categorized as Level 3:

The fair value of CLOs is estimated based on various valuation models from third-party pricing services. Those analyses consider the current trading activity, position size, liquidity, current financial condition of the CLOs, the third-party

financing environment, reinvestment rates, recovery lags, discount rates, and default forecasts. The Fund corroborates quotations from pricing services either with other available pricing data and subsequent or recent trading information. These securities are classified as Level 3.

The following table summarizes the quantitative information related to the significant unobservable inputs for Level 3 instruments which are carried at fair value as of September 30, 2025:

	Fair Value as of September 30, 2025	Valuation Techniques	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Range		Weighted Average
				Low	High	
Collateralized Loan Obligations	\$ 188,667,074	Consensus Pricing	Indicative Quotes	0.85 %	97.6 %	60.3 %
	\$ 1,361,644	Discounted Cash Flow	Discount Rate	20.0 %	20.0 %	20.0 %
Real Estate	2,175,000	Market Approach	Bid Price	54.4 %	54.4 %	54.4 %
Total Level 3 Investments	\$ 192,203,718					

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Fund's investments in CLOs are indicative quotes. Significant decreases in indicative quotes may result in a significantly lower fair value measurement. The Fund's Real Estate investment is being valued based on an indicative bid received.

#### 4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

##### *Investment Advisory Agreement*

On November 28, 2022, the Fund's Board of Trustees, including a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, as amended, approved the Investment Advisory Agreement, subject to Shareholder approval. The Board weighed a number of factors in reaching its decision to approve the Investment Advisory Agreement, including, without limitation, the history, reputation, and resources of CGCIM, prior performance results achieved by CGCIM, and quality of services to be provided by CGCIM. The Board considered CGCIM's expertise in managing collateralized loan obligation securities.

The Shareholders approved the Investment Advisory Agreement on June 15, 2023 and it became effective on July 14, 2023, at which time the original Investment Advisory Agreement between the Fund and Oakline Advisors, LLC terminated. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, by and between the Fund and the Adviser, and in consideration of the advisory services provided by the Adviser to the Fund, the Adviser is entitled to a fee consisting of two components—a base management fee (the "Management Fee") and an incentive fee (the "Incentive Fee").

The Management Fee is calculated and payable monthly in arrears at the annual rate of 1.75% of the month-end value of the Fund's Managed Assets. "Managed Assets" means the total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to any preferred shares or to indebtedness) minus the Fund's liabilities other than liabilities relating to indebtedness.

The incentive fee is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based upon the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income for the immediately preceding quarter, and is subject to a hurdle rate, expressed as a rate of return on the Fund's net assets, equal to 2.00% per quarter (or an annualized hurdle rate of 8.00%), subject to a "catch-up" feature. For this purpose, "pre-incentive fee net investment income" means interest income, dividend income, income generated from original issue discounts, payment-in-kind income, and any other income earned or accrued during the calendar quarter, minus the Fund's operating expenses (which, for this purpose shall not include any distribution and/or shareholder servicing fees, litigation, any extraordinary expenses or Incentive Fee) for the quarter. For purposes of computing the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income, the calculation methodology will look through total return swaps as if the Fund owned the referenced assets directly. As a result, the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income includes net interest, if any, associated with a derivative or swap, which is the difference between (a) the interest income and transaction fees related to the reference assets and (b) all interest and other expenses paid by the Fund to the derivative or swap counterparty. For purposes of the Incentive Fee, net assets are calculated for the relevant quarter as the weighted average of the net asset value of the Fund as of the first business day of each month therein. The weighted average net asset value shall be calculated for each month by multiplying the net asset value as of the beginning of the first business day of the month times the number of days in that month, divided by the number of days in the applicable calendar quarter.

The Fund pays its Adviser an incentive fee with respect to its pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

- No incentive fee based on pre-incentive fee net investment income in any calendar quarter in which its pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate of 2.00%;
- 100% of the portion of the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than or equal to 2.4242% (the "catch-up") is payable to the Adviser if the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income,

expressed as a percentage of the Fund's net assets in respect of the relevant calendar quarter, exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than or equal to 2.4242% (9.6968% annualized). The "catch-up" provision is intended to provide the Adviser with an incentive fee of 17.5% on all of the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income when the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income reaches 2.4242% of net assets; and

- 17.5% of the portion of the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income that exceeds the "catch-up" will be payable to the Adviser if the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a percentage of the Fund's net assets in respect of the relevant calendar quarter, exceeds 2.4242% (9.6968% annualized). As a result, once the hurdle rate is reached and the catch-up is achieved, 17.5% of all the Fund's pre-incentive fee net investment income thereafter is allocated to the Adviser.

During the year ended September 30, 2025, the management fee was \$3,623,309 and incentive fee related to pre-incentive fee net investment income was \$3,225,894.

As of September 30, 2025, \$305,632 and \$670,743 was included in management fee payable and incentive fee payable, respectively, in the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

#### *Expense Limitation Agreement*

The Adviser and the Fund entered into an Expense Limitation Agreement under which the Adviser had agreed contractually to waive its Management Fee and/or reimburse the Fund's operating expenses on a monthly basis to the extent that the Fund's monthly total annualized fund operating expenses (excluding (i) expenses directly related to the costs of making investments, including interest and structuring costs for borrowings and line(s) of credit, taxes, brokerage costs, the Fund's proportionate share of expenses related to co-investments, litigation and extraordinary expenses, (ii) Incentive Fees, expenses related to equity or debt offerings, and (iii) expenses associated with the Transaction Agreement, including expenses related to the liquidation as defined therein) in respect of the relevant month not to exceed 2.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Expense Limitation Agreement terminated based on its terms on August 17, 2023, which was the date that 75% of the Fund's gross assets were invested in collateralized loan obligation equity and debt investments.

CGCIM also had a Fee Waiver Agreement under which it had agreed to irrevocably waive the portion of its management and incentive fees on Fund managed assets invested in exchange traded funds through January 12, 2024 (the "Termination Date"), as the Fund's portfolio transitioned to the new investment strategy. CGCIM was not entitled to recoup any waived fees under the Fee Waiver Agreement. For the period from July 14, 2023, the date CGCIM replaced Oakline as the Fund's new investment adviser, through the Termination Date, the Fund did not have any investments in exchange traded funds, and thus no management or incentive fees were waived under the Fee Waiver Agreement.

The Adviser is obligated to pay expenses associated with providing the investment services stated in the Investment Advisory Agreement, including compensation of and office space for its officers and employees connected with investment and economic research, trading and investment management of the Fund.

#### *Board of Trustees*

The Fund's Board of Trustees currently consists of five members, three of whom are Independent Trustees. The Board of Trustees has established an Audit Committee, a Nominating and Governance Committee and an Independent Trustees Committee, the members of each of which consist entirely of the Fund's Independent Trustees. The Board of Trustees may establish additional committees in the future. During the year ended September 30, 2025, the Fund incurred \$125,000 in fees and expenses associated with its Independent Trustees' services on the Fund's Board of Trustees and its committees. As of September 30, 2025, no fees or expenses associated with the Fund's Independent Trustees were payable.

#### *Shareholder Concentration*

Related parties owned approximately 23% of the Fund's total outstanding shares as of September 30, 2025. Related parties may include, but are not limited to, the Adviser and its affiliates, affiliated broker dealers, fund of funds, and directors or employees.

## **5. RISK FACTORS**

### **Investment Risks**

#### *Portfolio Fair Value Risk*

Under the Investment Company Act, the Fund is required to carry its portfolio investments at market value or, if there is no readily available market value, at fair value. There is not a public market for the CLO investments we target. As a result, the Adviser values these securities at least quarterly, or more frequently as may be required from time to time, at fair value. The

Adviser, as valuation designee, is responsible for the valuation of the Fund's portfolio investments and implementing the portfolio.

The Fund expects that it will hold a high proportion of Level 3 investments relative to its total investments, which is directly related to the Fund's investment philosophy and target portfolio. The Adviser has engaged an independent valuation firm to fair value the Fund's Level 3 investments on a monthly basis. A retained independent valuation firm will have expertise in complex valuations associated with alternative investments and utilize a variety of techniques to calculate a security's/instrument's valuation. The valuation approach may vary by security/instrument but may include comparable public market valuations, comparable transaction valuations and discounted cash flow analyses. All factors that might materially impact the value of an investment (e.g., operating results, financial condition, achievement of milestones, economic and/or market events and recent sales prices) may be considered. The factors and methodologies used for the valuation of such securities are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities nor can it be assured that the Fund can realize the fair value assigned to a security if it were to sell the security. Because such valuations are inherently uncertain, they often reflect only periodic information received by the Adviser about such companies' financial condition and/or business operations, which may be on a lagged basis and therefore fluctuate over time and can be based on estimates. Determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if an exchange-traded market for these securities existed.

*Potential Conflicts of Interest Risk—Allocation of Investment Opportunities*

The Adviser has adopted allocation procedures that are intended to treat each fund they advise in a manner that, over a period of time, is fair and equitable. The Adviser and its affiliates currently provide investment advisory and administration services and may provide in the future similar services to other entities (collectively, "Advised Funds"). Certain existing Advised Funds have, and future Advised Funds may have, investment objectives similar to those of the Fund, and such Advised Funds will invest in asset classes similar to those targeted by the Fund. Certain other existing Advised Funds do not, and future Advised Funds may not, have similar investment objectives, but such funds may from time to time invest in asset classes similar to those targeted by the Fund. The Adviser will endeavor to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, and in any event consistent with any fiduciary duties owed to the Fund and other clients and in an effort to avoid favoring one client over another and taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances, including (without limitation): (i) differences with respect to available capital, size of client, and remaining life of a client; (ii) differences with respect to investment objectives or current investment strategies, including regarding: (a) current and total return requirements, (b) emphasizing or limiting exposure to the security or type of security in question, (c) diversification, including industry or company exposure, currency and jurisdiction, or (d) rating agency ratings; (iii) differences in risk profile at the time an opportunity becomes available; (iv) the potential transaction and other costs of allocating an opportunity among various clients; (v) potential conflicts of interest, including whether a client has an existing investment in the security in question or the issuer of such security; (vi) the nature of the security or the transaction, including minimum investment amounts and the source of the opportunity; (vii) current and anticipated market and general economic conditions; (viii) existing positions in a borrower/loan/security; and (ix) prior positions in a borrower/loan/security. Nevertheless, it is possible that the Fund may not be given the opportunity to participate in certain investments made by investment funds managed by investment managers affiliated with the Adviser.

*Collateralized Loan Obligations*

The Fund invests in CLOs. Investments in CLO securities involve certain risks. CLOs are generally backed by an asset or a pool of assets that serve as collateral. The Fund and other investors in CLO securities ultimately bear the credit risk of the underlying collateral. Most CLOs are issued in multiple tranches, offering investors various maturity and credit risk characteristics, often categorized as senior, mezzanine and subordinated/equity according to their degree of risk. If there are defaults or the relevant collateral otherwise underperforms, scheduled payments to senior tranches of such securities take precedence over those of junior tranches which are the focus of our investment strategy, and scheduled payments to junior tranches have a priority in right of payment to subordinated/equity tranches. CLOs may present risks similar to those of the other types of debt obligations and, in fact, such risks may be of greater significance in the case of CLOs. For example, investments in junior debt and equity securities issued by CLOs, involve risks, including credit risk and market risk. Changes in interest rates and credit quality may cause significant price fluctuations. In addition to the general risks associated with investing in debt securities, CLO securities carry additional risks, including: (1) the possibility that distributions from collateral assets will not be adequate to make interest or other payments; (2) the quality of the collateral may decline in value or default; (3) investments in CLO junior debt and equity tranches will likely be subordinate in right of payment to other senior classes of CLO debt; and (4) the complex structure of a particular security may not be fully understood at the time of investment and may produce disputes with the issuer or unexpected investment results. Changes in the collateral held by a CLO may cause payments on the instruments the Fund holds to be reduced, either temporarily or permanently.

*Covenant-Lite Loans Risk*

Covenant-lite loans may comprise a significant portion of the senior secured loans underlying the CLOs in which we invest. Over the past decade, the senior secured loan market has evolved from one in which covenant-lite loans represented a minority of the market to one in which such loans represent a significant majority of the market. Generally, covenant-lite loans provide borrower companies more freedom to negatively impact lenders because their covenants are incurrence-based, which means they are only tested and can only be breached following an affirmative action of the borrower, rather than by a deterioration in the borrower's financial condition. Accordingly, to the extent that the CLOs that we invest in hold covenant-lite loans, our CLOs may have fewer rights against a borrower and may have a greater risk of loss on such investments as compared to investments in or exposure to loans with financial maintenance covenants.

*Subordinated Securities*

CLO equity and junior debt securities are subordinated to more senior tranches of CLO debt. CLO equity and junior debt securities are subject to increased risks of default relative to the holders of superior priority interests in the same CLO. In addition, at the time of issuance, CLO equity securities are under-collateralized in that the face amount of the CLO debt and CLO equity of a CLO at inception exceed its total assets. The Fund will typically be in a subordinated or first loss position with respect to realized losses on the underlying assets held by the CLOs in which we are invested.

*High Yield Investment Risk*

The CLO equity and junior debt securities are typically rated below investment grade, or in the case of CLO equity securities unrated, and are therefore considered "higher yield" or "junk" securities and are considered speculative with respect to timely payment of interest and repayment of principal. The senior secured loans and other credit-related assets underlying CLOs are also typically higher yield investments. Investing in CLO equity and junior debt securities and other high yield investments involves greater credit and liquidity risk than investment grade obligations, which may adversely impact the Fund's performance.

*Default Risk*

The Fund is subject to risks associated with defaults on an underlying asset held by a CLO.

- A default and any resulting loss, as well as other losses on an underlying asset held by a CLO may reduce the fair value of our corresponding CLO investment. A wide range of factors could adversely affect the ability of the borrower of an underlying asset to make interest or other payments on that asset. To the extent that actual defaults and losses on the collateral of an investment exceed the level of defaults and losses factored into its purchase price, the value of the anticipated return from the investment will be reduced. The more deeply subordinated the tranche of securities in which we invest, the greater the risk of loss upon a default. For example, CLO equity is the most subordinated tranche within a CLO and is therefore subject to the greatest risk of loss resulting from defaults on the CLO's collateral, whether due to bankruptcy or otherwise. Any defaults and losses in excess of expected default rates and loss model inputs will have a negative impact on the fair value of our investments, will reduce the cash flows that the Fund receives from its investments, adversely affect the fair value of the Fund's assets and could adversely impact the Fund's ability to pay dividends. Furthermore, the holders of the junior equity and debt tranches typically have limited rights with respect to decisions made with respect to collateral following an event of default on a CLO. In some cases, the senior most class of notes can elect to liquidate the collateral even if the expected proceeds are not expected to be able to pay in full all classes of notes. The Fund could experience a complete loss of its investment in such a scenario.
- In addition, the collateral of CLOs may require substantial workout negotiations or restructuring in the event of a default or liquidation. Any such workout or restructuring is likely to lead to a substantial reduction in the interest rate of such asset and/or a substantial write-down or write-off of all or a portion of the principal of such asset. Any such reduction in interest rates or principal will negatively affect the fair value of the Fund's portfolio.

*Non-Diversification Risk*

The Fund is a non-diversified investment company under the 1940 Act and expects to hold a narrower range of investments than a diversified fund under the 1940 Act.

*Leverage Risk*

The use of leverage, whether directly or indirectly through investments such as CLO equity or junior debt securities that inherently involve leverage, may magnify the Fund's risk of loss. CLO equity or junior debt securities are very highly

leveraged (with CLO equity securities typically being leveraged ten times), and therefore the CLO securities in which the Fund invests are subject to a higher degree of loss since the use of leverage magnifies losses.

*Senior Management Personnel of the Adviser*

Since the Fund has no employees, it depends on the investment expertise, skill and network of business contacts of the Adviser. The Adviser evaluates, negotiates, structures, executes, monitors and services the Fund's investments. The Fund's future success depends to a significant extent on the continued service and coordination of the Adviser and its senior management team. The departure of any members of the Adviser's senior management team could have a material adverse effect on the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

*Conflicts of Interest Risk*

The Fund's executive officers and trustees, other current and future principals of the Adviser and certain members of the Adviser's investment committee may serve as officers, trustees or principals of other entities and affiliates of the Adviser and funds managed by the Fund's affiliates that operate in the same or a related line of business as the Fund does. Currently, the Fund's executive officers, as well as the other principals of the Adviser, manage other funds affiliated with Carlyle, including other existing and future affiliated BDCs and registered closed-end funds, including Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc., Carlyle Credit Solutions, Inc. and Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund. In addition, the Adviser's investment team has responsibilities for sourcing and managing private debt investments for certain other investment funds and accounts. Accordingly, they have obligations to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which may not be in the best interests of, or may be adverse to the interests of, the Fund and its Shareholders. Although the professional staff of the Adviser will devote as much time to management of the Fund as appropriate to enable the Adviser to perform its duties in accordance with the Investment Advisory Agreement, the investment professionals of the Adviser may have conflicts in allocating their time and services among the Fund, on the one hand, and investment vehicles managed by Carlyle or one or more of its affiliates on the other hand.

*Liquidity Risk*

Generally, there is no public market for the CLO investments the Fund targets. As such, the Fund may not be able to sell such investments quickly, or at all. If the Fund is able to sell such investments, the prices the Fund receives may not reflect the Adviser's assessment of their fair value or the amount paid for such investments by the Fund.

*The Adviser's Incentive Fee Risk*

The Investment Advisory Agreement entitles the Adviser to receive incentive compensation on income regardless of any capital losses. In such case, the Fund may be required to pay the Adviser incentive compensation for a fiscal quarter even if there is a decline in the value of the Fund's portfolio or if the Fund incurs a net loss for that quarter. Any Incentive Fee payable by the Fund that relates to its net investment income may be computed and paid on income that may include interest that has been accrued but not yet received. If an investment defaults on a loan that is structured to provide accrued interest, it is possible that accrued interest previously included in the calculation of the Incentive Fee will become uncollectible. The Adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse the Fund for any part of the Incentive Fee it received that was based on accrued income that the Fund never received as a result of a default by an entity on the obligation that resulted in the accrual of such income, and such circumstances would result in the Fund's paying an Incentive Fee on income it never received. The Incentive Fee payable by the Fund to the Adviser may create an incentive for it to make investments on the Fund's behalf that are risky or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation arrangement. The way in which the Incentive Fee payable to the Adviser is determined may encourage it to use leverage to increase the return on the Fund's investments. In addition, the fact that the Management Fee is payable based upon the Fund's Managed Assets, which would include any borrowings for investment purposes, may encourage the Adviser to use leverage to make additional investments. Under certain circumstances, the use of leverage may increase the likelihood of default, which would disfavor Shareholders. Such a practice could result in the Fund's investing in more speculative securities than would otherwise be in its best interests, which could result in higher investment losses, particularly during cyclical economic downturns.

**Market Risks**

The success of the Fund's activities will be affected by general economic and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, credit defaults, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, changes in laws (including laws relating to taxation of the Fund's investments), trade barriers and tariffs, currency exchange controls, disease outbreaks, pandemics, and national and international political, environmental and socioeconomic circumstances (including wars, terrorist acts or security operations). In addition, the current U.S. political environment and the resulting uncertainties regarding actual and potential shifts in U.S. foreign investment, trade, taxation, economic, environmental and other policies under the current Administration, as well as the impact of geopolitical tension, such as a deterioration in the bilateral relationship between the U.S. and China or an escalation in conflict in the Middle East or between Russia and Ukraine, could lead to disruption, instability and volatility in

the global markets. It is not possible to predict the duration or extent of longer-term consequences of these conflicts, which could include further sanctions, retaliatory and escalating measures, embargoes, regional instability, geopolitical shifts and adverse effects on or involving macroeconomic conditions, the energy sector, supply chains, inflation, security conditions, currency exchange rates and financial markets around the globe. Any such market disruptions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Unfavorable economic conditions also would be expected to increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us.

Current and historic market turmoil has illustrated that market environments may, at any time, be characterized by uncertainty, volatility and instability. For example, the outbreak of COVID-19 caused materially reduced consumer demand and economic output, disrupting supply chains, resulting in market closures, travel restrictions and quarantines, and adversely impacting local and global economies. As with other serious economic disruptions, governmental authorities and regulators are responding to this crisis with significant fiscal and monetary policy changes, including by providing direct capital infusions into companies, introducing new monetary programs and considerably lowering interest rates, which, in some cases resulted in negative interest rates.

*Inflation Risk*

Inflation risk is the risk that the value of certain assets or income from the Fund's investments will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of investments and distributions can decline. In addition, during any periods of rising inflation, the dividend rates or borrowing costs associated with the Fund's use of leverage would likely increase, which would tend to further reduce returns to shareholders.

*Interest Rate Risk*

The senior secured loans underlying the CLOs in which the Fund invests typically have floating interest rates. A fluctuating interest rate environment may increase loan defaults, resulting in losses for the CLOs in which the Fund invests. In addition, fluctuating interest rates may lead to higher prepayment rates, as corporate borrowers look to avoid escalating interest payments or refinance floating rate loans. Further, a general rise in interest rates will increase the financing costs of the CLOs. However, since many of the senior secured loans within these CLOs have Benchmark floors, if the Benchmark is below the applicable Benchmark floor, there may not be corresponding increases in investment income which could result in the CLO not having adequate cash to make interest or other payments on the securities which the Fund holds.

*Regulatory Risk*

Government regulation and/or intervention may change the way the Fund is regulated, affect the expenses incurred directly by the Fund, affect the value of its investments and limit the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. Government regulation may change frequently and may have significant adverse consequences. Moreover, government regulation may have unpredictable and unintended effects. In addition to exposing the Fund to potential new costs and expenses, additional regulation or changes to existing regulation may also require changes to the Fund's investment practices.

*Credit Risk*

Credit risk relates to the ability of the borrower under an instrument to make interest and principal payments as they become due. If (1) a CLO in which the Fund invests, (2) an underlying asset of any such CLO or (3) any other type of credit investment in the Fund's portfolio declines in price or fails to pay interest or principal when due because the issuer or debtor, as the case may be, experiences a decline in its financial status, our income, NAV and/or market price would be adversely impacted.

*Credit Spread Risk*

Credit spread risk is the risk that credit spreads (i.e., the difference in yield between securities that is due to differences in their credit quality) may increase when the market expects below-investment-grade bonds to default more frequently. Widening credit spreads may quickly reduce the market values of below-investment-grade and unrated securities. In recent years, the U.S. capital markets experienced extreme volatility and disruption following the spread of COVID-19, which increased the spread between yields realized on risk-free and higher risk securities, resulting in illiquidity in parts of the capital markets. Central banks and governments played a key role in reintroducing liquidity to parts of the capital markets. Future exits of these financial institutions from the market may reintroduce temporary illiquidity. These and future market disruptions and/or illiquidity would be expected to have an adverse effect on the Fund's business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

*Prepayment Risk*

The assets underlying the CLO securities are subject to prepayment by the underlying corporate borrowers. In addition, the CLO securities and related investments are subject to prepayment risk. If the Fund or a CLO collateral manager is

unable to reinvest prepaid amounts in a new investment with an expected rate of return at least equal to that of the investment repaid, the Fund's investment performance will be adversely impacted.

*Volatility Risk*

Volatility risk refers to the magnitude of the movement, but not the direction of the movement, in a financial instrument's price over a defined time period. Large increases or decreases in a financial instrument's price over a relative time period typically indicate greater volatility risk, while small increases or decreases in its price typically indicate lower volatility risk.

*Equity Risk*

Equity risk relates to the change in value of equity securities as they relate to increases or decreases in the general market.

*Foreign Exchange Rate Risk*

Foreign exchange rate risk relates to the change in the U.S. dollar value of a security held that is denominated in a foreign currency. The U.S. dollar value of a foreign currency denominated security will decrease as the dollar appreciates against the currency, while the U.S. dollar value will increase as the dollar depreciates against the currency.

*Cybersecurity Risk*

Cybersecurity incidents and cyber-attacks have been occurring globally at a more frequent and severe level and will likely continue to increase in frequency in the future. The Adviser faces various security threats on a regular basis, including ongoing cyber security threats to and attacks on its information technology infrastructure that are intended to gain access to its proprietary information, destroy data or disable, degrade or sabotage its systems. These security threats could originate from a wide variety of sources, including unknown third parties outside of the Adviser. Although the Adviser is not currently aware that it has been subject to cyber-attacks or other cyber incidents which, individually or in the aggregate, have materially affected its operations or financial condition, there can be no assurance that the various procedures and controls utilized to mitigate these threats will be sufficient to prevent disruptions to its systems.

**6. BORROWINGS**

In accordance with the Investment Company Act, the Fund is currently only allowed to borrow amounts such that its asset coverage, as defined in the Investment Company Act, is 300% or more for leverage obtained through debt or 200% or more for leverage obtained through preferred shares. As of September 30, 2025, asset coverage (exclusive of preferred shares) was 3,143% and asset coverage (inclusive of preferred shares) was 258%.

*Credit Facility*

On July 11, 2025, the Fund entered into a revolving credit and security agreement (the "Credit Facility"). The Credit Facility provides for maximum borrowings up to \$30 million and includes an uncommitted accordion feature that permits increases up to \$50 million, subject to lender consent and other conditions.

The Credit Facility has an initial stated maturity of 36 months from the closing date, with the option for the Fund to extend such maturity on up to two occasions for additional one-year terms, subject to certain conditions. Proceeds of the facility may be used for general corporate purposes, including investment activities and working capital needs, subject to compliance with the asset coverage requirements under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest, at the Fund's election, at either (i) Term SOFR plus 3.25%, or (ii) the Prime Rate plus 3.25%. The facility includes customary financial and restrictive covenants, including leverage, asset coverage, and liquidity requirements, as well as restrictions on incurrence of additional debt and liens. As of September 30, 2025, the Fund was in compliance with all covenants and other requirements under the Credit Facility. The obligations under the Credit Facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the Fund's portfolio investments, subject to customary exceptions.

The Credit Facility consisted of the following as of September 30, 2025:

	<b>Total Facility</b>		<b>Borrowings Outstanding</b>		<b>Amount Available <sup>(1)</sup></b>
Credit Facility	\$ 30,000,000	\$	6,750,000	\$	23,250,000

(1) The Amount Available for borrowing is the Total Facility less Borrowings Outstanding, and is subject to compliance with applicable covenants and financial ratios.

For the year ended September 30, 2025, \$76,049 of interest expense related to the Credit Facility was included in interest expense on the Statement of Operations. Costs incurred in connection with the closing of the Credit Facility are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the Credit Facility. For the year ended September 30, 2025, the Fund recorded \$55,137 of amortization of deferred issuance costs related to the Credit Facility.

**7. PREFERRED SHARES**

**8.75% Series A Term Preferred Shares**

On October 24, 2023, the Fund issued 1,200,000 shares of 8.75% Series A Term Preferred Shares due October 31, 2028, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$30,000,000. On November 6, 2023, pursuant to the overallotment option granted to the Underwriters in the Underwriting Agreement, dated October 18, 2023, the Fund issued 80,000 additional shares for gross proceeds of \$2,000,000. On November 30, 2023, the Fund issued an additional 800,000 shares for gross proceeds of \$20,000,000. The shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CCIA". The following table summarizes the details of the Fund's Series A Term Preferred Shares:

	<b>Initial Issuance Date</b>	<b>Redemption Date</b>	<b>Dividend Rate</b>	<b>Share Amount</b>	<b>Price Per share</b>	<b>Total Raise</b>
Series A Term Preferred Shares	10/24/2023	10/31/2028	8.75 %	2,080,000	\$ 25.00	\$ 52,000,000

Each holder of Series A Term Preferred Shares is entitled to a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share (the "Series A Liquidation Preference"), plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such shares (whether or not earned or declared, but excluding interest on such dividends) to, but excluding, the date fixed for such redemption. The Fund is required to redeem all outstanding shares of the Series A Term Preferred Shares on October 31, 2028 (the "Mandatory Redemption Date"), at a redemption price equal to the Series A Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to the date of redemption. The Fund cannot effect any modification of or repeal its obligation to redeem the Series A Term Preferred Shares on the Mandatory Redemption Date without the prior, unanimous approval of the holders of the Series A Term Preferred Shares. At any time on or after October 31, 2025, (the "Optional Redemption Date"), the Fund may, at its sole option, redeem the outstanding Series A Term Preferred Shares in whole or, from time to time, in part, at the Series A Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such shares.

The holders of Series A Term Preferred Shares are entitled to receive monthly dividends at a fixed annual rate of 8.75% of the Series A Liquidation Preference (\$2.1875 per share per year), or the dividend rate. Cumulative cash dividends on each share of Series A Term Preferred Shares accumulate from and include the original issue date. Dividends on the Series A Term Preferred Shares are accrued daily, payable monthly in arrears, and are included in Interest expense on the Statement of Operations. For the year ended September 30, 2025, \$4,550,208 of dividend expense related to the Series A Term Preferred Shares was included in interest expense on the Statement of Operations. Costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Series A Term Preferred Shares are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the Series A Term Preferred Shares. For the year ended September 30, 2025, the Fund recorded \$439,792 of amortization of deferred issuance costs related to the Series A Term Preferred Shares.

The Series A Term Preferred Shares are recorded net of unamortized deferred issuance costs and included as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The carrying value of the Series A Term Preferred Shares is \$50,645,278. The Fund's Series A Term Preferred Shares balances as of September 30, 2025, were as follows:

	<b>As of September 30, 2025</b>	
Series A Liquidation Preference	\$	52,000,000
Less: Unamortized deferred issuance costs		1,354,722
<b>Carrying value</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>50,645,278</b>
Fair value <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	52,520,000
Fair value price per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	25.25

(1) Represents the September 30, 2025 closing market price per share of the Series A Term Preferred Shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

**7.125% Series B Convertible Preferred Shares**

On August 27, 2024, the Fund issued 11,517 shares of 7.125% Series B Convertible Preferred Shares due August 27, 2029, in a private placement for aggregate gross proceeds of \$11,517,000. The Series B Convertible Preferred Shares have a liquidation preference of \$1,000.00 per share (the "Series B Liquidation Preference"), and pay a quarterly dividend at a fixed annual rate of 7.125% of the Series B Liquidation Preference, or \$71.25 per share, per year. The Series B Convertible Preferred Shares rank senior to the common shares in priority of payment of dividends and as to the distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation, or winding up of the Fund's affairs. The Series B Convertible Preferred Shares rank equal in priority with the Series A Term Preferred Shares and Series C Convertible Preferred Shares.

	Initial Issuance Date	Redemption Date	Dividend Rate	Share Amount	Price Per share	Total Raise
Series B Convertible Preferred Shares	8/27/2024	8/27/2029	7.125 %	11,517 \$	1,000.00 \$	11,517,000

At any time on or after February 27, 2025, at the Fund's sole option, the Fund may redeem, from time to time, the outstanding Series B Convertible Preferred Shares in whole or in part, at a price per share equal to the sum of the Series B Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such shares. The Fund is required to redeem, all outstanding Series B Convertible Preferred Shares on August 27, 2029 (the "Series B Term Redemption Date"), at a redemption price equal to the Series B Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to the date of redemption. The Fund cannot effect any amendment, alteration or repeal its obligation to redeem all of the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares on the Series B Term Redemption Date without the prior, unanimous approval of the holders of the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares.

Shareholders of the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares may opt to convert the shares at any time on or after the date six months after the issuance of the Series B Convertible Preferred Share into common shares equal to the Series B Liquidation Preference of the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, divided by the Conversion Price. The "Series B Conversion Price" is the greater of (i) the market price per common share, represented by the average official closing price for the five trading days immediately prior to the date of exercise, or (ii) the Fund's most recently reported net asset value per common share immediately prior to the date of exercise. If the Fund fails to fulfill its obligations to deliver common shares upon conversion, the quarterly dividend rate payable on the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares will increase to a fixed annual rate of 9.125% of the Series B Liquidation Preference until the date on which the Fund fulfills its delivery obligations. No holder of Series B Convertible Preferred Shares may exercise its conversion right if upon conversion the holder would receive common Shares that would cause funds and accounts managed by the investment adviser to such funds and account and any person controlled by the parent company of such investment adviser to beneficially own in the aggregate more than 4.9% of the common Shares. In addition, notwithstanding anything in the Fund's Declaration of Trust to the contrary, no holder of Series B Convertible Preferred Shares that is an investment company (as defined in the 1940 Act) or would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act may exercise its conversion privilege or be entitled to receive common Shares upon the exercise of its conversion privilege, to the extent (but only to the extent) that the receipt of such common Shares would cause such holder to become, directly or indirectly, a beneficial owner of more than 3% of the Fund's outstanding voting securities.

For the year ended September 30, 2025, \$569,107 of dividend expense related to the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares was included in interest expense in the Statement of Operations. Costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares. For the year ended September 30, 2025, the Fund recorded \$876,300 of amortization of deferred issuance costs related to the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares.

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The Series B Convertible Preferred Shares are recorded net of unamortized deferred issuance costs and included as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The carrying value of the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares is \$3,517,000. As of September 30, 2025, 8,000 shares have been converted into common shares of the Fund. The Fund's Series B Convertible Preferred Shares balance as of September 30, 2025, was as follows:

<b>As of September 30, 2025</b>	
Series B Liquidation Preference	\$ 3,517,000
Less: Unamortized deferred issuance costs <sup>(1)</sup>	—
<b>Carrying value</b>	<b>\$ 3,517,000</b>
Fair value <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 3,517,000
Fair value price per share <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 1,000.00

(1) As of September 30, 2025, the deferred issuance costs related to the Series B Convertible Preferred Shares were fully amortized.

(2) The Series B Convertible Preferred Shares are recorded at carrying value, which approximates fair value.

**7.50% Series C Convertible Preferred Shares**

On January 31, 2025, the Fund issued 20,000 shares of 7.50% Series C Convertible Preferred Shares due January 31, 2030, in a private placement for aggregate net proceeds (before expenses) of approximately \$18,600,000. The Series C Convertible Preferred Shares have a liquidation preference of \$1,000.00 per share (the "Series C Liquidation Preference"), and pay a quarterly dividend at a fixed annual rate of 7.50% of the Series C Liquidation Preference, or \$75.00 per share, per year. The Series C Convertible Preferred Shares rank senior to the common shares in priority of payment of dividends and as to the distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation, or winding up of the Fund's affairs. The Series C Convertible Preferred Shares rank equal in priority with the Fund's Series A Term Preferred Shares and Series B Convertible Preferred Shares.

	<b>Initial Issuance Date</b>	<b>Redemption Date</b>	<b>Dividend Rate</b>	<b>Share Amount</b>	<b>Price Per share</b>	<b>Total Raise</b>
Series C Convertible Preferred Shares	1/31/2025	1/31/2030	7.50 %	20,000 \$	1,000.00 \$	20,000,000

At any time on or after July 31, 2025, at the Fund's sole option, the Fund may redeem, from time to time, the outstanding Series C Convertible Preferred Shares in whole or in part, at a price per share equal to the sum of the Series C Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such shares. The Fund is required to redeem, all outstanding Series C Convertible Preferred Shares on January 31, 2030 (the "Series C Term Redemption Date"), at a redemption price equal to the Series C Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to the date of redemption. The Fund cannot effect any amendment, alteration or repeal its obligation to redeem all of the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares on the Series C Term Redemption Date without the prior, unanimous approval of the holders of the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares.

Shareholders of the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares may opt to convert the shares at any time on or after the date six months after the issuance of the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares into common shares equal to the Series C Liquidation Preference of the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, divided by the Series C Conversion Price. The "Series C Conversion Price" is the greater of (i) the market price per common share, represented by the average official closing price for the five trading days immediately prior to the date of exercise, or (ii) the Fund's most recently reported net asset value per common share immediately prior to the date of exercise. If the Fund fails to fulfill its obligations to deliver common shares upon conversion, the quarterly dividend rate payable on the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares will increase to a fixed annual rate of 9.125% of the Series C Liquidation Preference until the date on which the Fund fulfills its delivery obligations. No holder of the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares may exercise its conversion right if upon conversion the holder would receive common Shares that would cause funds and accounts managed by the investment adviser to such funds and account and any person controlled by the parent company of such investment adviser to beneficially own in the aggregate more than 4.9% of the common Shares. In addition, notwithstanding anything in the Fund's Declaration of Trust to the contrary, no holder of Series C Convertible Preferred Shares that is an investment company (as defined in the 1940 Act) or would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act may exercise its conversion privilege or be entitled to receive common Shares upon the exercise of its conversion privilege, to the extent (but

only to the extent) that the receipt of such common Shares would cause such holder to become, directly or indirectly, a beneficial owner of more than 3% of the Fund's outstanding voting securities.

Except where otherwise stated in the 1940 Act or the Fund's Declaration of Trust, each holder of Series A Term Preferred Shares, Series B Convertible Preferred Shares, or Series C Convertible Preferred Shares will be entitled to one vote for each share of preferred shares held on each matter submitted to a vote of the Fund's shareholders. The Fund's preferred shareholders and common shareholders will vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to the Fund's shareholders. Additionally, the Fund's preferred shareholders will have the right to elect two Preferred Trustees at all times, while the Fund's preferred shareholders and common shareholders, voting together as a single class, will elect the remaining members of the Board.

For the year ended September 30, 2025, \$998,642 of dividend expense related to the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares was included in interest expense in the Statement of Operations. Costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares. For the year ended September 30, 2025, the Fund recorded \$1,031,914 of amortization of deferred issuance costs related to the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares.

The Series C Convertible Preferred Shares are recorded net of unamortized deferred issuance costs and included as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The carrying value of the Series C Convertible Preferred Shares is \$19,482,484. The Fund's Series C Convertible Preferred Shares balance as of September 30, 2025, was as follows:

<b>As of September 30, 2025</b>	
Series C Liquidation Preference	\$ 20,000,000
Less: Unamortized deferred issuance costs	517,516
<b>Carrying value</b>	<b>\$ 19,482,484</b>
Fair value <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 19,482,484
Fair value price per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 974.12

(1) The Series C Convertible Preferred Shares are recorded at carrying value, which approximates fair value.

## **8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Fund is not currently subject to any material legal proceedings. From time to time, the Fund may be a party to certain legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business, including proceedings relating to the enforcement of the Fund's rights under contracts with its portfolio companies. While the outcomes of these legal proceedings, if any, cannot be predicted with certainty, the Fund does not expect that these proceedings will have a material effect upon its financial condition or results of operations.

## **9. CAPITAL**

The Fund has an unlimited amount of common shares, no par value, authorized and 21,198,622 issued and outstanding. Transactions in common shares for the year ended September 30, 2025 were as follows:

	<b>Year Ended September 30, 2025</b>
Beginning Shares	15,387,448
Shares issued through dividend reinvestment	276,341
Shares issued pursuant to the ATM program	4,387,746
Shares issued in connection with conversion from 7.125% Series B Convertible Preferred Shares	1,147,087
Ending Shares	<u>21,198,622</u>

### *At-The-Market ("ATM") Program*

On October 4, 2023, the Fund entered into an Equity Distribution Agreement, as amended on May 20, 2024, November 21, 2024, and May 21, 2025, with Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., B. Riley Securities, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., and Lucid Capital Markets, LLC (the "Placement Agents"). The Equity Distribution Agreement originally allowed for the offer and sale of up to \$75,000,000 in aggregate amount of the Fund's common shares, through the Placement Agents, through an ATM offering, as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933. As of the amendment on May 21, 2025, the Fund increased the maximum aggregate amount of common shares to be sold through the ATM program from \$75,000,000 to

\$125,000,000. The minimum price on any day at which common shares may be sold will not be below the current net asset value of such common shares. For the year ended September 30, 2025, the Fund sold a total of 4,387,746 common shares pursuant to the ATM program. The total amount of capital raised under these issuances was \$33,059,527 and net proceeds were \$32,449,173 after deducting the Placement Agents' commissions and offering expenses.

*Registered Direct Placement of Common Shares*

On August 26, 2024, the Fund entered into a purchase agreement for the purchase and sale of common shares in a registered direct placement pursuant to the Fund's effective shelf registration filed with the SEC. On August 27, 2024, the Fund sold 1,444,865 common shares and received approximately \$11.5 million in proceeds before expenses. The offering, which was accretive to shareholders, was executed at a price above the Fund's NAV per common share.

**10. SEGMENT REPORTING**

The Fund operates through a single operating and reporting segment and its primary investment objectives is to generate current income, with a secondary objective to generate capital appreciation. The chief operating decision maker ("CODM") is the Fund's Principal Executive Officer. The CODM assesses the performance of the Fund and makes operating decisions, primarily based on the Fund's net asset value, net investment income and increase/decrease in net assets resulting from operations. These performance measures also aid the CODM in determining the amount of dividends to be distributed to the Fund's shareholders, implementing investment policy decisions, strategic initiatives, and managing and assessing the Fund's portfolio. As the Fund's operations comprise of a single reporting segment, the segment assets are reflected on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities as total assets and the significant segment expenses are listed on the accompanying Statement of Operations.

11. TAX

The Fund has not recorded a liability for any uncertain tax positions pursuant to the provisions of ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, as of September 30, 2025.

In the normal course of business, the Fund is subject to examination by federal and certain state, local and foreign tax regulators. The Fund's federal tax returns are generally subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years after they are filed.

The tax components of capital shown in the following table represent distribution requirements the Fund must satisfy under the income tax regulations, losses the Fund may be able to offset against income and gains realized in future years and unrealized appreciation or depreciation of securities and other investments for federal income tax purposes. The capital loss carryforward is subject to limitations in future years under the Code and related regulations.

Total Distributable Earnings	Accumulated Loss Carryforward	Post October Loss and Late Year Loss	Other Timing Differences	Net Unrealized Appreciation Based on Cost of Securities and Other Investments for Federal Income Tax Purposes
\$—	\$(27,504,910)	\$—	\$(290,178)	\$6,079,015

Net investment income (loss) and net realized gain (loss) may differ for financial statement and tax purposes. The character of dividends and distributions made during the fiscal year from net investment income or net realized gains is determined in accordance with federal income tax requirements, which may differ from the character of net investment income or net realized gains presented in those financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Also, due to timing of dividends and distributions, the fiscal year in which amounts are distributed may differ from the fiscal year in which the income or net realized gain was recorded by the Fund.

Accordingly, the following amounts have been reclassified for the reporting period. Net assets of the Fund were unaffected by the reclassifications.

Reduction to Paid-in-Capital	Increase to Retained Earnings
\$2,347,558	\$2,347,558

The tax character of dividends paid on common shares for the years ended September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Year ended September 30,	
	2025	2024
Ordinary income	\$ 10,363,754	\$ 427,365
Tax return of capital	\$ 13,459,803	\$ 15,218,076

The aggregate cost of securities and other investments and the composition of unrealized appreciation and depreciation of securities and other investments for federal income tax purposes at period end are noted in the following table. The primary difference between book and tax appreciation or depreciation of securities and other investments, if applicable, is attributable to partnership and non-deductible expense adjustments.

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2025
Federal tax cost of securities	\$ 186,124,703
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 22,536,762
Gross unrealized depreciation	\$ (16,457,747)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 6,079,015

## 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On October 30, 2025, the Fund issued 1,200,000 shares of 7.375% Series D Term Preferred Shares (the “Series D Term Preferred Shares”) due October 30, 2028, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$30,000,000. The shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CCID”.

Each holder of Series D Term Preferred Shares is entitled to a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share (the “Series D Liquidation Preference”), plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such shares (whether or not earned or declared, but excluding interest on such dividends) to, but excluding, the date fixed for such redemption. The Fund is required to redeem all outstanding shares of the Series D Term Preferred Shares on October 30, 2028 (the “Series D Mandatory Redemption Date”), at a redemption price equal to the Series D Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to the date of redemption. The Fund cannot effect any modification of or repeal its obligation to redeem the Series D Term Preferred Shares on the Series D Mandatory Redemption Date without the prior, unanimous approval of the holders of the Series D Term Preferred Shares. At any time on or after October 30, 2026, (the “Optional Redemption Date”), the Fund may, at its sole option, redeem the outstanding Series D Term Preferred Shares in whole or, from time to time, in part, at the Series D Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such shares.

The holders of Series D Term Preferred Shares are entitled to receive monthly dividends at a fixed annual rate of 7.375% of the Series D Liquidation Preference (\$1.84375 per share per year), or the dividend rate. Cumulative cash dividends on each share of Series D Term Preferred Shares accumulate from, and including, the original issue date.

On October 30, 2025, the Fund issued 17,500 shares of 7.25% Series E Convertible Preferred Shares due January 31, 2030 (the “Series E Convertible Preferred Shares”), in a private placement for aggregate net proceeds (before expenses) of approximately \$16,275,000. The Series E Convertible Preferred Shares have a liquidation preference of \$1,000.00 per share (the “Series E Liquidation Preference”), and pay a quarterly dividend at a fixed annual rate of 7.25% of the liquidation preference, or \$72.50 per share, per year. The Series E Convertible Preferred Shares rank senior to the common shares in priority of payment of dividends and as to the distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation, or winding up of the Fund’s affairs. The Series E Convertible Preferred Shares rank equal in priority with the Fund’s Series B Convertible Preferred Shares, Series C Convertible Preferred Shares, and Series D Term Preferred Shares.

At any time on or after May 1, 2026, at the Fund’s sole option, the Fund may redeem, from time to time, the outstanding Series E Convertible Preferred Shares in whole or in part, at a price per share equal to the sum of the Series E Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such shares. The Fund is required to redeem, all outstanding Series E Convertible Preferred Shares on October 30, 2030 (the “Series E Term Redemption Date”), at a redemption price equal to the Series E Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to the date of redemption. The Fund cannot effect any amendment, alteration or repeal its obligation to redeem all of the Series E Convertible Preferred Shares on the Series E Term Redemption Date without the prior, unanimous approval of the holders of the Series E Convertible Preferred Shares.

Shareholders of the Series E Convertible Preferred Shares may opt to convert the shares at any time on or after the date six months after the issuance of the Series E Convertible Preferred Shares into common shares equal to the Series E Liquidation Preference of the Series E Convertible Preferred Shares, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, divided by the Series E Conversion Price. The “Series E Conversion Price” is the greater of (i) the market price per common share, represented by the average official closing price for the five trading days immediately prior to the date of exercise, or (ii) the Fund’s most recently reported net asset value per common share immediately prior to the date of exercise. If the Fund fails to fulfill its obligations to deliver common shares upon conversion, the quarterly dividend rate payable on the Series E Convertible Preferred Shares will increase to a fixed annual rate of 9.25% of the liquidation preference until the date on which the Fund fulfills its delivery obligations. No holder of the Series E Convertible Preferred Shares may exercise its conversion right if upon conversion the holder would receive common Shares that would cause funds and accounts managed by the investment adviser to such funds and account and any person controlled by the parent company of such investment adviser to beneficially own in the aggregate more than 4.9% of the common Shares. In addition, notwithstanding anything in the Fund’s Declaration of Trust to the contrary, no holder of Series E Convertible Preferred Shares that is an investment company (as defined in the 1940 Act) or would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act may exercise its conversion privilege or be entitled to receive common Shares upon the exercise of its conversion privilege, to the extent (but only to the extent) that the receipt of such common Shares would cause such holder to become, directly or indirectly, a beneficial owner of more than 3% of the Fund’s outstanding voting securities.

On October 31, 2025, the Fund paid a monthly dividend of \$0.1050 per common share to holders of record on October 21, 2025. Additionally, on November 18, 2025, the Fund declared dividends of \$0.1050 per common share, payable on each of December 31, 2025, January 30, 2026, and February 27, 2026, to holders of record as of December 18, 2025, January 20, 2026, and February 17, 2026, respectively.

On October 31, 2025, the Fund paid a monthly dividend of \$0.1823 per share on its 8.75% Series A Term Preferred Shares to holders of record on October 21, 2025.

On October 31, 2025, the Fund paid a quarterly dividend of \$17.8125 per share on its 7.125% Series B Convertible Preferred Shares to holders of record on October 21, 2025.

On October 31, 2025, the Fund paid a quarterly dividend of \$18.75 per share on its 7.50% Series C Convertible Preferred Shares to holders of record on October 21, 2025.

On November 3, 2025 (the "Redemption Date"), the Fund redeemed all of the outstanding 8.75% Series A Term Preferred Shares. The redemption price of the Series A Term Preferred Shares was \$25 per share, plus an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and distributions on each share accumulated to (but excluding) the Redemption Date.

On November 18, 2025, the Fund declared dividends of \$0.1536 on its Series D Term Preferred Shares, payable on each of December 31, 2025, January 30, 2026, and February 27, 2026, to holders of record as of December 18, 2025, January 20, 2026, and February 17, 2026, respectively.

The Fund evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued and noted no other events that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

## RESULTS OF SHAREHOLDER MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (“Annual Meeting”) held on September 4, 2025, shareholders approved the election of Mark Garbin as a Class I Trustee to the Board of Trustees to serve a term expiring in 2028 based on the following results:

Total Outstanding Shares	23,260,552
Total Shares Voted	16,181,401
For	16,043,638
Withheld	940,365

At the Annual Meeting, shareholders approved the election of Nishil Mehta as a Class I Trustee to the Board of Trustees to serve a term expiring in 2028 based on the following results:

Total Outstanding Shares	23,260,552
Total Shares Voted	16,181,401
For	16,114,123
Withheld	869,880

The Fund’s other Trustees, Lauren Basmadjian, Sanjeev Handa, and Joan McCabe continued to serve their respective terms following the Annual Meeting.

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Trustees of Carlyle Credit Income Fund

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Carlyle Credit Income Fund (the "Fund"), including the schedule of investments, as of September 30, 2025, and the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund at September 30, 2025, the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The accompanying financial highlights of the Fund for the two years in the period ended September 30, 2022 were audited by another independent registered public accounting firm whose report, dated December 12, 2022, expressed unqualified opinions on the financial statements of the Fund containing those financial highlights.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of investments owned as of September 30, 2025, by correspondence with the custodians and counterparties. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more CGCIM investment companies since 2020.

New York, NY  
November 18, 2025

## PRICE RANGE OF COMMON SHARES

Our common shares began trading on May 29, 2019 and are currently traded on the NYSE under the symbol “CCIF.” Prior to July 27, 2023, the Fund’s common shares traded on NYSE under the symbol “VCIF.” The following table lists the high and low closing sale price for our common shares, the high and low closing sale price as a percentage of NAV and distributions declared per common share for each quarter since October 1, 2023.

Period	NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	High	Low	Premium (Discount) of High Sales Price to NAV <sup>(2)</sup>	Premium (Discount) of Low Sales Price to NAV <sup>(2)</sup>	Distributions Declared <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Fiscal year ending September 30, 2024</b>						
First quarter	7.99	8.16	7.48	2.13%	(6.38)%	0.2982
Second quarter	7.88	8.16	7.78	3.55%	(1.27)%	0.3038
Third quarter	7.68	8.60	7.73	11.98%	0.65%	0.3150
Fourth quarter	7.64	8.75	7.75	14.53%	1.44%	0.3150
<b>Fiscal year ending September 30, 2025</b>						
First quarter	7.44	8.41	7.92	13.04%	6.45%	0.3150
Second quarter	6.98	7.99	6.76	14.47%	(3.15)%	0.3150
Third quarter	6.51	7.03	5.98	7.99%	(8.14)%	0.3150
Fourth quarter	6.13	6.50	5.29	6.04%	(13.70)%	0.3150

- NAV per common share is determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the NAV per common share on the date of the high and low sales prices. The NAVs shown are based on outstanding common shares at the end of each period.
- Calculated as of the respective high or low closing sales price divided by the quarter end NAV.
- Represents the cash distributions (including dividends, dividends reinvested and returns of capital, if any) per common share that we have declared on our common shares in the specified quarter. Tax characteristics of distributions will vary.

Common shares of closed-end management investment companies may trade at a market price that is less than the NAV that is attributable to those common shares. The possibility that our common shares will trade at a discount to NAV or at a premium to NAV that is unsustainable over the long term is separate and distinct from the risk that our NAV will decrease. It is not possible to predict whether our common shares will trade at, above or below NAV in the future. Our NAV per common share was \$6.13 as of September 30, 2025. The closing sales price for common shares on the NYSE on September 30, 2025 was \$5.82 which represented a 5.06% discount to NAV per common share.

## DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Fund operates under the DRP administered by Equiniti. Pursuant to the DRP, the Fund's Distributions (as defined below), net of any applicable U.S. withholding tax, are reinvested in the same class of shares of the Fund.

Shareholders automatically participate in the DRP, unless and until an election is made to withdraw from the plan on behalf of such participating Shareholder. A Shareholder who does not wish to have Distributions automatically reinvested may terminate participation in the DRP by written instructions to that effect to Equiniti. Shareholders who elect not to participate in the DRP will receive all distributions in cash paid to the Shareholder of record (or, if the shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to such nominee). Such written instructions must be received by Equiniti within 15 days prior to the applicable dividend payment date, or the Shareholder will receive such Distribution in shares through the DRP. Under the DRP, the Fund's Distributions to Shareholders are automatically reinvested in full and fractional shares as described below.

When the Fund declares a dividend, capital gain or other distribution (each, a "Distribution" and collectively, "Distributions") Equiniti, on the Shareholder's behalf, will receive additional authorized shares from the Fund either newly issued or repurchased from Shareholders by the Fund and held as treasury stock. Distributions that are reinvested through the issuance of new shares increase our Shareholders' equity on which a management fee is payable to the Adviser. The number of shares to be received when Distributions are reinvested will be determined by dividing the amount of the Distribution by the lesser of (1) 95% of the market price per share of the Fund's common stock at the close of regular trading on the NYSE or (2) the NAV per share. The newly issued shares would be issued whether our shares are trading at a premium or discount to NAV. However, the Fund reserves the right to purchase shares in the open market in connection with the implementation of the DRP to the extent that shares are trading at a price below NAV per share. Shares purchased in open market transactions by the plan administrator will be allocated to a Shareholder based on the average purchase price, excluding any brokerage charges or other charges, of all shares purchased in the open market.

Equiniti will maintain all Shareholder accounts and furnish written confirmations of all transactions in the accounts, including information needed by Shareholders for personal and tax records. Equiniti will hold shares in the account of the Shareholders in non-certificated form in the name of the participant, and each Shareholder's proxy, if any, will include those shares purchased pursuant to the DRP. Each participant, nevertheless, has the right to request certificates for whole and fractional shares owned. The Fund will issue certificates in its sole discretion. Equiniti will distribute all proxy solicitation materials, if any, to participating Shareholders.

In the case of Shareholders, such as banks, brokers or nominees, that hold shares for others who are beneficial owners participating under the DRP, Equiniti will administer the DRP on the basis of the number of shares certified from time to time by the record shareholder as representing the total amount of shares registered in the Shareholder's name and held for the account of beneficial owners participating under the DRP.

Neither Equiniti nor the Fund shall have any responsibility or liability beyond the exercise of ordinary care for any action taken or omitted pursuant to the DRP, nor shall they have any duties, responsibilities or liabilities except such as expressly set forth herein. Neither shall they be liable hereunder for any act done in good faith or for any good faith omissions to act, including, without limitation, failure to terminate a participant's account prior to receipt of written notice of his or her death or with respect to prices at which shares are purchased or sold for the participant's account and the terms on which such purchases and sales are made, subject to applicable provisions of the federal securities laws.

The automatic reinvestment of Distributions will not relieve participants of any federal, state or local income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such Distributions. See "U.S. Federal Income Tax Matters."

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the DRP upon 60 days' notice to Shareholders. There is no direct service charge to participants with regard to purchases under the DRP; however, the Fund reserves the right to amend the DRP to include a service charge payable by the participants.

All correspondence concerning the DRP should be directed to Equiniti at PO Box 500, Newark, NJ 07101. Certain transactions can be performed by calling the toll free number (866) 277-8243.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The Fund's business and affairs are managed under the direction of the Board. The Board currently consists of five members, three of whom are not "interested persons" of the Fund as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act. The Fund refers to these individuals as its independent trustees. The Board annually elects the Fund's officers, who serve at the discretion of the Board. The Board maintains an audit committee, a nominating and governance committee and an independent trustees committee and may establish additional committees from time to time as necessary.

### Board of Trustees and Officers

#### Trustees

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served <sup>(2)</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
<b>Interested Trustees <sup>(2)</sup></b>					
Lauren Basmadjian (1979)	Trustee	Class III Board member until 2027 annual shareholder meeting. – since July 2023	Managing Director, The Carlyle Group Inc. (Since 2020); Senior Portfolio Manager, Octagon Credit Investors, LLC (2001 - 2020)	1	None
Nishil Mehta (1981)	Trustee	Class I Board member until 2028 annual shareholder meeting. – since May 2025	Managing Director, The Carlyle Group Inc. (Since 2022); Managing Director, First Eagle (2021 - 2022); Managing Director, Prospect Capital (2010 - 2020); Priority Income Fund, Inc. (2010 to 2020)	1	None
<b>Independent Trustees</b>					
Mark Garbin (1951)	Trustee	Class I Board member until 2028 annual shareholder meeting – since July 2023	Managing Principal, Coherent Capital Management LLC (since 2008)	2	Independent Trustee of Two Roads Shared Trust (since 2012), Forethought Variable Insurance Trust (since 2013), Northern Lights Fund Trust (since 2013), Northern Lights Variable Trust (since 2013), iCapital KKR Private Markets Fund (since 2014), Independent Director of OHA CLO Enhanced Equity II Genpar LLP (since 2021), and Independent Trustee, Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund (since 2018).
Sanjeev Handa (1961)	Trustee	Class III Board member until 2027 annual shareholder meeting –since July 2023	Managing Member, Old Orchard Lane, LLC (since 2014); Adjunct Professor, Fairfield University (since 2020)	2	Advisory Board Member of White Oak Partners (since 2021) and Independent Director of OHA CLO Enhanced Equity II Genpar LLP (since 2021), Independent Trustee, Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund (since March 2018); Board of Trustees Investment Committee Member for the Cooper Union for Advancement of Science and Art (since 2016); Board of Directors Member for the Mutual Fund Directors Forum (Since 2022); Independent Director of Fitch Ratings, Inc.(2015-2020).
Joan McCabe (1955)	Trustee	Class II Board member until 2026 annual shareholder meeting. –since July 2023	Managing Member, JMYME, LLC (since 2020); and CEO/Founder, Lipotriad LLC (2015-2019)	2	Board member of Elevation Brands (since 2017 to 11/2022);Sensible Organics (2017-2021); Goodwill International, Inc. (2015-2021); Gulfstream Goodwill, Inc. (since 2017; Board Chair since 2021); Gulfstream Goodwill Academy, Inc. (since 2017), Goodwill International (2015-2021) Independent Trustee Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund (since 2018).

(1) The address of each Trustee is care of the Secretary of the Fund at One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400, New York, NY 10017.

(2) "Interested person," as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Fund. Mr. Marcus and Ms. Basmadjian are interested persons of the Fund due to their affiliation with the Adviser.

### Officers

Name, address <sup>(1)</sup> , age	Position(s) Held with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Nishil Mehta (1981)	President, Principal Executive Officer	Indefinite Length – since February 2025	Managing Director, The Carlyle Group Inc. (Since 2022); Managing Director, First Eagle (2021 – 2022); Managing Director, Prospect Capital (2010 - 2020); Priority Income Fund, Inc. (2010 to 2020)
Nelson Joseph (1979)	Principal Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer, and Treasurer	Indefinite Length – since July 2023	Principal, Carlyle Group (Since 2023); Director, Apollo Global Management LLC (2016 – 2022)
Joshua Lefkowitz (1974)	Secretary; Chief Legal Officer	Indefinite Length – since July 2023	Managing Director and Chief Legal Officer (Global Credit), Carlyle Group (Since 2018); Principal and Associate General Counsel, Ares Management, Ltd. (Jan 2017 – Mar 2018); Vice President and Associate General Counsel, American Capital, Ltd. (Mar 2006 – Jan 2017)
Jennifer Juste (1980)	Chief Compliance Officer	Indefinite Length – since May 2024	Vice President, Carlyle Group (Since 2022); Natixis Investment Managers 2019 - 2022 (Deputy Chief Compliance Officer/Deputy General Counsel Mirova US LLC 2020-2022 and Chief Compliance Officer/General Counsel Ostrum US LLC 2019-2020)

(1) The address of each officer is care of the Secretary of the Fund at One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400, New York, NY 10017.

### Biographical Information and Discussion of Experience and Qualifications, etc.

The following is a summary of the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills of each Trustee that support the conclusion, as of the date of this Annual Report, that each Trustee should serve as a Trustee of the Fund.

#### Interested Trustees

**Lauren Basmadjian.** Lauren Basmadjian has over 20 years of experience in financial and corporate markets. She is a Managing Director, Co-Head of Liquid Credit and Head of US Loans & Structured Credit within The Carlyle Group Inc.'s Global Credit platform, overseeing over \$48 billion of AUM. She is based in New York and sits on the Investment Committees for all of The Carlyle Group Inc.'s US Loan, CLO and Liquid and Illiquid Credit investing activities. Ms. Basmadjian joined The Carlyle Group Inc. in 2020 after 19 years at Octagon Credit Investors, LLC, where she was a Senior Portfolio Manager, member of the Investment Committee and managed XAI Octagon Floating Rate & Alternative Income Term Trust, a public 1940 Act fund invested in CLO tranches and leveraged loans. Prior to becoming a Portfolio Manager, Ms. Basmadjian managed Octagon's workout efforts and also oversaw the leisure & entertainment, retail, consumer products, business services, food & beverage and technology industries. Before joining Octagon, Ms. Basmadjian worked in the Acquisition Finance Group at Chase Securities, Inc. She graduated Cum Laude from the Stern School of Business at New York University with a B.S. in Finance and Economics. Her diverse experience and financial background, among other things, qualifies her to serve as a Trustee.

**Nishil Mehta.** Nishil Mehta has over 20 years of experience in financial markets. Additionally, he is a Managing Director of Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C. where he focuses on the firm's third-party CLO investing platform and is Head of Shareholder Relations for Carlyle Secured Lending (NASDAQ: CGBD) within Global Credit platform of The Carlyle Group Inc. (the ultimate parent company of CGCIM). Prior to coming to Carlyle, Mr.Mehta was a Managing Director at First Eagle where he was the co-portfolio manager for the firm's structured credit investments. After First Eagle, Mr.Mehta was a Managing Director at Prospect Capital where he was responsible for the firm's \$2.5billion of investments in CLO mezzanine debt and CLO equity. He was also the Head of Capital Markets spearheading over \$8billion of debt and equity capital raised for

the firm's 1940 Act funds. Mr. Mehta received his BBA from Goizueta Business School at Emory University with Honors and currently holds Series 7 and 63 licenses.

#### **Independent Trustees**

*Mark Garbin.* Mark Garbin has over 30 years of experience in corporate balance sheet and income statement risk management for large asset managers. Mr. Garbin has extensive derivatives experience and has provided consulting services to alternative asset managers. Mr. Garbin holds the CFA and Professional Risk Manager (PRM) Charters and has advanced degrees in international business, negotiation and derivatives. He also has extensive experience with respect to investments and also to compliance and corporate governance matters as a result of, among other things, his service as a board member to other investment companies.

*Sanjeev Handa.* Sanjeev Handa has over 30 years of experience in the financial industry sector, including global experience in the financial, real estate and securitization markets. Mr. Handa is also an advisory board member of White Oak Partners (since 2021), and a member of the Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees of The Cooper Union for Advancement of Science and Art. He also formerly served as an independent director of Fitch Ratings, Inc. and Fitch Ratings, Ltd. (2015-2020). Mr. Handa also serves as an independent director of OHA CLO Enhanced Equity II Genpar LLP (since 2021). Mr. Handa has extensive experience with respect to investments and also to compliance and corporate governance matters as a result of, among other things, his service as a board member to another investment company. He also serves as an audit committee chairman and audit committee financial expert for another investment company.

*Joan McCabe.* Joan McCabe has over 30 years of financial and corporate experience, including investing in private equity along with debt financings for those private equity investments. Ms. McCabe is also a board member of Gulfstream Goodwill, Inc. (since 2017 and current Board Chair), Gulfstream Goodwill Academy, Inc. (since 2018) and Elevation Brands (since 2017). She formerly served as a board member of Goodwill International, Inc. (2015-2021) and Sensible Organics (2017-2021). Ms. McCabe has served as a board member to a variety of companies, including another investment company, and her diverse experience and financial background, among other things, qualifies her to serve as a Trustee.

The Fund's statement of additional information includes additional information about the Trustees and is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund toll-free at (866) 277-8243.

## Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement

In connection with the Independent Trustees' approval to renew the Investment Advisory Agreement for a one-year period, the Independent Trustees considered, among other things, the nature, extent and quality of the investment selection process employed by the Adviser, including the flow of transaction opportunities resulting from the significant capital markets, trading and research expertise of the Adviser's investment professionals, the employment of the Adviser's investment philosophy, diligence procedures, investment selection process and ongoing monitoring of portfolio companies, in light of the investment objective of the Fund. The Independent Trustees also considered the Adviser's key personnel and their background and prior experience in connection with the types of investments made by the Fund. The Independent Trustees determined that the background and experience of the management team and access to the Carlyle Global Credit platform, including through agreements to which the Adviser is a party, were suitable and appropriate for achieving the investment objective of the Fund. The Independent Trustees further determined that the Adviser is served by a team of investment professionals with extensive investment experience in private credit and leveraged finance market, as well as an extensive network of relationships with financial sponsors. In addition, the Independent Trustees considered the fact that they retain the ability to terminate the Investment Advisory Agreement without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the Adviser.

The Independent Trustees considered the investment performance of the Fund, which is provided to the Independent Trustees on a regular basis, as compared to the performance of other funds included in the group of peer funds (the "Peer Group") in the Adviser's presentation. The Independent Trustees also considered the operating expenses of the Fund compared to the Peer Group listed in the Adviser's presentation.

In addition, based on information provided by the Adviser, including the Adviser's responses to a detailed series of questions, the Independent Trustees considered the Adviser's performance in providing services related to corporate operations, including preparation and filing of various reports, maintenance of general organizational and corporate records and accounts, administration of the affairs of the Fund, including relationships with the Fund's various service providers, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Independent Trustees considered the other terms and conditions of the Investment Advisory Agreement. The Independent Trustees determined that the substantive terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement (other than the fees payable thereunder, which the Independent Trustees reviewed separately), including the services to be provided, are generally similar to those of comparable funds described in the available market data and that it would be difficult to obtain similar services of similar quality on a comparable basis from other third-party service providers or through an internally-managed structure.

The Independent Trustees considered comparative data based on publicly available information with respect to services rendered and the advisory fee of the other funds in the Peer Group. Based upon its review, the Independent Trustees noted that the base management fee rate paid by the Fund and the Fund's overall fee rate, including incentive fees, under the Investment Advisory Agreement were higher than, but within the range of, the fees paid under the agreements of the Peer Group described in the available market data. In addition, the Independent Trustees considered the Fund's total expenses.

The Independent Trustees considered the extent to which economies of scale may be realized as the Fund grows. The Independent Trustees also considered the potential economies of scale in which the Fund may share, to the extent that the Carlyle Global Credit platform as a whole continues to grow.

The Independent Trustees considered the Adviser's allocation of direct and indirect expenses to the Fund. Having considered the Adviser's analysis of these expenses, the Independent Trustees determined expenses were reasonably allocated to the Fund.

The Independent Trustees considered the profitability of the Adviser and noted that such information was based, in particular, on the fact that the management fee payable to the Adviser by the Fund is at the annual rate of 1.75%, of the month-end value of the Fund's managed assets.

They further noted that market data regarding the detailed expenses and profitability of investment advisers to other funds in the Peer Group, and that the methodologies by which such advisers calculated their profitability, were generally not publicly available.

The Independent Trustees considered whether there was potential for additional benefits.

The Independent Trustees considered the interests of senior management and concluded that the judgment and performance of senior management were not impaired by those interests.

In view of the wide variety of factors that the Independent Trustees considered in connection with its evaluation of the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Independent Trustees determined that it was not practical to quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative weights to the specific factors it considered in reaching its decision. The Independent Trustees did not undertake to make any specific determination as to whether any particular factor, or any aspect of any particular factor, was favorable or unfavorable to the ultimate determination of the Board. Rather, the Independent Trustees based their determination on the totality of information presented to, and the investigation conducted by, them. In considering the factors discussed above, the Independent Trustees noted that individual Trustees may give different weights to different factors.

#### **PORTFOLIO PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROXY VOTING RECORD (Unaudited)**

The Fund has delegated its proxy voting responsibility to the Adviser. The proxy voting policies and procedures of the Adviser are set forth below. The guidelines are reviewed periodically by the Adviser and the Independent Trustees and, accordingly, are subject to change. Based on the nature of the registrant's investment strategy, the Adviser does not expect to receive proxy proposals but may from time to time receive amendments, consents or resolutions applicable to investments held by the Fund.

It is the policy of the Fund to delegate the responsibility for voting proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund to the Fund's Adviser as a part of the Adviser's general management of the Fund's portfolio, subject to the continuing oversight of the Board. The Board has delegated such responsibility to the Adviser, and directs the Adviser to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund consistent with the proxy voting policies and procedures. The Adviser may retain one or more vendors to review, monitor and recommend how to vote proxies in a manner consistent with the proxy voting policies and procedures, to ensure that such proxies are voted on a timely basis and to provide reporting and/or record retention services in connection with proxy voting for the Fund.

The right to vote a proxy with respect to portfolio securities held by the Fund is an asset of the Fund. The Adviser, to which authority to vote on behalf of the Fund is delegated, acts as a fiduciary of the Fund and must vote proxies in a manner consistent with the best interest of the Fund and its Shareholders. In discharging this fiduciary duty, the Adviser must maintain and adhere to its policies and procedures for addressing conflicts of interest and must vote proxies in a manner substantially consistent with its policies, procedures and guidelines, as presented to the Board.

The Fund shall file an annual report of each proxy voted with respect to portfolio securities of the Fund during the twelve-month period ended June 30 on Form N-PX not later than August 31 of each year. The Fund's voting record is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund toll-free at (866) 277-8243, (ii) free of charge on our website ([www.carlylecreditincomefund.com](http://www.carlylecreditincomefund.com)), and (iii) in the Form N-PX filing on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first quarter and the third quarter of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT filings are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CARLYLE CREDIT INCOME FUND

<b>Adviser</b>	Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C.
<b>Transfer Agent</b>	Equiniti Trust Company LLC, (formerly known as American Stock Transfer & Trust Company)
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	Dechert LLP
<b>Ticker Symbols</b>	
Common Shares	CCIF
Preferred Shares	CCIA

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### PRIVACY NOTICE

As a Carlyle Credit Income Fund shareholder, you are entitled to know how we protect your personal information and how we limit its disclosure.

#### Information Sources

We obtain non-public personal information about our shareholders from transactions with us, our affiliates, or others.

#### Protection of Information

We do not disclose any non-public personal information (such as names on a customer list) about current or former customers to anyone, except as permitted by law.

#### Disclosure of Information

We may use details about you and your investments to help us, our financial service affiliates, or firms that jointly market their financial products and services with ours, to better serve your investment needs or suggest educational material that may be of interest to you. If this requires us to provide you with an opportunity to “opt in” or “opt out” of such information sharing with a firm not affiliated with us, you will receive notification on how to do so, before any such sharing takes place.

#### Right of Refusal

We will not disclose your personal information to unaffiliated third parties (except as permitted by law), unless we first offer you a reasonable opportunity to refuse or “opt out” of such disclosure.

#### Other Security Measures

We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to protect your personal account information. Our employees and agents have access to that information only so that they may offer you products or provide services, for example, when responding to your account questions.

#### Who We Are

This notice describes the privacy policy of the Carlyle Credit Income Fund. In the event it is updated or changed, we will post an updated notice on our website at [www.CarlyleCreditIncomeFund.com](http://www.CarlyleCreditIncomeFund.com). If you have any questions about this privacy policy, write to us at PO Box 500, Newark, NJ 07101 or call us at (866) 277-8243.

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This report must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus.

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## **Item 2. Code of Ethics**

- (a) As of the end of the period covered by this report, Carlyle Credit Income Fund (the “Fund or “Registrant”) has adopted a code of ethics (the “Code of Ethics”) that applies to the Registrant’s principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the Registrant or a third party.
- (b) For purposes of this item, “code of ethics” means written standards that are reasonably designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote:
  - i. Honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;
  - ii. Full, fair, accurate, timely, and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that a Registrant files with, or submits to, the Commission and in other public communications made by the Registrant;
  - iii. Compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules, and regulations;
  - iv. The prompt internal reporting of violations of the code to an appropriate person or persons identified in the code; and
  - v. Accountability for adherence to the code
- (c) Amendments: There were no amendments to the Code of Ethics during the period covered by this report.
- (d) Waivers: During the period covered by the report, the Registrant has not granted any express or implicit waivers from the provisions of the code of ethics.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) The Registrant’s Code of Ethics is attached hereto as Exhibit 19(a)(1).

## **Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert**

- (a)(1) The Board of Trustees of the Registrant (the “Board”) has determined that the Registrant has at least one Audit Committee Financial Expert serving on its audit committee (the “Audit Committee”).
- (a)(2) The Board of the Registrant has designated Sanjeev Handa, as the Registrant’s Audit Committee Financial Expert. Sanjeev Handa is “independent” as defined in paragraph (a)(2) of Item 3 to Form N-CSR.
- (a)(3) Not applicable.

## **Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

- (a) Audit Fees – The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young, LLP (“E&Y”) for the audit of the Registrant’s annual financial statements and for services that are normally provided by E&Y in connection with statutory and regulatory filings for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, were \$383,000 and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, were \$288,000.
  - (b) Audit Related Fees – The aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services rendered by E&Y that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the Registrant’s financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, were \$0.00 and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, were \$0.00.
  - (c) Tax Fees – The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by E&Y for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning in the form of preparation of excise filings and income tax returns for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, were \$0.00 and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, were \$0.00.
  - (d) All Other Fees – The aggregate fees billed for products and services provided by E&Y other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, were \$0.00 and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, were \$0.00.
  - (e)(1) Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures – The Charter of the Registrant’s Audit Committee requires that the Audit Committee pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided to the Registrant by the Registrant’s independent registered public accounting firm; provided, however, that the pre-approval requirement with respect to non-auditing services to the Registrant may be waived consistent with the exceptions provided for in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”).
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(e)(2) No services described in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this Item 4 were approved by the Registrant's audit committee pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

(f) All of the principal accountant's hours spent on auditing the registrant's 2025 and 2024 financial statements were attributed to work performed by full-time permanent employees of the principal accountant.

(g) The aggregate non-audit fees billed by E&Y for services rendered to the Registrant, its co-investment advisers, and co-adviser affiliates that provide ongoing services to the Registrant for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, were \$0 and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, were \$0.

(h) The Audit Committee and Board have considered whether the provision of non-audit services to the Registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Registrant, that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X, is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence. No such services were rendered.

(i) Not applicable.

(j) Not applicable.

**Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants**

(a) The Fund has a separately designated audit committee consisting of the following members: Sanjeev Handa, Mark Garbin, and Joan McCabe.

(b) Not applicable.

**Item 6. Investments**

(a) The schedule of investments is included as part of the Reports to Shareholders filed under Item 1(a) of this report.

(b) Not applicable.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Financial Highlights for Open-End Management Investment Companies**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

**Item 8. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants for Open-End Management Investment Companies**

Not applicable

**Item 9. Proxy Disclosures for Open-End Management Investment Companies**

Not applicable

**Item 10. Remuneration Paid to Directors, Officers, and Others of Open-End Management Investment Companies**

Not applicable

**Item 11. Statement Regarding Basis for Approval of Investment Advisory Contract**

Not applicable

**Item 12. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Funds**

The Fund has delegated its proxy voting responsibility to its investment adviser, Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C. (the "Adviser"). The proxy voting policies and procedures of the Adviser are set forth below. The guidelines are reviewed periodically by the Adviser and the Independent Trustees and, accordingly, are subject to change.

It is the policy of the Fund to delegate the responsibility for voting proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund to the Fund's Adviser as a part of the Adviser's general management of the Fund's portfolio, subject to the continuing oversight of the Board. The Board has delegated such responsibility to the Adviser, and directs the Adviser to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund consistent with the proxy voting policies and procedures. The Adviser may retain one or more vendors to review, monitor and recommend how to vote proxies in a manner consistent with the proxy voting policies

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and procedures, to ensure that such proxies are voted on a timely basis and to provide reporting and/or record retention services in connection with proxy voting for the Fund.

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The Fund shall file an annual report of each proxy voted with respect to portfolio securities of the Fund during the twelve-month period ended June 30 on Form N-PX not later than August 31 of each year.

**Item 13. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Bio</b>
Lauren Basmadjian Portfolio Manager	July 14, 2023	Lauren Basmadjian has over 20 years of experience in financial and corporate markets. She is a Managing Director, Co-Head of Liquid Credit and Head of US Loans & Structured Credit within The Carlyle Group Inc.'s Global Credit platform, overseeing over \$48 billion of AUM. She is based in New York and sits on the Investment Committees for all of The Carlyle Group Inc.'s U.S. Loan, CLO and Liquid and Illiquid Credit investing activities. Ms. Basmadjian joined The Carlyle Group Inc. in 2020 after 19 years at Octagon Credit Investors, LLC, where she was a Senior Portfolio Manager, member of the Investment Committee and managed XAI Octagon Floating Rate & Alternative Income Term Trust, a public 1940 Act fund invested in CLO tranches and leveraged loans. Prior to becoming a Portfolio Manager, Ms. Basmadjian managed Octagon's workout efforts and also oversaw the leisure & entertainment, retail, consumer products, business services, food & beverage and technology industries. Before joining Octagon, Ms. Basmadjian worked in the Acquisition Finance Group at Chase Securities, Inc. She graduated Cum Laude from the Stern School of Business at New York University with a B.S. in Finance and Economics.
Nishil Mehta Portfolio Manager	July 14, 2023	Nishil Mehta is a Managing Director leading the firm's structured credit investments. He is based in New York. Prior to joining Carlyle, Nishil was a Managing Director at First Eagle where he was the co-portfolio manager for the firm's structured credit investments. Prior to joining First Eagle, Nishil was a Managing Director at Prospect Capital where he was responsible for the firm's \$2.5 billion of investments in CLO mezzanine debt and CLO equity and served as portfolio manager to Priority Income Fund, Inc., a closed-ended management investment company that primarily invests in the equity tranche of CLOs. He was also the Head of Capital Markets spearheading over \$8 billion of debt and equity capital raised for the firm's 1940 Act funds. Earlier in his career, Nishil worked at CIT Asset Management and Wachovia Securities. Mr. Mehta received his BBA from Goizueta Business School at Emory University with Honors.

(a)(2) The portfolio managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund also manage other registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts, as indicated below. The following table identifies, as of September 30, 2025: (i) the number of other registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts managed by each portfolio manager; (ii) the total assets of such companies, vehicles and accounts; and (iii) the number and total assets of such companies, vehicles and accounts that are subject to an advisory fee based on performance.

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<i>(dollars in billions)</i>	Number of Accounts	Assets of Accounts	Number of Accounts Subject to a Performance Fee	Assets Subject to a Performance Fee
<i>Lauren Basmadjian</i>				
Registered Investment Companies	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	85	34.97	84	34.60
Other Accounts	—	—	—	—
<i>Nishil Mehta</i>				
Registered Investment Companies	—	—	—	—
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	—	—	—	—
Other Accounts	13	2.03	1	0.01

(a)(2)(iv) The Fund's executive officers and Trustees, and the employees of the Adviser, serve or may serve as officers, trustees or principals of entities that operate in the same or a related line of business as the Fund or of other Carlyle-advised funds ("Other Managed Funds"). As a result, they may have obligations to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which might not be in the best interests of the Fund or its Shareholders. Moreover, notwithstanding the difference in principal investment objectives between the Fund and the Other Managed Funds, such other funds, including potential new pooled investment vehicles or managed accounts not yet established (whether managed or sponsored by affiliates or the Adviser), have, and may from time to time have, overlapping investment objectives with the Fund and, accordingly, invest in, whether principally or secondarily, asset classes similar to those targeted by the Fund. To the extent the Other Managed Funds have overlapping investment objectives, the scope of opportunities otherwise available to the Fund may be adversely affected and/or reduced. Additionally, certain employees of the Adviser and their management may face conflicts in their time management and commitments as well as in the allocation of investment opportunities to Other Managed Funds.

The results of the Fund's investment activities may differ significantly from the results achieved by the Other Managed Funds. It is possible that one or more of such funds will achieve investment results that are substantially more or less favorable than the results achieved by the Fund. Moreover, it is possible that the Fund will sustain losses during periods in which one or more affiliates achieve significant profits on their trading for proprietary or other accounts. The opposite result is also possible. The investment activities of one or more Adviser affiliates for their proprietary accounts and accounts under their management may also limit the investment opportunities for the Fund in certain markets.

The Adviser, its affiliates and their clients may pursue or enforce rights with respect to an issuer in which the Fund has invested, and those activities may have an adverse effect on the Fund. As a result, prices, availability, liquidity and terms of the Fund's investments may be negatively impacted by the activities of the Adviser and its affiliates or their clients, and transactions for the Fund may be impaired or effected at prices or terms that may be less favorable than would otherwise have been the case.

The Adviser may enter into transactions and invest in securities, instruments and currencies on behalf of the Fund in which customers of its affiliates, to the extent permitted by applicable law, serve as the counterparty, principal or issuer. In such cases, such party's interests in the transaction could be adverse to the interests of the Fund, and such party may have no incentive to assure that the Fund obtains the best possible prices or terms in connection with the transaction. In addition, the purchase, holding and sale of such investments by the Fund may enhance the profitability of the Adviser or its affiliates. One or more affiliates may also create, write or issue derivatives for their customers, the underlying securities, currencies or instruments of which may be those in which the Fund invests or which may be based on the performance of the Fund. The Fund may, subject to applicable law, purchase investments that are the subject of an underwriting or other distribution by one or more Adviser affiliates and may also enter into transactions with other clients of an affiliate where such other clients have interests adverse to those of the Fund.

The Fund will be required to establish business relationships with its counterparties based on the Fund's own credit standing. Neither the Adviser nor any of its affiliates will have any obligation to allow its credit to be used in connection with the Fund's establishment of its business relationships, nor is it expected that the Fund's counterparties will rely on the credit of the Adviser or its affiliates in evaluating the Fund's creditworthiness.

The Adviser is paid a fee based on a percentage of the Fund's Net Assets. Certain of the Other Managed Funds pay the Adviser or its affiliates different performance-based compensation, which could create an incentive for the Adviser or affiliate to favor such investment fund or account over the Fund.

By reason of the various activities of the Adviser and its affiliates, the Adviser and such affiliates may acquire confidential or material non-public information or otherwise be restricted from purchasing certain potential Fund investments that otherwise might have been purchased or be restricted from selling certain Fund investments that might otherwise have been sold at the time.

The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures designed to prevent conflicts of interest from influencing proxy voting decisions made on behalf of advisory clients, including the Fund, and to help ensure that such decisions are made in accordance with its fiduciary obligations to clients. Nevertheless, notwithstanding such proxy voting policies and procedures, actual proxy voting decisions may have the effect of favoring the interests of other clients, provided that the Adviser believes such voting decisions to be in accordance with its fiduciary obligations.

- (a)(3) Portfolio managers are compensated with an annual salary and a discretionary year-end annual bonus, the amount of which is based on a multitude of quantitative and qualitative factors and are benchmarked against peers and local markets. Depending on seniority within the firm, portfolio managers also may be eligible to receive performance fees from private funds that they manage that vest over time. Performance fees can make up a significant portion of a portfolio manager's overall compensation, and primarily are based on the investment performance of the private funds managed by the portfolio manager. This compensation structure aligns a portfolio manager's and investors' long-term interests and helps the Adviser retain talented investment personnel. Portfolio managers also may receive discretionary compensation through awards under the Adviser's equity incentive plan.
- (a)(4) The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities in the Fund beneficially owned by each of the portfolio managers as of September 30, 2025.

Name	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund <sup>(1)</sup>
Lauren Basmadjian	\$100,001–\$500,000
Nishil Mehta	\$100,001–\$500,000

(1) Dollar ranges are as follows: None, \$1–\$10,000, \$10,001–\$50,000, \$50,001–\$100,000, \$100,001–\$500,000, \$500,001–\$1,000,000 or Over \$1,000,000.

**Item 14. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers**

Not applicable

**Item 15. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

There were no material changes to the procedures by which the Shareholders may recommend nominees to the Board during the period covered by the annual report included in Item 1(a) of this Form N-CSR.

**Item 16. Controls and Procedures**

- (a) Based on an evaluation of the Registrants disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of filing date of this Form N-CSR, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the Registrant have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures of the Registrant are reasonably designed to ensure that the information required in filings on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported by the filing date, including that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to the Registrants management, including the Registrants principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.
- (b) There were no significant changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 17. Disclosure of Securities Lending Activities for Closed-End Management Investment Companies**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.

**Item 18. Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation**

Not applicable

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**Item 19. Exhibits**

- (a)(1) [Code of Ethics is filed herewith.](#)
  - (a)(2) [Certification\(s\) pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(and Item 11\(a\)\(2\) of Form N-CSR\) are filed herewith.](#)
  - (a)(3) Not applicable.
  - (b) [Certification\(s\) required by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(and Item 11\(b\) of Form N-CSR\) are filed herewith.](#)
  - (c) [Consent of independent registered public accounting firm.](#)
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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Carlyle Credit Income Fund

/s/ Nishil Mehta  
By: Nishil Mehta  
Principal Executive Officer  
Date: November 18, 2025

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

/s/ Nishil Mehta  
By: Nishil Mehta  
Principal Executive Officer  
Date: November 18, 2025

/s/ Nelson Joseph  
By: Nelson Joseph  
Principal Financial Officer  
Date: November 18, 2025



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#### Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form N-2 No. 333-272426) of Carlyle Credit Income Fund and in the related Prospectus of our report dated November 18, 2025, with respect to the financial statements of Carlyle Credit Income Fund included in this Annual Report (N-CSR) for the year ended September 30, 2025.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

New York, NY  
November 18, 2025



## CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Nishil Mehta certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-CSR of Carlyle Credit Income Fund;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows (if the financial statements are required to include a statement of cash flows) of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(e) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of trustees (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Nishil Mehta  
By: Nishil Mehta  
Principal Executive Officer  
Date: November 18, 2025

**CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Nelson Joseph certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-CSR of Carlyle Credit Income Fund;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows (if the financial statements are required to include a statement of cash flows) of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of trustees (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Nelson Joseph

By: Nelson Joseph  
Principal Financial Officer  
Date: November 18, 2025

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

Nishil Mehta, Principal Executive Officer, and Nelson Joseph, Principal Financial Officer, of Carlyle Credit Income Fund (the "Registrant"), each certify to the best of his or her knowledge that:

1. The Registrant's periodic report on Form N-CSR for the period ended September 30, 2025 (the "Form N-CSR") fully complies with the requirements of Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. The information contained in the Form N-CSR fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Registrant. This certification is being furnished to the Commission solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Form N-CSR filed with the Commission.

Principal Executive Officer  
Carlyle Credit Income Fund

Principal Financial Officer  
Carlyle Credit Income Fund

/s/ Nishil Mehta  
Nishil Mehta

/s/ Nelson Joseph  
Nelson Joseph

Date: November 18, 2025

Date: November 18, 2025

## CODE OF ETHICS FOR PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE AND FINANCIAL OFFICERS

<b>Applicable to</b>	Carlyle Credit Income Fund (the "Fund")
<b>Departments Impacted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal &amp; Compliance</li> <li>• Fund Management</li> </ul>
<b>Risk Addressed by Policy</b>	The Fund's principal executives and senior financial officers do not comply with written standards that are reasonably designed to deter wrongdoing and promote, among other things, honest and ethical conduct.
<b>Relevant Law &amp; Related Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("SOX")</li> <li>• Rule 30b2-1 under the Investment Company Act</li> <li>• Form N-CSR, Item 2 - Code of Ethics</li> <li>• FINRA Release No. 34-47262; IC-25914 (January 27, 2003) <i>Certification of Management Investment Company Shareholder Reports and Designation of Certified Shareholder Reports as Exchange Act Periodic Reporting Forms; Disclosure Required by Sections 406 and 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</i></li> </ul>
<b>Approved By</b>	Board: July 2023
<b>Effective Date</b>	July 2023

**Background.** As a means of implementing Section 406 of SOX ("Section 406"), the SEC has adopted certain rules that require a mutual fund to disclose:

- whether or not it has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the mutual fund's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller or any other person that performs similar functions (each a "Covered Officer" and, collectively, the "Covered Officers");
- why, if it has not adopted such code, it has not done so; and
- amendments to, and waivers from, the code of ethics relating to any of the Covered Officers.

Section 406 defines a "code of ethics" to mean such standards as are reasonably necessary to promote:

- honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;
- full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in the periodic reports required to be filed by the issuer; and
- compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

This Code of Ethics for Principal Executive and Financial Officers (the "Executive Code") sets forth standards and procedures to ensure compliance with SOX Section 406 and shall apply to each Covered Officer of the Fund.

## **A. POLICY**

### **Honest and Ethical Conduct**

This Executive Code is intended to assure that the behavior of Covered Officers does not put, or appear to put, the interests of other parties above those of the Fund and that conflicts of interest are identified and handled ethically. A conflict of interest occurs when a Covered Officer allows, or appears to allow, advantages that could otherwise be avoided or ameliorated, to other parties at the expense of a Fund. Such advantages may benefit a Covered Officer's own private interests over the interests of the Fund. Conflicts of interest may also arise when, in addition to serving as a Covered Officer of a Fund, a Covered Officer also holds a position as an officer or employee of an investment adviser or other entity retained by a Fund. A conflict of interest may be created if a Covered Officer who also serves as an officer or employee of an investment adviser to a Fund, provides benefits to another party that are improper, or that are a breach of the Covered Officer's fiduciary relationship to the Fund, if the benefit was derived from such Covered Officer's position with the Fund.

The compliance programs and procedures of the Fund and the investment adviser to the funds are designed to prevent, or identify and correct, violations of provisions set forth in the Investment Company Act and the Investment Advisers Act, including certain conflict of interest provisions. The obligations imposed by this Executive Code on Covered Officers are separate and in addition to any obligations imposed on such persons under any other procedures, such as the Code of Ethics adopted by the Funds and the investment advisers to the Funds pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the Investment Company Act. This Executive Code does not, and is not intended to, repeat or replace these programs and procedures. Violations of such other programs and procedures shall be addressed in accordance with the applicable program or procedure, unless or until it is determined that a violation of such program and procedure is also a violation of this Executive Code.

If a Covered Officer becomes aware of a conflict of interest or perceives there to be a conflict of interest, such Covered Officer shall promptly report the matter to the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer or Chief Legal Officer. Upon receipt of a report, the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer or Chief Legal Officer will take prompt steps to determine whether a conflict or perceived conflict of interest exists. If it is determined that an actual or perceived

conflict of interest exists, the Funds' Chief Compliance Officer or Chief Legal Officer will take steps to resolve the conflict or the appearance of a conflict. If it is determined that no conflict or appearance of a conflict exists, the Funds' Chief Compliance Officer or Chief Legal Officer shall meet with the Covered Officer to advise him or her of such finding and of his or her reason for taking no action. In lieu of determining whether a conflict or appearance of conflict exists, the matter may be referred to the Board.

**Prohibited Activity**

No Covered Officer shall, in connection with carrying out his or her duties on behalf of a Fund:

- a. Use information concerning business and affairs of the Fund, including the investment intentions of the Fund, for personal gain to himself or herself, his or her family or friends or any other person, or in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Fund or the shareholders of the Fund;
- b. Use his or her ability to influence investment intentions for personal gain to himself or herself, his or her family or friends or any other person or in a manner detrimental to the Fund or the shareholders of the Fund;
- c. Use his or her personal influence or personal relationships to influence the preparation and issuance of financial reports of a Fund whereby the Covered Officer would benefit personally to the detriment of the Fund or the shareholders of the Fund;
- d. Intentionally take any action or fail to take any action in connection with his or her official acts on behalf of the Fund that causes the Fund to violate applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- e. Employ any device, scheme, artifice or manipulative practice to defraud a Fund or the shareholders of the Fund;
- f. Intentionally cause a Fund to make any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact that conflicts with statements made in official documents, regulatory filings, financial statements or communications to the public;
- g. Intentionally cause a Fund to fail to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations, including failure to comply with the requirement of full, fair, accurate, understandable and timely disclosure in reports and

documents that the Fund files with, or submits to, the SEC and in other public communications;

- h. Intentionally mislead or fail to provide material information to the independent auditors of a Fund or to the Board of Trustees/Directors or the officers of the Fund or its investment adviser(s) in connection with financial reporting matters;
- i. Intentionally cause a Fund to be financially disadvantaged or to bear unwarranted expenses;
- j. Retaliate against others for, or otherwise discourage the reporting of, actual or apparent violations of this Executive Code.

### **Waivers**

Covered Officers requesting a waiver of any of the provisions of the Executive Code must submit a written request for such waiver to the Compliance Department, setting forth the basis of such request and all necessary facts upon which such request can be evaluated.

The Compliance Department shall review such request and make a written determination thereon, which shall be binding. The Compliance Department may, in reviewing such request, consult in its discretion with legal counsel to the Funds, or the Board, if applicable.

In determining whether to waive any of the provisions of this Code, the Compliance Department shall consider whether the proposed waiver:

- is prohibited by this Executive Code;
- is consistent with honest and ethical conduct; and
- will result in a conflict of interest between the Covered Officer's personal and professional obligations to a Fund.

For purposes of clarification, a determination by a Board as to the appropriate handling of a conflict of interest that has been disclosed to it and that does not involve unethical or fraudulent conduct does not constitute a waiver of this Executive Code.

### **Sanctions**

Any violation of this Executive Code shall be subject to the imposition of such sanctions as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances and may include, without limitation, a letter of censure, suspension from employment or termination of employment.

Amendments. Amendments to this Executive Code shall be approved by the Board.

## **B. PROCEDURE**

Each Covered Officer shall:

- certify that he or she has received, read and understands his or her obligations under the Executive Code (upon becoming subject to the Executive Code and annually thereafter); and
- at least annually, certify that they have complied with the requirements of the Executive Code and that they have disclosed or reported violations of the Executive Code to the Chief Compliance Officer; and
- promptly report to the Chief Compliance Officer or Chief Legal Officer of the Fund if he or she becomes aware of any actual or perceived conflict of interest.

The Compliance Department shall:

- maintain the current list of Covered Officers;
- furnish each Covered Officer with this Executive Code when such individual becomes subject to the Executive Code and annually thereafter;
- periodically inform each Covered Officer of his or her duties and obligations under this Executive Code;
- provide Fund Management with information with respect to amendments to, or waivers of, this Executive Code;
- provide the Boards with a quarterly report setting forth:
  - a description of any report submitted by a Covered Officer of a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest and the disposition thereof;
  - a description of any request for a waiver from the Executive Code and the disposition thereof;
  - any violation of the Executive Code that has been reported or detected and the sanction imposed;
  - any other significant information arising under the Executive Code.

Fund Management shall ensure that the applicable Form N-CSR:

- provides disclosure to the effect that the Fund has adopted the Executive Code;
- includes the current Executive Code as an exhibit; and
- provides disclosure with respect to any waivers that have been granted under the Executive Code.