

# **1Q22 CLOSED-END FUND & BDC REVIEW AND OUTLOOK**

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Closed-End Fund Advisors is a Registered Investment Advisory Firm founded in 1989 that specializes in Closed-End Fund & BDC Research, Trading and Management.

## **Presentation Agenda**

CLOSED-END FUND

- What is Closed-End Fund Advisors?
- What is AICA?
- What is a CEF?
- What is a BDC?
- 10-year asset class history: returns, discounts & correlations
- CEF & BDC universe overview stats
- 1Q summary: discounts & returns
- Major sector discount levels
- CEF discount history and frequency
- Relative discount opportunity
- Discount seasonality & tax-loss selling
- Sector focus: Equity, Taxable Fixed Income, Muni CEFs, and BDCs
- Sub-sector yield comparison
- Return of capital trends
- Destructive return of capital

- CEF trading volume trends
- NAV vs price volatility comparison
- NAV vs price correlation trends
- 1Q press release & SEC filing stats
- 1Q distribution changes
- CEF distribution lookback
- IPOs: trends & recent highlights
- CEF mergers & deaths
- CEFA CEF/BDC index performance
- Institutional ownership trends & stats
- Activists & recent corporate actions
- Interval funds
- Tender offer funds
- 2Q and 2021 outlook
- CEFA model portfolios
- Disclosures & disclaimers

## What is Closed-End Fund Advisors?

- Investment Management
  - Separately Managed Accounts highly customized per client
  - Model portfolios (25 of them) www.cefdata.com/portfoliocomp
- Data Service
  - Offer industry-leading data on CEFs, BDCs, and Interval Funds
    - Daily/Weekly/Monthly data spreadsheets and PDF charts/tables
  - CEFData.com: CEF/BDC /iCEF daily data modules and analytics
  - Daily email news alerts for CEF & BDC news and SEC filings
    - Covers all material updates, including distribution changes, activist actions/filings, insider purchases

### • Research, Data Analytics & Consulting

- Consult for Institutional Investors & CEF/BDC Fund Sponsors
- Unit Investment Trusts with partner SmartTrustUIT

### • Non-profit - Active Investment Company Alliance (AICA)

- Started a non-profit to improve the CEF & BDC ecosystem and it's big hit
- AICA has done multiple events with hundreds of attendees & presentations by leading firms such as: BlackRock, Brookfield, Goldman Sachs, Nuveen, Ares and many others









**AICA's Weekly Podcast** 

### www.AICAlliance.org

- High Quality Non-Profit Trade Association for US Listed and Non-Listed CEFs & BDCs
  - Incubated and Founded by CEF Advisors / CEFdata.com
- 145+ Podcasts (The NAVigator) with 200K d/ls to date, Videos, Conferences:
  - First event November 2019 (in-person in NYC)
    - 7 Panels, 100+ Attendees: <u>https://aicalliance.org/NYC2019Event/</u>
  - Second event August 2020 (virtual)
    - 12 Panels, 50 Speakers: <u>https://aicalliance.org/aicasummersummit2020/</u>
  - 2021 Six Virtual Events with 22 Panels and 88 Presenters
    - <u>https://aicalliance.org/events</u>
  - 2022 Plan: Virtual Events with 20+ Panels. Running February to June and September through November. In person event planned for Nov 16<sup>th</sup> NYC.
  - Interval Fund Virtual Event <u>April 26-27</u> 1pm EST each day w/ 4 sessions
    - <u>https://aicalliance.org/aica-event/2022intervalfundspringmanagerspotlight/</u>











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Steven Bavaria on how the 'Income Factory strategy' copes with current conditions

Steven Bavaria, author of "Inside the Income Factory" on SeekingAlpha.com, says that current market conditions have shown the

value of focusing on income streams rather than the value of the underlying securities, allowing investors the peace of mind that comes from generating cash-flow and putting that money back to work buying at [...]



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Mitchel Penn, managing director of equity research for Oppenheimer and Co., talks about the challenges of analyzing and evaluating business-development companies, and then highlights Runway Growth Finance Corp. - which his firm expects to outperform the market and competition - to show the methodology in action and to showcase the place BDCs [...]



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How current events are impacting the capital markets

Seth Brufsky, chief executive officer for the Ares Dynamic Credit Allocation Fund, says that conditions since the end of the year have changed from concerns over what the Federal Reserve would do. 'changing the calculus' for how people should and will invest. Brusfky says the focus entering the year was on floating-rate investments, [...]



AICA's Scott: Closed-end fund 2.0 is off to a strong start





Private equity fund lets ordinary investors go after assets previously off-limits

Michael Bell, founder of Primark Capital - which runs the Primark Private Equity Investments Fund, a closed-end interval fund - discusses how changing market conditions have reduced the number of public companies and dramatically increased the number of available private equity investments, which he says are best handled in the limitedliquidity structure of an [...]



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Matisse's Boughton: International, emerging-markets stocks are 'dirt cheap'

Eric Boughton, chief analyst at Matisse Capital and portfolio manager for the Matisse Discounted Closed-End Fund Strategy, says that the war in Ukraine has been creating deep discounts and bigger buying opportunities for closed-end fund investors, noting that emerging markets and international stocks went into the conflict already at low levels, which [...]



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Your questions answered with Mike Taggart, **AICA** executive director

Mike Taggart of Taggart Fund Intelligence, the executive director of the Active Investment Company Alliance, returns to The NAVigator following up on his recent discussion of buying assets rather than discounts by answering some questions from the audience about the persistence of discounts and where discounts fit into the picture once you [...]



Taggart: As unrest widens discounts, buy the asset not the bargain

Mike Taggart, founder of Taggart Fund Intelligence and executive director of the Active Investment Company Alliance, says that the stock market's rough January along with the war between Russia and the Ukraine have put the market in a tizzy and widened discounts for closedend funds by over 1 percent on average this [...]



## What is a Closed-End Fund (CEF)?

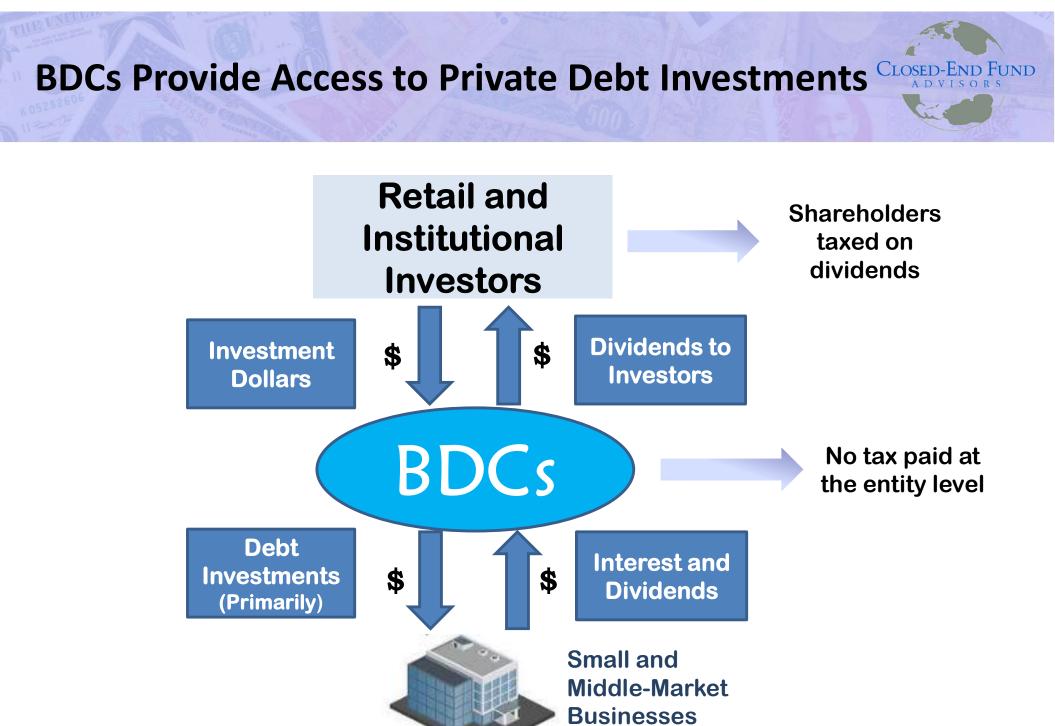
- A CEF is a 'Registered Investment Company' is an investment structure/vehicle as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940 and features:
  - Fixed pool of capital
  - Active management
  - Daily liquidity CEF shares trade like stocks
- Long, established history CEFs have traded on the NYSE since 1893
- Funds can trade at prices both below NAV (discount) and above (premium)
- Tax-advantaged earnings are passed through to investors in the form of dividends and distributions (similar to REITs and MLPs)
- CEFs often utilized debt/leverage (such as margin loans or preferred shares)
- The closed-end structure is not an asset class but an investment vehicle "wrapper"
- Interval & Tender Offer Funds (non-listed), have been around since 1989, but growth has picked up since 2017.
  - O 164 Strategies and \$124.07 Billion in AUM (CEFData.com: 3/31/22)



## What is a Business Development Company (BDC)? LOSED-END FUND

- BDCs are closed-end funds that provide small, growing companies access to capital.
- BDCs were created by Congress in 1980 to provide an opportunity for individual, nonaccredited investors to participate in private investments
- BDCs (just like traditional closed-end funds) offer:
  - 1940 Act Investment Company status/regulation
  - Fixed-Capital
  - Active Management
  - Daily Liquidity
- Tax-advantaged and earnings are passed through to investors in the form of dividends and distributions (similar to REITs and MLPs)
- BDCs leverage is limited to 200% (\*150%) asset coverage = total assets / total debt or "one turn" of leverage, excluding SBIC facilities (BDCs) – this is higher than other CEFs
- BDCs typically have a higher fee structure w/ carry







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## **Types of Loans Held By BDCs**

- 1. First Lien Loans:67%
- 2. Second Lien Loans: 11%
- **3.** Unsecured Loans:5%
- 4. Equity/Other: 17%
- Avg Portfolio Turnover: 47%
- Avg loan portfolio composition:
  - 85% Variable
  - > 15% Fixed
- Libor Floors: 51% at 1.4% Avg Level
- Avg Loan Size: \$11.35M
  - ➢ 64% of Loans Under \$25MM
- Average Maturity of 4.1 with a range of 2 Years to 6 years
- Avg # of Loans: 256 from 172 Companies





## Asset Class Annual Returns (NAV) 2012-2022

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 - YTD	2012 - 2021
REIT	м <b>L</b> Р	REIT	Preferred	м∟р	World Stock	врс	REIT	Convertible	MLP	MLP	US Stock
25.56%	28.71%	24.47%	6.37%	33.64%	25.80%	9.39%	31.14%	37.5%	42.63%	23.06%	13.2%
Preferred	US Stock	Muni Bond	Muni Bond	HY Bond	US Stock	Muni Bond	Convertible	World Stock	REIT	BDC	REIT
23.75%	25.62%	19.70%	5.53%	18.43%	19.79%	0.52%	28.26%	16.02%	34.07%	3.4%	12.2%
HY Bond	Convertible	Preferred	BDC	Senior Loan	Covered Call	Senior Loan	US Stock	US Stock	BDC	Senior Loan	Covered Call
20.49%	20.89%	17.57%	3.90%	14.91%	17.59%	-1.34%	25.96%	13.11%	20.88%	-0.42%	10.49%
Tactical Sector	Tactical Sector	US Stock	Covered Call	Convertible	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	Preferred	Covered Call	US Stock	HY Bond	Preferred
18.88%	16.85%	11.20%	1.35%	12.06%	15.93%	-2.51%	24.88%	10.7%	20.25%	-4.22%	10.04%
World Stock	Covered Call	в <b>D</b> С	REIT	Tactical Sector	Preferred	HY Bond	Covered Call	Tactical Sector	Covered Call	Tactical Sector	Tactical Sector
18.27%	16.31%	8.10%	0.95%	11.98%	14.19%	-3.49%	23.64%	8.14%	19.65%	-4.53%	9.88%
Intl Bond	в <b>D</b> С	Investment Grade	US Stock	Intl Bond	Convertible	US Stock	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	Tactical Sector	World Stock	BDC
17.94%	13.36%	7.73%	0.42%	11.84%	12.57%	-5.54%	18.61	7.33%	10.21%	-4.61%	9.81%
Convertible	HY Bond	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	BDC	REIT	Tactical Sector	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Preferred	US Stock	Convertible
16.40%	10.02%	7.46%	-2.38%	10.09%	12.42%	-6.00%	15.43%	6.54%	8.73%	-4.86%	8.51%
Muni Bond	Senior Loan	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Investment Grade	Intl Bond	Convertible	Investment Grade	HY Bond	Senior Loan	Preferred	HY Bond
15.38%	8.49%	4.86%	-2.66%	8.74%	12.05%	-6.09%	14.57%	4.04%	7.86%	-5.21%	7.63%
Investment Grade	REIT	MLP	Tactical Sector	Covered Call	Investment Grade	Preferred	MLP	Preferred	HY Bond	Covered Call	Muni Bond
15.38%	3.65%	3.45%	-3.23%	8.67%	10.77%	-7.02%	11.62%	2.91%	6.24%	-5.28%	6.44%
US Stock	World Stock	HY Bond	HY Bond	World Stock	BDC	Covered Call	Muni Bond	Intl Bond	Convertible	REIT	World Stock
13.52%	3.34%	1.59%	-4.99%	8.45%	8.83%	-7.31%	10.83%	2.45%	4.37%	-5.3%	6.3%
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13.13%	2.15%	1.32%	-6.55%	7.65%	8.50%	-8.27%	10.67%	0.45%	4.25%	-7.37%	6.22%
Senior Loan	Investment Grade	Intl Bond	Convertible	Preferred	Muni Bond	Intl Bond	World Stock	BDC	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	Senior Loan
12.6%	-1.5%	0.49%	-7.25%	6.89%	8.41%	-8.72%	10.44%	0.31%	2.75%	-7.43%	5.71%
Covered Call	Intl Bond	Convertible	Intl Bond	REIT	Senior Loan	World Stock	BDC	REIT	World Stock	Intl Bond	Intl Bond
9.47%	-6.57%	0.12%	-8.46%	6.84%	4.82%	-14.93%	10.12%	-8.82%	2.43%	-7.77%	2.55%
MLP	Muni Bond	World Stock	MLP	Muni Bond	MLP	MLP	Intl Bond	MLP	Intl Bond	Muni Bond	MLP
1.85%	-7.35%	-0.26%	-44.23%	0.61%	-5.77%	-19.05%	6.96%	-54.77%	-2.53%	-10.17%	-0.19%

US Stock - CEFA's US Equity Index; REIT - CEFA's Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Asset Index; MLP - CEFA's Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Fund Index; BDC - CEFA's Debt-Focused Business Development Company (BDC) Index; High Yield Bond -CEFA's High Yield Bond Index; Preferred – CEFA's Preferred Equity Index; World Stock – CEFA's International Equity Index; Sr Loan - CEFA's Senior Loan Index; Muni Bond - CEFA's National Municipal Bond Index; Covered Call - CEFA's Covered Call / Option Funds Index; Convertible - CEFA's Convertible Bond Index; Investment Grade - CEFA's Investment Grade Bond Index; Tactical Sector - CEFA's Hybrid / Balanced Fund Index (50%) & CEFA's Multisector Bond Fund Index (50%); Intl Bond - CEFA's International Bond Index. Returns data are NAV total returns which include dividends and capital appreciation. "2012- 2021" column shows yearly average for each sector. You cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance is not an indication of future results. Index Performance prior to 2015 was determined using index constituents as of 12/31/2014. Data for all indexes is sourced from CEFData.com as of 3/31/2022. 10

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## Asset Class Average Discounts/Premiums 2012-2022 CLOSED-END FUND

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 - YTD	2012-2021
BDC	BDC	Tactical Sector	Preferred	Preferred	Convertible	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	BDC	Preferred
8.03%	1.69%	-5.37%	-0.77%	0.03%	-1.35%	1.66%	1.96%	3.94%	0.81%	-1.07%
мlр	Tactical Sector	MLP	Muni Bond	Tactical Sector	Tactical Sector	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	Preferred	Investment Grade
1.95%	-2.63%	-6.10%	-1.88%	-1.42%	-1.84%	0.14%	0.36%	2.88%	-0.69%	-1.58%
Senior Loan	Convertible	Muni Bond	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	Covered Call	Investment Grade	Tactical Sector	BDC	Covered Call	Tactical Sector
-0.12%	-3.17%	-6.44%	-3.74%	-2.09%	-2.39%	-0.12%	-4.01%	0.81%	-1.24%	-1.88%
HY Bond	HY Bond	Investment Grade	Tactical Sector	MLP	Investment Grade	Covered Call	Muni Bond	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	BDC
-0.63%	-3.48%	-6.81%	-3.89%	-3.11%	-2.74%	-2.51%	-6.05%	0%	-1.78%	-3.25%
Tactical Sector	MLP	Preferred	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Preferred	Convertible	Covered Call	Intl Bond	Convertible	HY Bond
-1.72%	-4.54%	-6.89%	-4.84%	-3.32%	-2.91%	-2.80%	-6.35%	-0.41%	-2.85%	-3.68%
Investment Grade	Investment Grade	Convertible	MLP	Convertible	MLP	Intl Bond	Intl Bond	Muni Bond	Intl Bond	Muni Bond
-2.92%	-4.93%	-7.98%	-5.05%	-4.00%	-4.57%	-3.30%	-6.43%	-1.68%	-3.09%	-4.14%
Muni Bond	Muni Bond	BDC	Covered Call	Covered Call	Intl Bond	BDC	HY Bond	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Convertible
-3.65%	-6.40%	-8.61%	-7.39%	-4.25%	-7.62%	-4.96%	-7.48%	-2.02%	-3.13%	-5.11%
Preferred	Senior Loan	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Senior Loan	Senior Loan	Muni Bond	Convertible	HY Bond	Tactical Sector	Covered Call
-3.83%	-6.49%	-8.11%	-8.75%	-4.32%	-7.77%	-5.37%	-7.98%	-2.66%	-3.33%	-5.66%
Intl Bond	Covered Call	HY Bond	Convertible	BDC	HY Bond	HY Bond	REIT	Senior Loan	US Stock	MLP
-5.04%	-6.62%	-8.41%	-10.08%	-4.48%	-8.04%	-5.61%	-10.87%	-4.05%	-4.42%	-5.87%
REIT	Preferred	Senior Loan	BDC	HY Bond	US Stock	MLP	US Stock	Convertible	REIT	Senior Loan
-5.65%	-6.73%	-8.70%	-10.98%	-5.19%	-8.06%	-7.44%	-11.27%	-4.31%	-4.63%	-6.18%
Convertible	World Stock	World Stock	Intl Bond	Intl Bond	Muni Bond	REIT	Senior Loan	REIT	Muni Bond	Intl Bond
-6.22%	-9.04%	-11.00%	-11.21%	-6.85%	-8.57%	-8.70%	-11.77%	-5.23%	-4.89%	-6.31%
Covered Call	Intl Bond	US Stock	US Stock	REIT	World Stock	US Stock	World Stock	US Stock	HY Bond	REIT
-8.13%	-8.45%	-11.00%	-11.47%	-9.18%	-9.6%	-9.05%	-13.85%	-7.24%	-5.04%	-8.93%
World Stock	US Stock	REIT	REIT	US Stock	BDC	Senior Loan	MLP	World Stock	World Stock	World Stock
-8.15%	-9.63%	-12.21%	-11.62%	-9.44%	-9.75%	-9.45%	-17.88%	-10.15%	-9.75%	-9.31%
US Stock	REIT	Intl Bond	World Stock	World Stock	REIT	World Stock	BDC	MLP	MLP	US Stock
-9.32%	-10.63%	-13.02%	-12.44%	-9.50%	-10.05%	-10.54%	-22.23%	-16.73%	-15.67%	-9.61%
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Historical Premium / Discount expressed as average value over each year. 2021 Premium / Discount average value as of March 31, 2022. "2012 - 2021" column shows yearly average for each sector. Data sourced from Closed-End Fund Advisors 'CEFU Report' and CEFData.com. Past performance is not an indication of future results

## **14 Sector NAV Correlation Matrix (Diversification)**

	MLP	BDC	Convertible	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Senior Loan	Preferred	World Stock	Cov Call	US Stock	REIT	Investment Grade	Tactical Sector	Internation al Bond
MLP	100%	-9%	66%	72%	25%	66%	59%	66%	65%	69%	58%	61%	73%	60%
BDC	-9%	100%	7%	4%	10%	-13%	5%	4%	1%	8%	8%	-3%	4%	0%
Convertible	66%	7%	100%	82%	43%	68%	74%	89%	92%	93%	77%	73%	93%	69%
HY Bond	72%	4%	82%	100%	57%	90%	87%	79%	75%	80%	79%	92%	93%	83%
Muni Bond	25%	10%	43%	57%	100%	56%	74%	39%	36%	39%	61%	74%	55%	51%
Senior Loan	66%	-13%	68%	90%	56%	100%	84%	65%	64%	67%	71%	88%	82%	71%
Preferred	59%	5%	74%	87%	74%	84%	100%	70%	70%	74%	86%	91%	86%	69%
World Stock	66%	4%	89%	79%	39%	65%	70%	100%	91%	92%	77%	71%	92%	80%
Cov Call	65%	1%	92%	75%	36%	64%	70%	91%	100%	97%	76%	65%	91%	67%
US Stock	69%	8%	93%	80%	39%	67%	74%	92%	97%	100%	81%	69%	93%	68%
REIT	58%	8%	77%	79%	61%	71%	86%	77%	76%	81%	100%	81%	88%	69%
Investment Grade	61%	-3%	73%	92%	74%	88%	91%	71%	65%	69%	81%	100%	88%	81%
Tactical Sector	73%	4%	93%	93%	55%	82%	86%	92%	91%	93%	88%	88%	100%	82%
Internation al Bond	60%	0%	69%	83%	51%	71%	69%	80%	67%	68%	69%	81%	82%	100%

Note: Correlation over previous 10 years, using quarterly NAV total returns. Source: CEFData.com as of 3/31/2022 UND

## **The CEF and BDC Investment Universe**

	# of Funds	Total Net Assets	Premium / Discount	Market Yield	NAV Beta (2yr)	Duration	Leverage	Non Lev Expense Ratio	Average Net Assets
Equity Funds	193	\$141,344	-4.94%	7.51%	0.81		13.12%	1.38	\$732
Taxable Bond	142	\$61,710	-4.24%	8.26%	0.51	3.9	26.71%	1.52	\$435
Municipal Bond	122	\$62,849	-4.92%	4.86%	0.81	9.1	33.79%	1.00	\$515
BDCs	49	\$58,909	-1.79%	7.70%	1.15		45.44%	6.28	\$1,202
Total CEFs	506	\$324,813	-4.43%	7.10%	0.76	6.3	25.08%	1.80	\$642
Municipal Bond	122	\$62,849	-4.92%	4.86%	0.81	9.1	33.79%	1.00	\$515
World Stock	40	\$12,114	-8.09%	8.92%	0.81		7.34%	1.45	\$303
Debt Focused BDC	45	\$58,345	1.19%	8.29%	1.24		48.99%	6.36	\$1,297
High Yield Bond	32	\$11,115	-6.38%	8.36%	0.55	3.67	23.93%	1.33	\$347
US Stock	29	\$31,354	-3.58%	7.71%	0.96		6.97%	1.33	\$1,081
Multisector Bonds	24	\$21,553	-3.25%	8.50%	0.56	4.28	27.25%	1.42	\$898
Covered Call	24	\$22,413	-0.79%	7.38%	0.73		0.83%	1.06	\$934
Senior Loan	23	\$7,963	-4.42%	7.19%	0.16	1.09	34.39%	1.73	\$346
Hybrid / Balanced	21	\$13,759	-3.91%	8.58%	0.87	3.2	18.04%	1.49	\$655
MLP Funds	17	\$6,147	-16.01%	6.73%	0.98		21.11%	1.81	\$362
Preferred Equity	18	\$11,745	-0.66%	7.29%	0.49	3.7	34.37%	1.21	\$653
International Bond	13	\$4,362	-2.55%	9.67%	0.47	4.59	23.15%	1.54	\$336
Investment Grade Bond	12	\$3,479	-1.51%	6.44%	0.87	5.4	20.53%	0.99	\$290
Convertible Bond	10	\$4,770	-4.67%	8.62%	0.97	2.53	31.23%	1.34	\$477
REIT Funds	10	\$7,120	-3.54%	6.95%	0.94		21.74%	1.34	\$712

*Note:* Benchmarks for Beta: "S&P 500 Index" for Equity Funds and "iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF" for Bond Funds *Source: CEFData.com as of 3/31/2022* 

CLOSED-END FUND

## **1Q Snapshot: Discounts & Total Returns**

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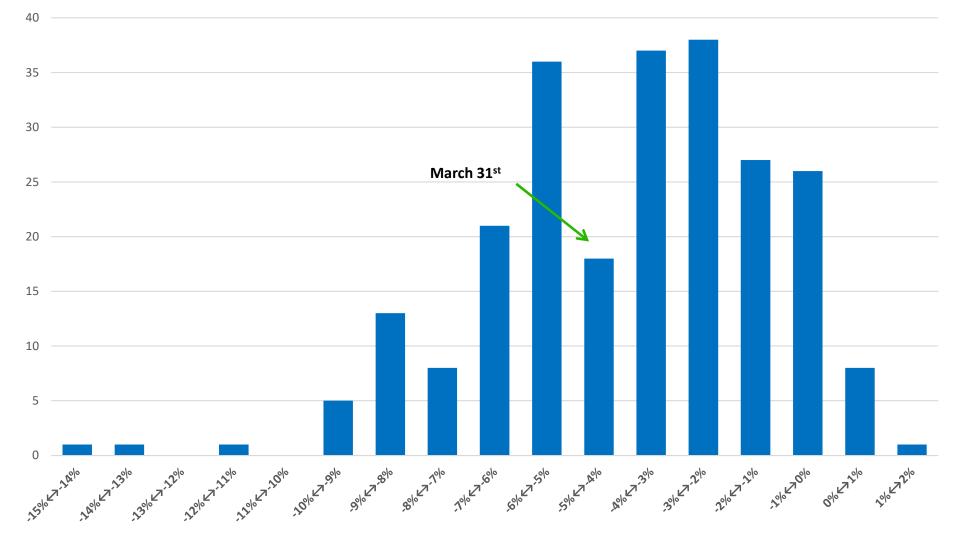
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Fund Grouping	Discount	Premium	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
Equity CEFs	137	55	62	130	62	131
	(71%)	(28%)	(32%)	(67%)	(32%)	(68%)
Taxable Bond CEFs	116	25	14	126	12	130
	(82%)	(18%)	(10%)	(89%)	(8%)	(92%)
Municipal Bond CEFs	110	12	1	121	3	119
	(90%)	(10%)	(1%)	(99%)	(2%)	(98%)
BDCs	32	17	48	0	32	17
	(65%)	(35%)	(98%)	(0%)	(65%)	(35%)
All CEFs & BDCs	395	109	125	377	109	397
	(78%)	(22%)	(25%)	(75%)	(22%)	(78%)
Note: BDCs reflect 4Q21 NAV TR, as 3 Source: CEFData.com as of March 31			ted yet			14

### **Major Sector Average Discount Levels** Avg Discount % vs # of Funds - March 31, 2022 5 % BDC +1.19 Covered Call -0.79 Preferred -0.66 0 % Investment Grade -1.51 Int'l Bond Funds -2.55 Muni Bond -4.92 Hybrid / Balanced -3.91 Senior Loan -4.42 **Average CEF Discount** -5 % REIT -3.5 US Stock -3.58 World Stock -8.09 Convertible -4.67 HY Bond -6.38 -10 % MLP -16.01 -15 % -20 % Source: CEFData.com 15



## All CEFs: 20 Year Discount Level Frequency

Monthly Discount Levels (March '01 - March '22)



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## **Relative Discount Opportunity**

### CLOSED-END FUND

#### Equity Sector Indexes

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7. Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Fund Index	-17.07	-15.71	-15.04	-10.52	-5.57	50.61	6.74	4.59	6.46	0.28	83.2	79.1	21.9	1.7	52.74	98.85	0.82	13	N/A	1.01	1.9	-0.14	451	1897
6. Utilities / Infrastructure Index	5.12	8.93	9.52	5.98	1.58	51.56	6.76	6.14	5.81	0.95	55.9	21.9	18.7	1.42	26.73	93.99	5.51	8	N/A	0.94	3.08	1.37	1368	3418
8. Preferred Equity Index	-1.52	3.37	2.83	1.18	-0.2	51.6	7.37	5.4	5.65	1.72	9.7	3.8	34.4	1.24	20.84	4.27	87.65	15	4.41	0.51	0.84	0.15	751	2170
1. International Equity Index	-11.28	-11.48	-12.55	-11.81	-10.77	53.9	8.78	7.68	7.74	1.04	50.0	20.6	2.3	1.38	25.11	97.01	1.17	24	N/A	0.77	0.89	-1.02	255	626
9. Hybrid / Balanced Fund Index	-5.48	-2.67	-4.19	-3.31	-7.11	55.61	8.71	7.02	7.17	1.54	33.8	20.6	18.5	1.5	21.3	59.87	27.48	18	N/A	0.88	-0.51	-0.45	745	2041
3. Global Equity Index	-3.85	-5.02	-7.82	-7.06	-8.17	67.31	8.13	7.66	6.79	1.34	37.6	13.7	7.7	1.21	23.02	92.37	5.37	36	0.06	0.89	0.5	2.38	997	3481
2. US Equity Index	1.64	-0.2	-2.92	-2.97	-4.51	71.29	7.83	8.18	6.91	0.92	50.7	8.5	3.2	1.11	22.06	96.76	1.48	30	0.0	0.84	0.65	5.06	1016	4008
4. Covered Call / Option Funds Index	-0.97	-0.95	-2.9	-2.61	-4.97	74.22	7.22	7.17	6.4	0.82	49.3	1.5	0.0	1.01	20.41	96.94	1.94	20	0.0	0.76	-0.87	0.11	1101	3305
5. Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Asset Index	-3.97	-3.66	-6.65	-7.38	-7.93	80.71	6.95	5.54	5.9	1.05	36.8	6.6	20.8	1.24	26.78	74.59	23.98	8	N/A	1.02	-0.11	0.69	841	2542

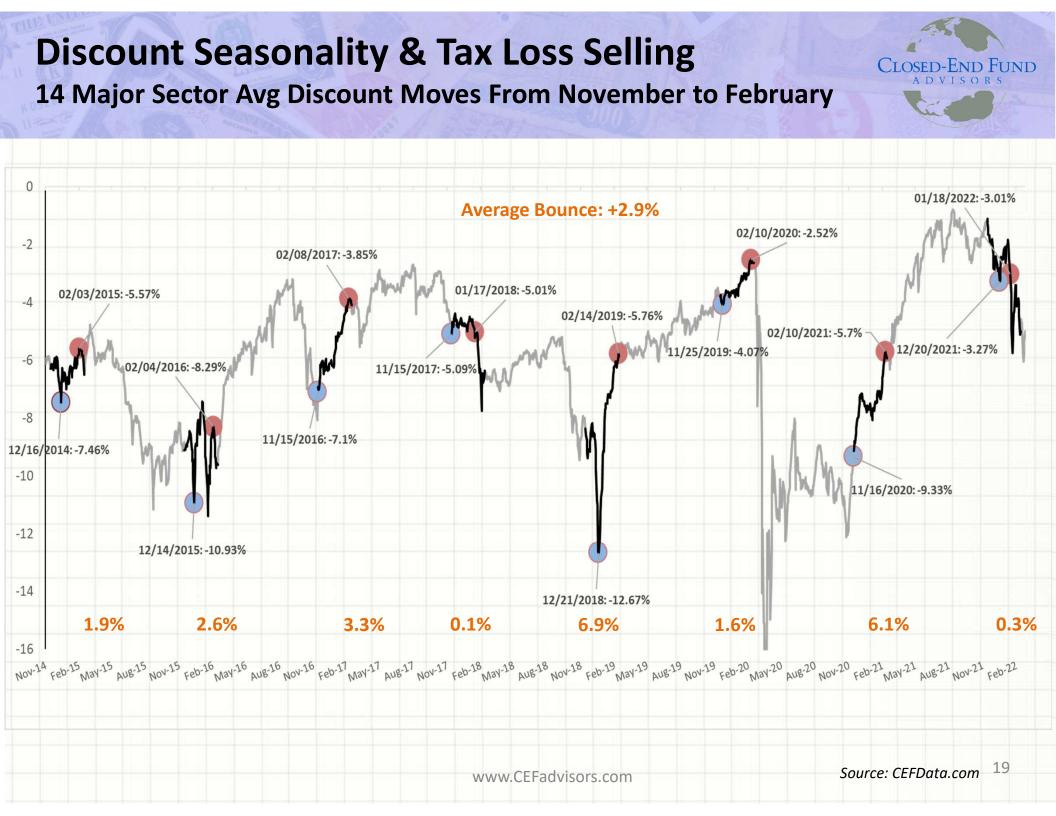
#### **Taxable Bond Sector Indexes**

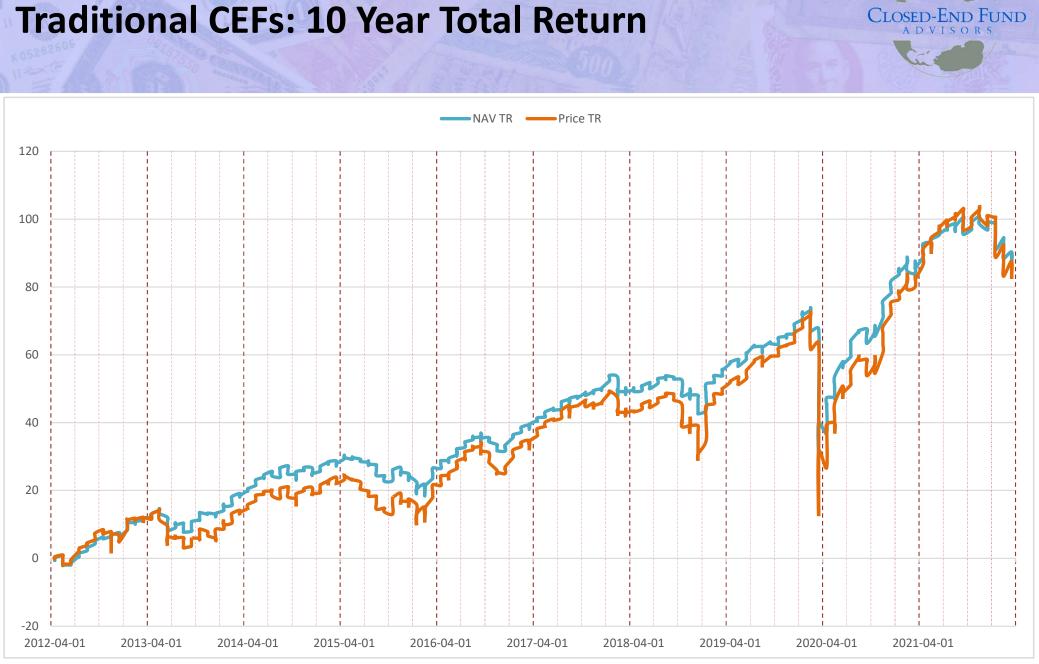
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6. Investment Grade Bond Index	-6.5	-2.18	-3.48	-4.23	-5.26	48.9	7.11	5.51	5.77	1.34	31.2	26.6	21.3	1.04	8.11	0.74	96.82	29	6.53	0.15	-1.56	-2.5	385	1376
7. Multisector Bond Fund Index	-2.63	2.36	0.69	1.92	3.96	53.4	9.1	6.84	7.29	1.81	26.6	18.6	31.0	1.47	9.87	9.16	84.91	17	4.35	0.21	0.77	1.08	1171	5321
3. High Yield Bond Index	-7.94	-3.09	-6.47	-7.25	-5.85	55.31	8.69	6.53	6.69	2.0	10.5	5.4	23.3	1.32	10.24	5.7	93.14	23	3.44	0.32	-0.58	-0.87	420	1516
5. Convertible Bond Index	-5.23	-3.07	-5.0	-3.8	-4.77	56.02	8.63	6.22	7.19	1.44	49.2	6.7	31.2	1.34	20.41	6.84	91.81	10	2.54	0.97	-1.17	0.07	476	1542
8. US Bond Index	-5.29	-0.56	-3.09	-3.16	-1.18	56.26	8.09	5.91	6.19	1.9	9.7	3.4	30.0	1.46	10.06	1.43	95.6	62	3.27	0.29	0.08	-0.12	535	2222
9. International Bond Index	-3.43	-0.43	-3.29	-4.9	-6.71	65.27	9.81	7.79	7.84	1.97	32.8	38.8	23.1	1.54	10.27	0.25	95.86	13	4.52	0.28	-0.38	2.0	334	1414
4. Senior Loan Index	-4.98	-3.41	-7.91	-7.75	-6.22	78.04	6.49	4.59	5.12	1.37	21.2	8.5	34.3	1.48	9.25	1.73	97.12	15	0.83	0.21	-0.24	0.09	416	2017
1. Debt-Focused Business Development Company (BDC) Index	5.94	7.69	-2.98	-1.19	-0.41	81.69	8.35	5.85	6.33	2.02	22.3	7.9	49.7	4.03	9.26	10.32	87.45	37	N/A	1.29	1.89	4.69	1536	8379
2. BDC Baby Bond / Debt Index	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NA		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### Tax-Free Bond Sector Indexes

Index	Discount	1 Yr Avg Discoun		5 Yr Avg Discount	10 Yr Avg Discount	Rel Disc Range(3yr)	Mk Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield	After Tax Yield *	Est. Tax Friction*	1 Yr RoC %	3 Yr Dest RoC %	Lev %	Non Lev Expense Ratio	3 Yr NAV Volatility	% Equity Exposure	% Bond Exposure	# Holdings	Cash Weighted Duration	Beta (2yr)	Comp NAV TR	Comp Discount	Net Assets (M)	Liquidity - 90 day (K)
3. Term Municipal Fund Index	-3.93	-0.95	-2.29	-3.18	-4.5	51.8	5.36	3.8	5.14	0.22	21.1	19.6	34.9	1.23	7.62	9.74	88.52	12	7.86	0.16	1.42	1.96	528	1243
2. High Yield Municipal Index	-6.02	-2.24	-2.73	-2.74	-3.46	53.45	4.91	3.5	4.89	0.02	2.8	0.6	32.0	1.06	7.81	0.56	98.58	6	11.08	0.15	0.48	-0.16	354	868
1. National Municipal Bond Index	-7.07	-1.79	-3.97	-4.94	-4.34	55.91	5.12	3.54	5.12	0.0	2.3	0.8	34.5	0.89	8.04	0.18	98.99	27	9.16	0.14	-0.13	-0.7	1084	2705
4. California Municipal Index	-8.72	-5.14	-7.65	-7.96	-6.1	60.21	4.61	3.11	4.59	0.02	0.0	0.0	34.9	0.91	8.09	0.0	99.53	9	9.38	0.14	0.06	-3.22	632	1238
5. New York Municipal Index	-7.87	-5.37	-7.44	-8.13	-6.4	61.72	4.55	3.16	4.55	0.0	1.7	0.9	32.5	0.94	7.19	0.0	99.31	8	9.24	0.12	-0.06	-1.38	433	745
<u>6. State Municipal Index (Non</u> <u>NY/CA)</u>	-6.93	-4.2	-8.09	-8.97	-7.5	69.85	4.74	3.22	4.72	0.02	0.0	0.0	36.8	0.97	8.06	0.21	99.3	14	9.03	0.13	<mark>0.48</mark>	-2.47	296	488

\* Based on marginal tax rates of 25% and long-term capital gains rates of 15%.



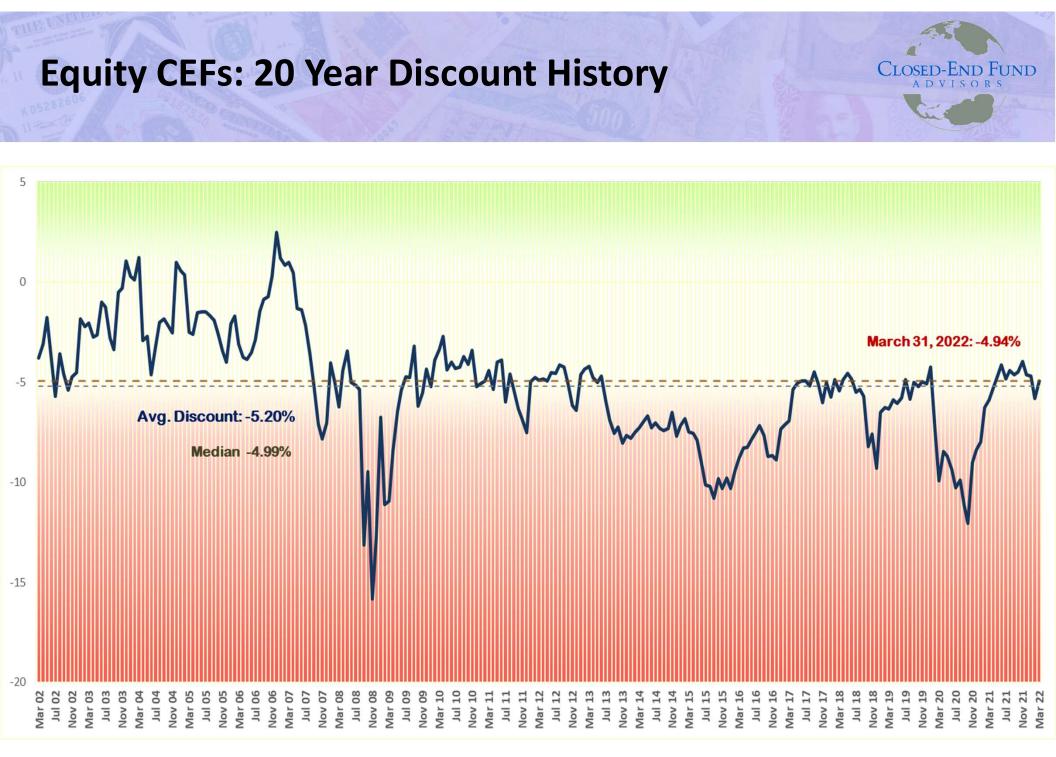


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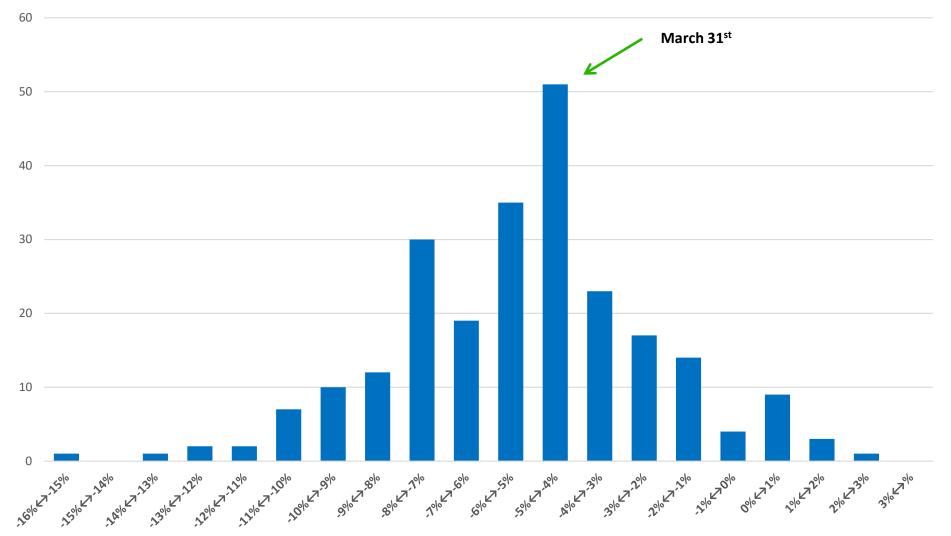
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Fund Grouping	(3/31/22)	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Equity CEFs	-4.94%	-4.90%	-6.59%	-6.26%	-6.80%
Taxable Fixed Income CEFs	-3.84%	-0.64%	-2.96%	-3.41%	-3.63%
Municipal Bond CEFs	-4.92%	-1.83%	-4.02%	-4.73%	-3.72%
Debt Focused BDCs	1.40%	2.59%	-7.44%	-6.41%	-3.94%
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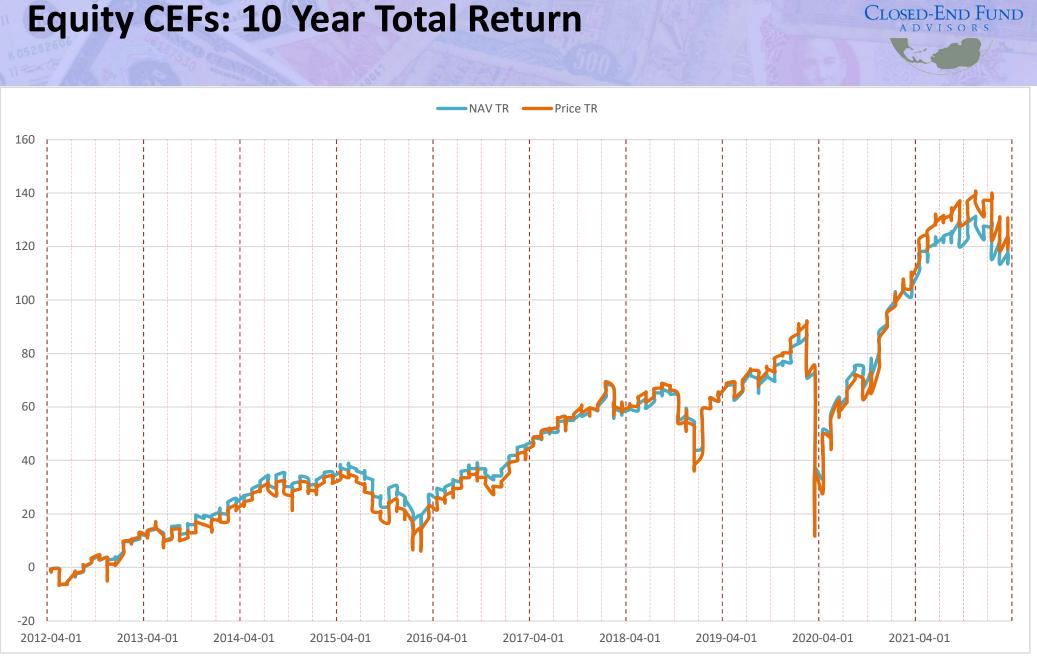
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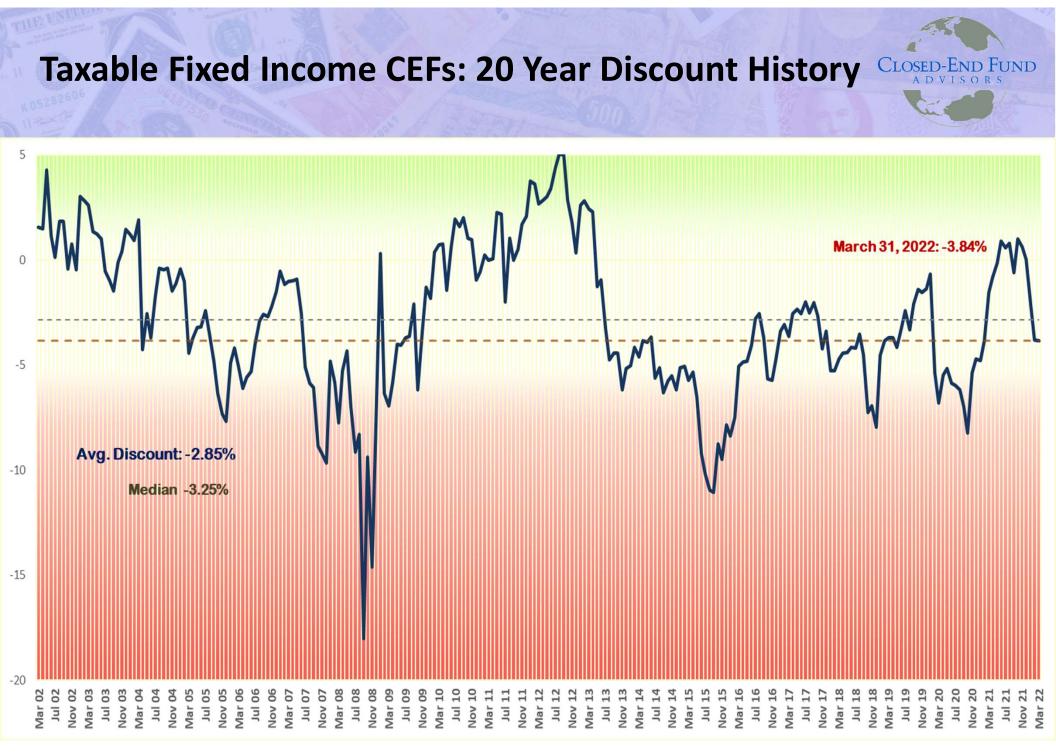


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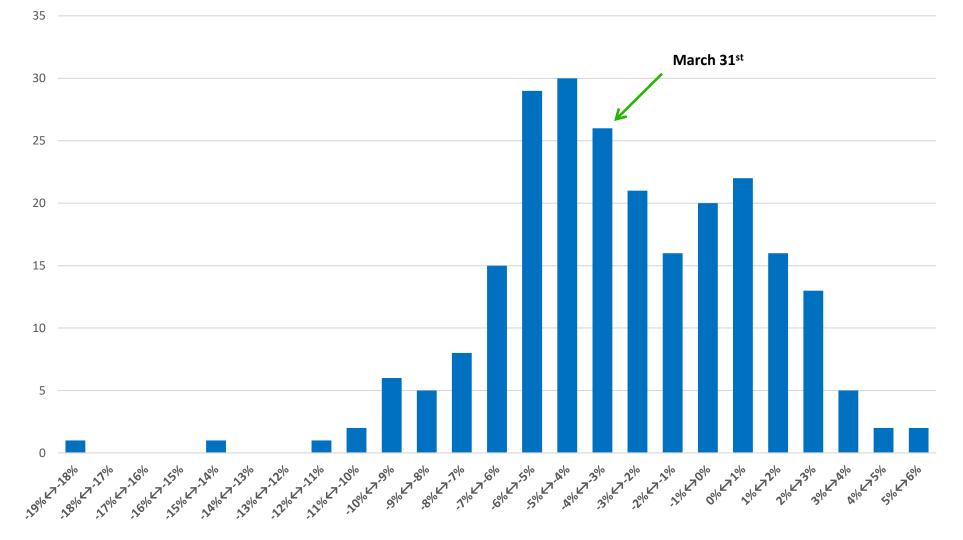


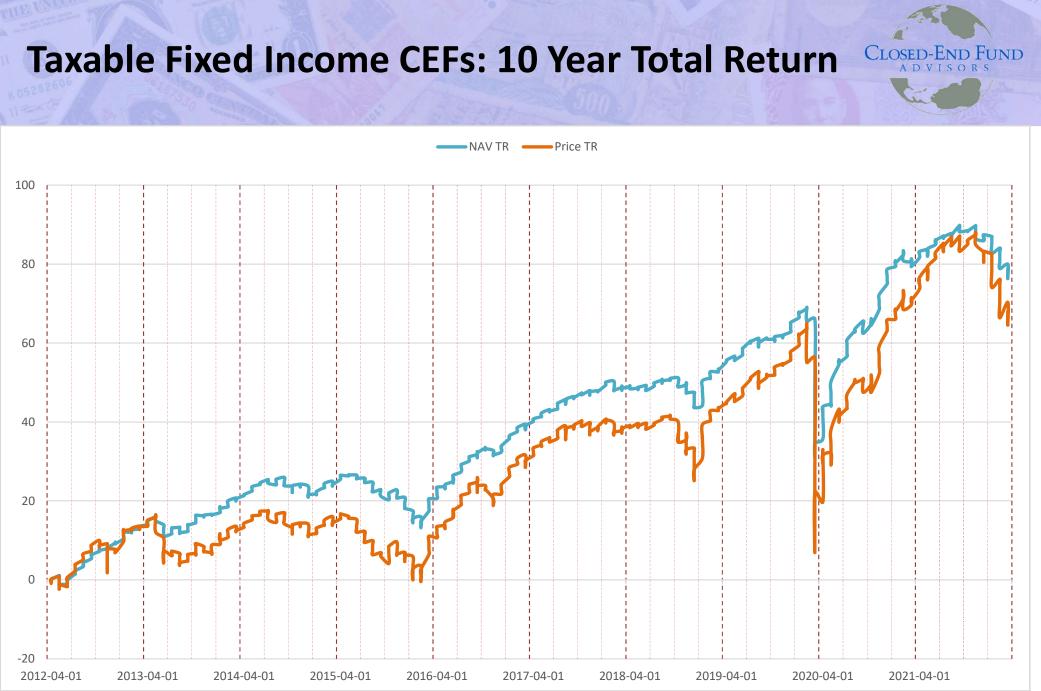
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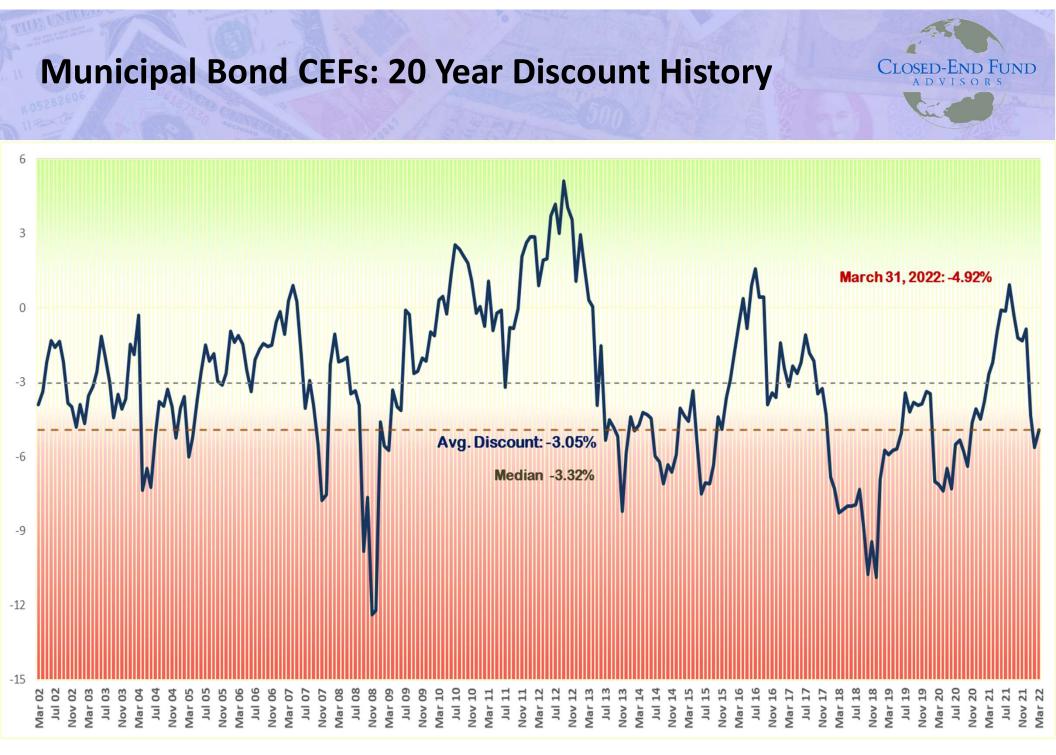






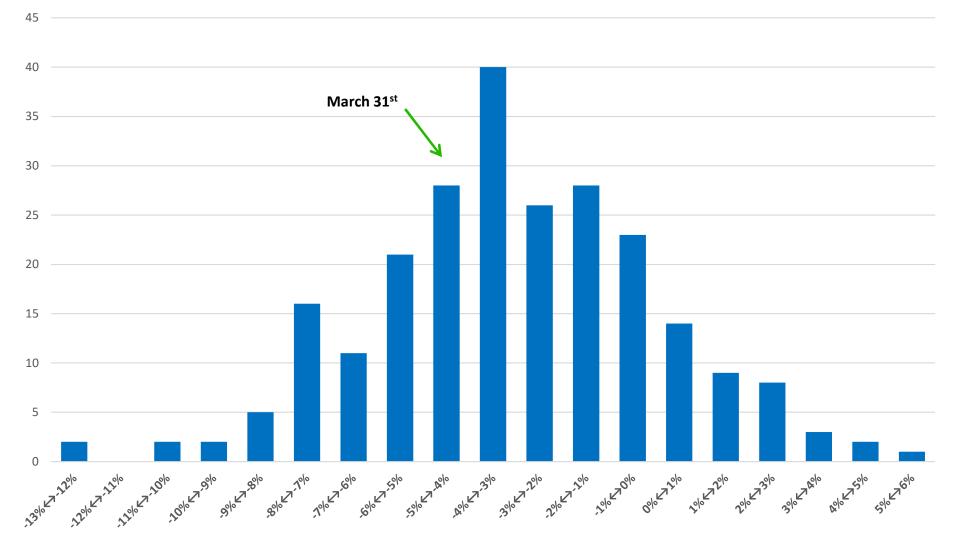


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Monthly Discount Levels (March '02 - March '22)



## Municipal Bond CEFs: 10 Year Total Return

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## **2022 Performance and Discounts**

### CEF Advisors' 12 Major CEF Sectors Index Data as of 03/31/2022 ~

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#### **ABOUT THE INDEX**

The seven most liquid funds by 90-day average trading dollar \$ liquidity in each of the 12 major groupings of funds: Business Development Companies (BDCs), Convertible Bonds, Covered Call Funds, Global Equity, High Yield Bonds, Investment Grade Bonds, Master Limited Partnership (MLP), Municipal Bonds, Preferred Equity, REITs/Real Assets, Senior Loans, and US Equity. Combine leverage and non-leverage groupings into one grouping when calculating the seven funds. The funds will be equal weight in the index. If there are less than seven available funds in a specific grouping, then equal weight the grouping with the smaller number of funds available. Each group will be 1/12 of the indexes over-all weighting. The index constituents will be rebalanced each quarter.

#### INDEX PERFORMANCE

	Current(\$)	Previous Day(%)	1 Week(%)	1 Month(%)	3 Month(%)	6 Month(%)	1 Year(%)	3 Year(%)	5 Year(%)	10 Year(%)	MTD(%)	QTD(%)	YTD(%)
Price	1,584.99	1.52	2.05	1.36	-4.43	-0.82	6.90	9.88	8.39	7.88	1.36	-4.43	-4.43
NAV	1,507.68	0.71	1.29	0.86	-3.09	-0.28	6.50	8.51	7.75	7.57	0.86	-3.09	-3.09
Difference		-0.81	-0.76	-0.50	1.35	0.53	-0.41	-1.38	-0.65	-0.31	-0.50	1.35	1.35

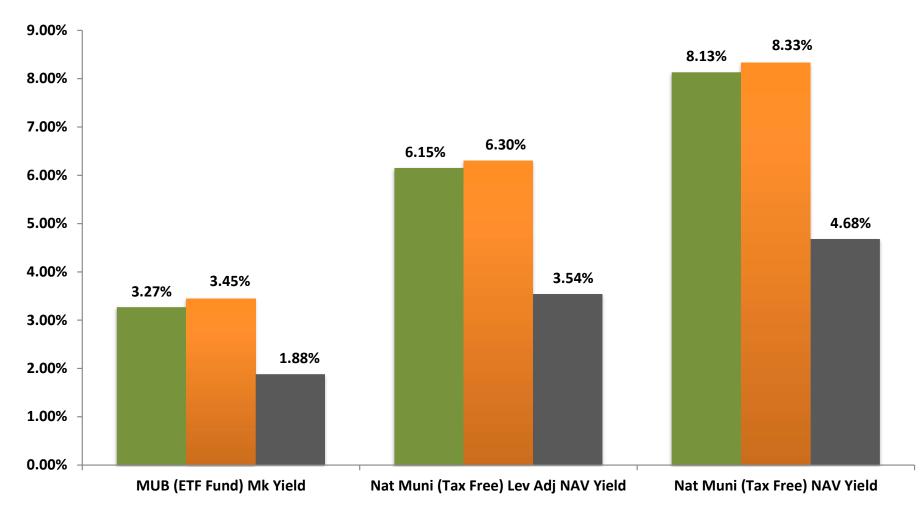
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1	Apr	May	Jun	Q2	1H	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q4	2H	2022
Price	-2.87	-2.93	1.36	-4.43	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2
NAV	-2.69	-1.26	0.86	-3.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference	0.17	1.68	-0.50	1.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ξ.	-	Ξ.	-	-	-	-

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## Tax Equivalent Yield Comparison Married Couple with W-2 Income of \$1MM+

■ Federal TEY ■ NYC Residents TEY ■ Yield



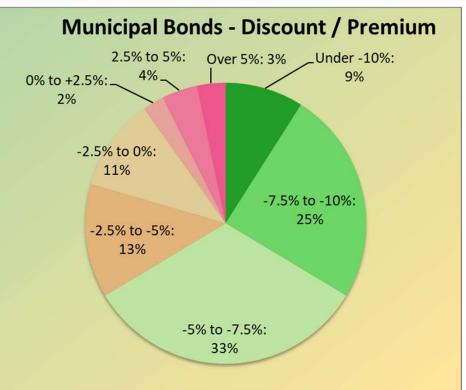
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## **Municipal Bond CEF Overview**

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	National Muni Funds	Single State Muni Funds	Total
Number of Funds	79	43	122
Net Assets (Total)	\$48,372	\$14,478	\$62,849
Net Assets	\$612	\$337	\$515
Earnings Covg Ratio %	93.8	98.3	95.4
Premium / Discount %	-5.15	-4.50	-4.92
Total Mkt Yield %	5.02	4.57	4.86
Lvg Adj NAV Yield %	3.60	3.20	3.46
NAV Volatility	3.64	3.30	3.52
Leverage %	32.8	35.5	33.8
Leverage Cost %	0.40	0.43	0.41
Duration	8.79	9.55	9.07
Insured %	6.3	5.8	6.1
Investment Grade %	78	86	81
Credit Quality	Α	Α	А



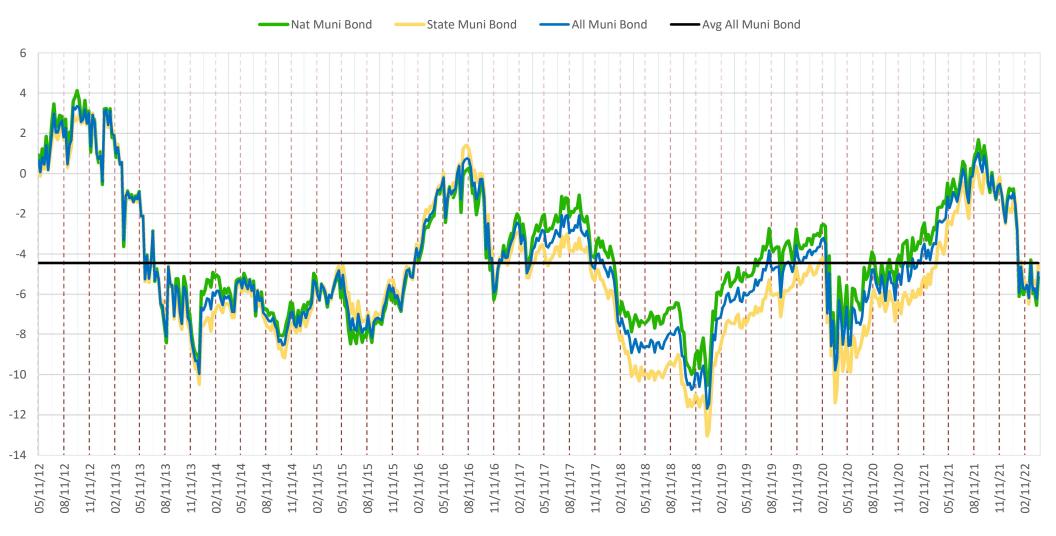


Note: Volatility is a three year rolling calculation

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## **Municipal Bond: CEF Discount by Sub-Sector**

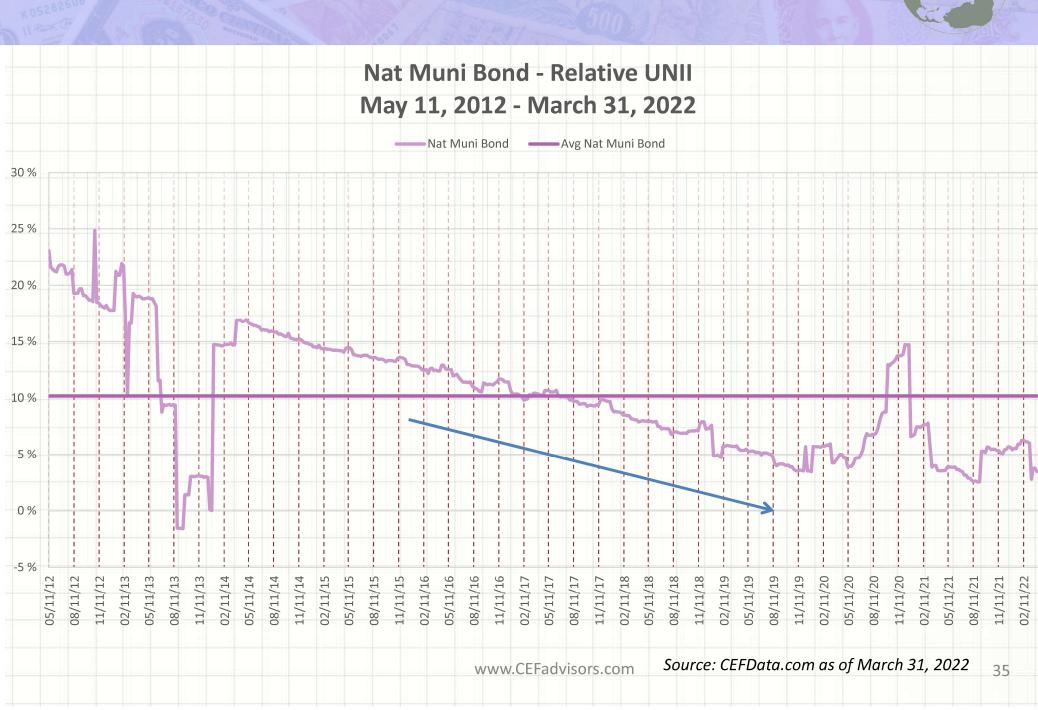
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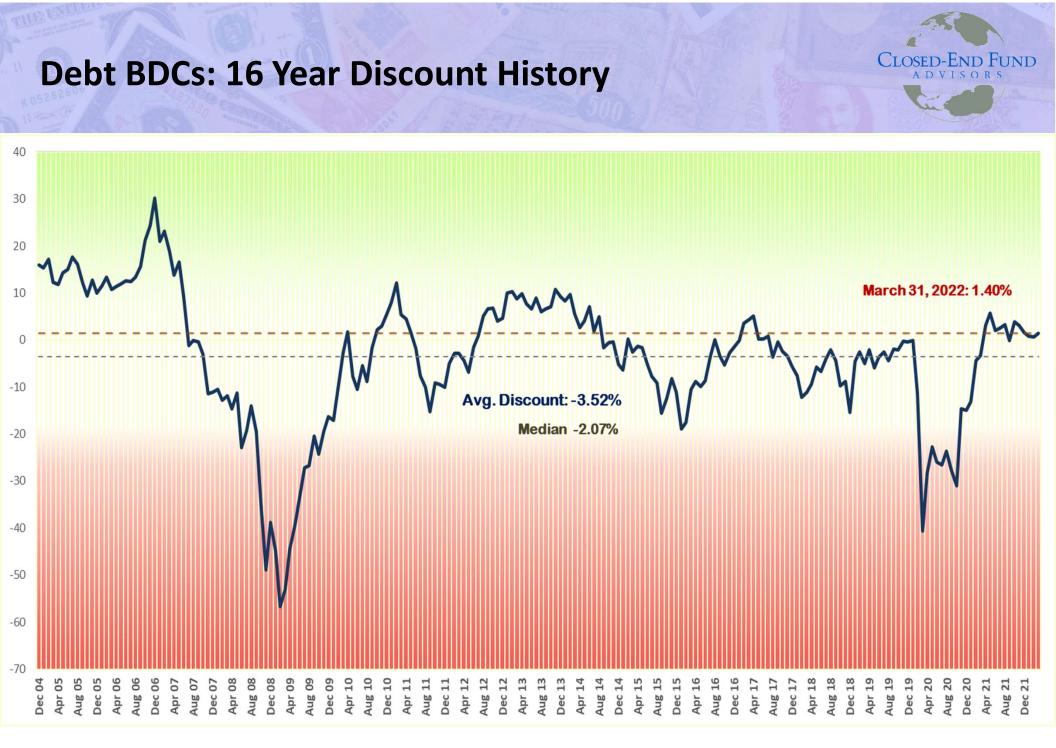


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## **Relative UNII for National Muni Funds**





#### **Debt BDCs: 10 Year Total Return**



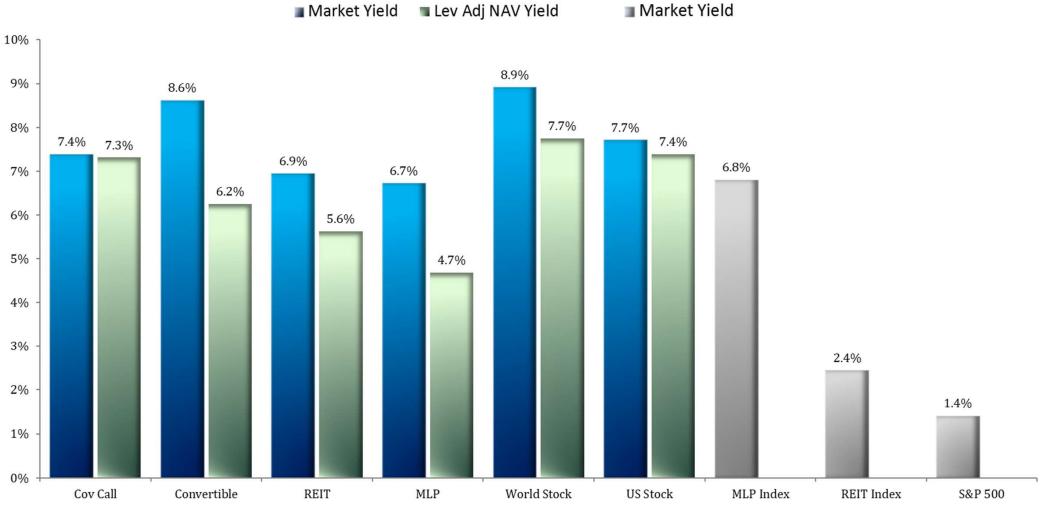
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#### **Equity Sectors: Yield Comparison**

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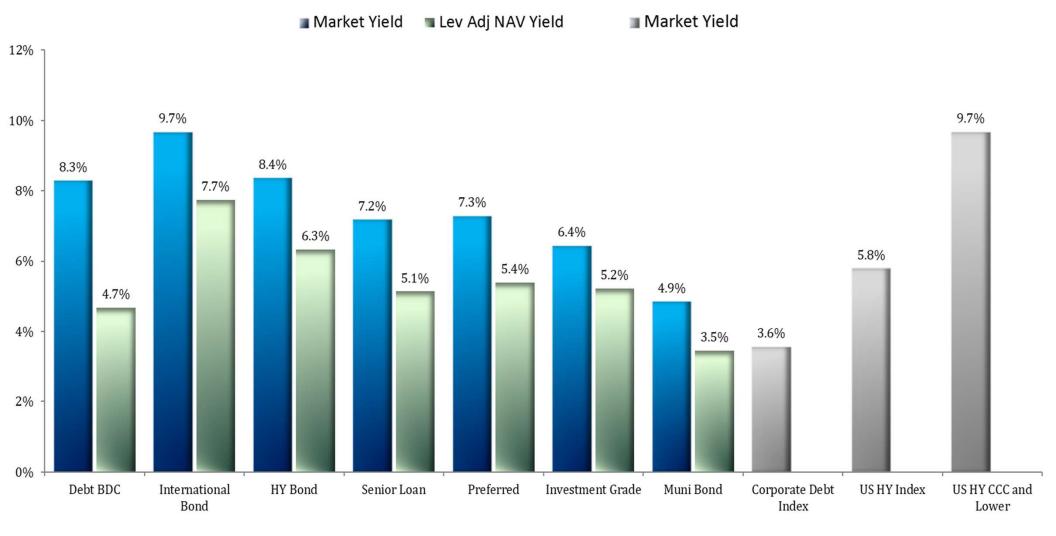


Market Yield Lev Adj NAV Yield

Data as of 3/31/2022. MLP Index: Alerian MLP Index REIT Index: Wilshire US REIT Index

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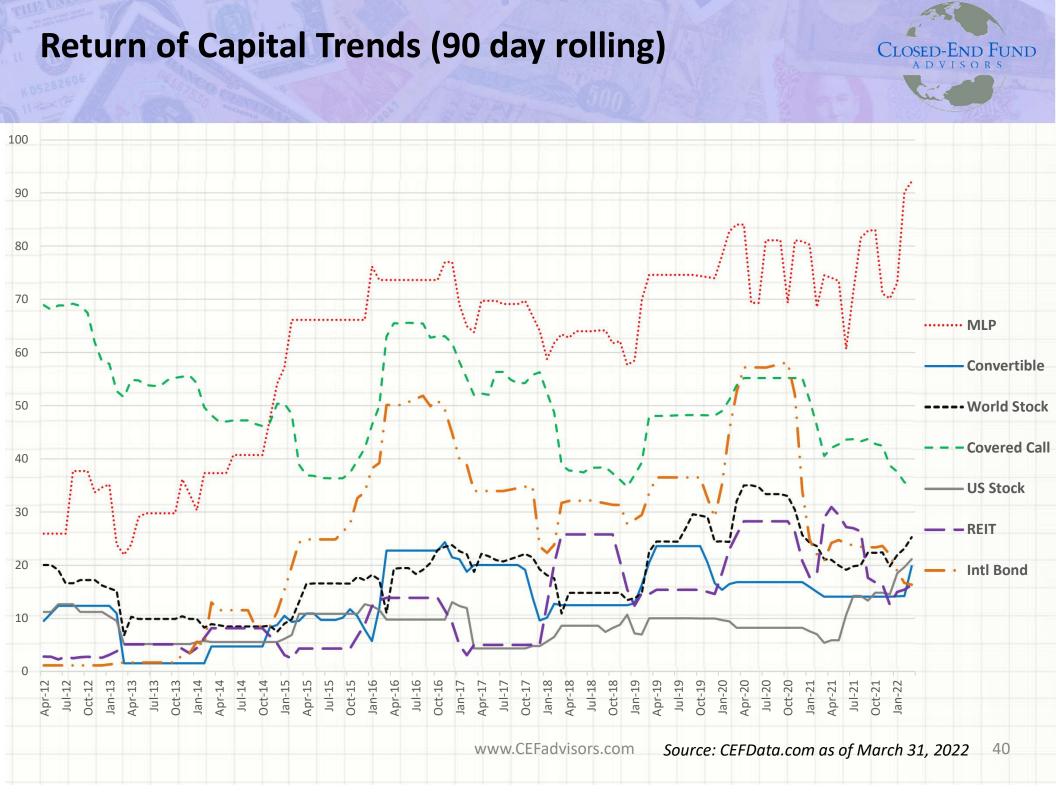
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Corporate Debt Index: S&P 500 Bond Index

US High Yield Indices : BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield, BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield CCC and Lower Rated

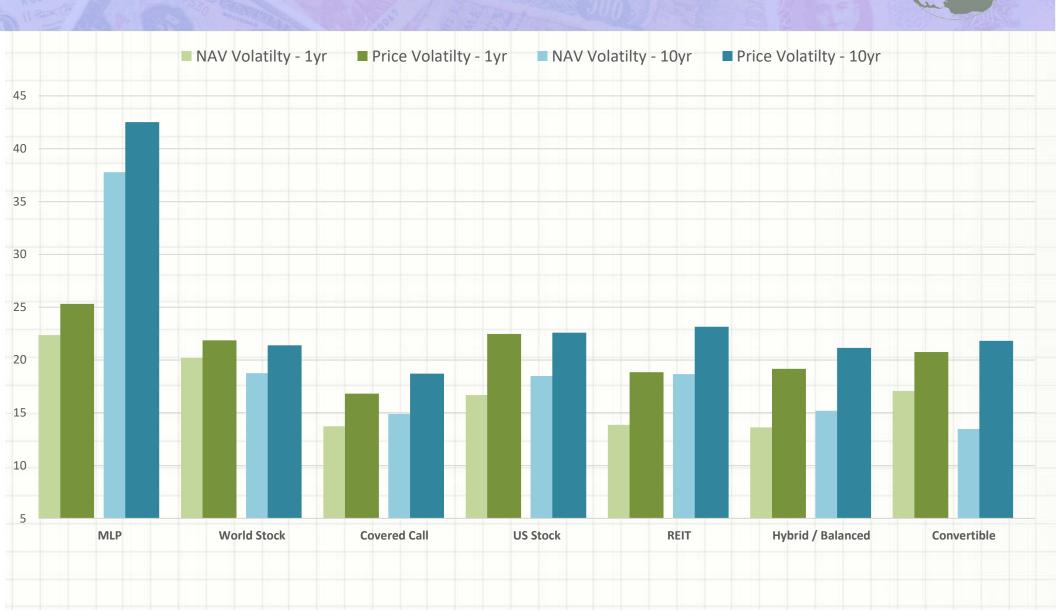


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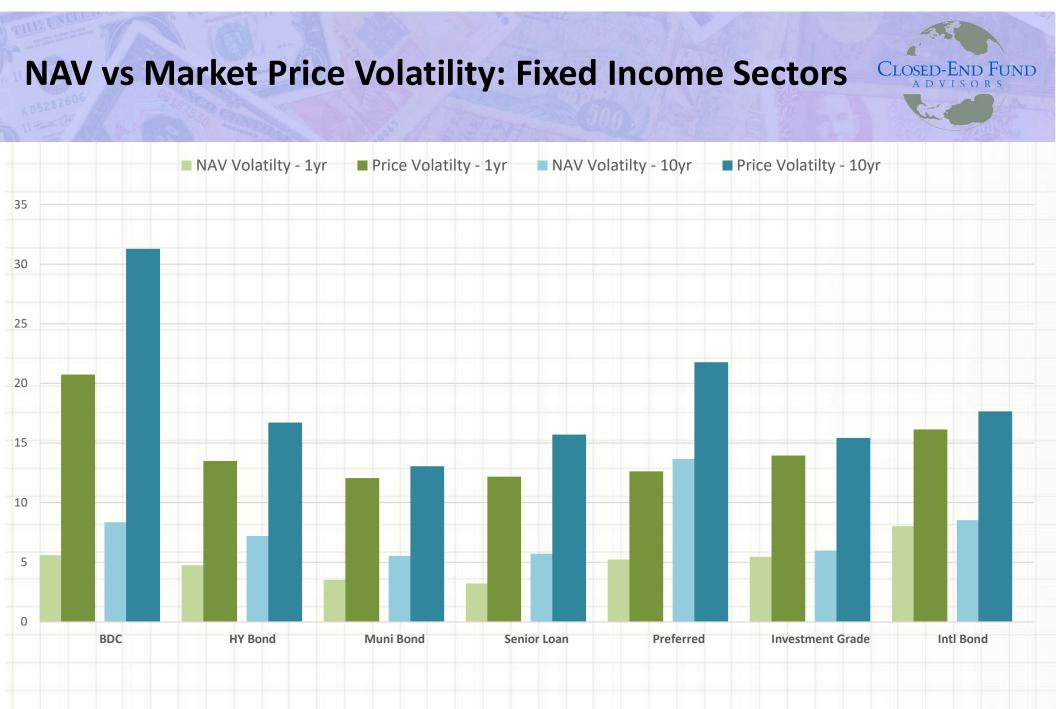
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		Funds with De	estructive RoC	Avg Destructive	1Yr NAV TR	3Yr NAV TR
Fund Group	RoC%	#	%	RoC %	vs NAV Yield	vs NAV Yield
US Equity	16%	7	24%	42%	0.0x	0.8x
Non-US Equity	22%	13	33%	37%	-1.3x	-0.2x
Specialty Equity	36%	18	17%	14%	1.5x	0.0x
All Equity CEFs	28%	46	24%	28%	0.3x	0.1x
Taxable Bond	16%	83	58%	23%	-1.0x	-0.4x
National Muni	2%	22	28%	8%	-2.1x	-0.5x
State Muni	1%	6	14%	N/A	-2.4x	-0.6x
All Bond CEFs	9%	111	42%	19%	-1.4x	-0.5x
Average – All CEFs	17%	157	34%	22%	-0.6x	-0.2x

# NAV vs Market Price Volatility: Equity CEF Sectors



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### CEF Volume Trends – 1Q 2022

CLOSED-END FUND

Fund Grouping	Avg Vol - 1Q'22	Avg Vol - 1Q'21	% Y/Y Change
Convertible	148,338	229,841	-35%
Covered Call	195,414	183,472	7%
High Yield Bond	139,268	289,852	-52%
International Bond	238,305	211,105	13%
Investment Grade	92,505	63,740	45%
MLP	123,625	146,109	-15%
Municipal Bond	100,992	64,115	58%
Preferred Stock	130,195	108,767	20%
Real Estate / REIT	189,568	223,395	-15%
Senior Loan	192,281	204,916	-6%
Hybrid / Balanced	116,465	111,682	4%
US Stock	278,022	181,139	53%
World Stock	75,945	74,029	3%
verage Equity CEF	196,360	195,475	0%
verage Bond CEF	144,197	134,031	8%
verage BDC	397,025	381,199	4%
Average - ALL CEFs	188,577	178,609	6%

#### **Traditional CEFs: NAV – Market Price Correlation**

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Fund Grouping	Correlation 1Q 22	Correlation 4Q 21	Chg in Correlation
US Equity	77.13%	72.84%	4.29%
Non-US Equity	89.18%	86.42%	2.76%
Specialty Equity	88.85%	83.57%	5.28%
Equity CEF Avg	87.12%	81.84%	5.28%
Taxable Bond	88.38%	61.54%	26.84%
National Muni Bond	93.36%	31.13%	62.23%
State Muni Bond	88.79%	14.16%	74.63%
Bond CEF Avg	89.93%	44.48%	45.45%
Average – All CEFs	88.74%	60.02%	28.72%



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#### **CEF Market Price/NAV Correlation (Rolling 90 Day)** IND **Equity CEFs Groups - 90 Day NAV/Price Correlation** June 22, 2012 - March 31, 2022 **US Equity** Non US Equity Special Equity 100 95 90 85 80 75 70 65 60 55 03/22/13 06/22/15 09/22/15 12/22/15 03/22/16 06/22/16 06/22/18 12/22/18 03/22/19 06/22/19 09/22/19 12/22/19 03/22/20 06/22/20 09/22/20 12/22/20 06/22/12 12/22/12 09/22/13 12/22/13 03/22/14 06/22/14 09/22/14 12/22/14 03/22/15 09/22/16 12/22/16 06/22/17 03/22/18 09/22/12 06/22/13 09/22/17 12/22/17 09/22/18 03/22/21 09/22/21 12/22/21 03/22/22 03/22/17 06/22/21 Source: March 31, 2022 - CEFData.com CLOSED-END FUND www.CEFadvisors.com 46

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### CEF Press Release & SEC Filings Summary (1,967 CEF PRs in 1Q22)

CLOSED-END FUND

Announcement Type	1Q 2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	Avg/Q
Rights Issue / Offering	5	28	11	18	26	16	5
Secondary Offering (CEFs)	0	7	3	1	1	1	1
Secondary Offering (BDCs)	2	6	1	8	5	17	2
Tender Offer	3	41	39	23	17	46	8
Distribution Policy Change (CEFs)	3	12	13	18	18	12	4
Distribution Policy Change (BDCs)	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
13 Filings (Traditional CEF)	119	208	575	282	207	700	100
New N-2 Filings	10	61	46	37	66	133	17
Updated N-2 Filings	27	171	155	154	259	221	47
Director Change	9	56	34	85	79	18	14
Portfolio Manager Change	7	40	41	47	60	52	12
Leverage Amount / Type Change	14	365	109	70	149	118	40

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### 1Q 2022 CEF & BDC Distribution Increases vs. Decreases

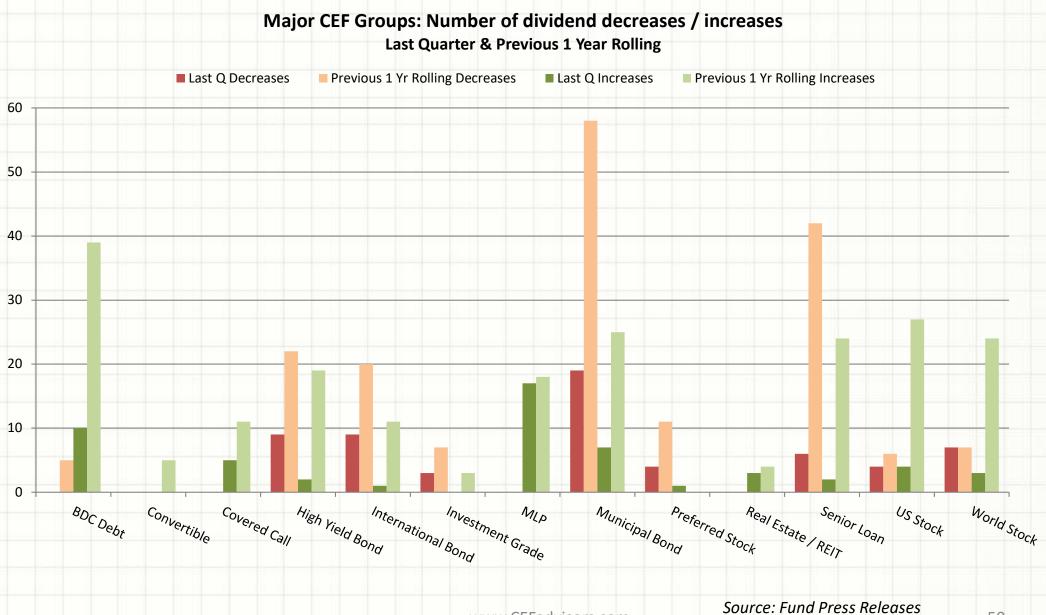
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	3.5% of a	nnouncements "Big C	Cuts"	
Distribution Announcement	1Q 2022 Number of Announcements	1Q 2022 Average Change	1Q '21 – 4Q '21 Number of Announcements	1Q '21 – 4Q '21 Average Change
<b>Dividend Maintains</b>	1,002 (85.6%)	N/A	4,291(88.4%)	N/A
<b>Dividend Increases</b>	71 (6.1%)	+14.26%	297 (6.1%)	+13.84%
<b>Dividend Decreases</b>	98 (8.4%)	-6.42%	264 (5.4%)	-6.15%
Under 5% Increase	24 (34%)	+1.97%	127 (43%)	+1.85%
<b>Over 5% Increase</b>	47 (66%)	+20.54%	170 (57%)	+22.80%
Under 5% Decrease	57 (58%)	-1.94%	166 (63%)	-1.65%
<b>Over 5% Decrease</b>	41 (42%)	-12.65%	98 (37%)	-13.77%



#### 1Q 2022 CEF & BDC Dividend Increases vs. Decreases

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### **CEF Distribution Lookback** (Policies NOT Promises)



#### 3 Year Dividend Growth (1.5 : 1 Negative Ratio)

- 189 funds (41%) had negative 3-year growth (average -23%)
- 130 funds (28%) had positive 3-year growth (average +15%)

#### 2 Year Lookback (1:1 Ratio)

- 308 funds changed their dividend policy in the past 2 years (67% of funds)
- 156 cut (51%) an average of -13%, while 152 (49%) raised by an average of 15%
  - 181 of these funds have "level" or "managed distributions"
    - 75 of those were cut an average -13%
    - 106 were increased an average of +15%

#### **<u>1 Year Lookback (1.1 : 1 Negative Ratio)</u>**

- 139 increases vs 129 decreases
- 46 had <u>BOTH</u> increases and decreases in the past year

Source: CEFAData.com, as of March 31, 2022

#### **CEF & BDC IPOs – Annual Trend**

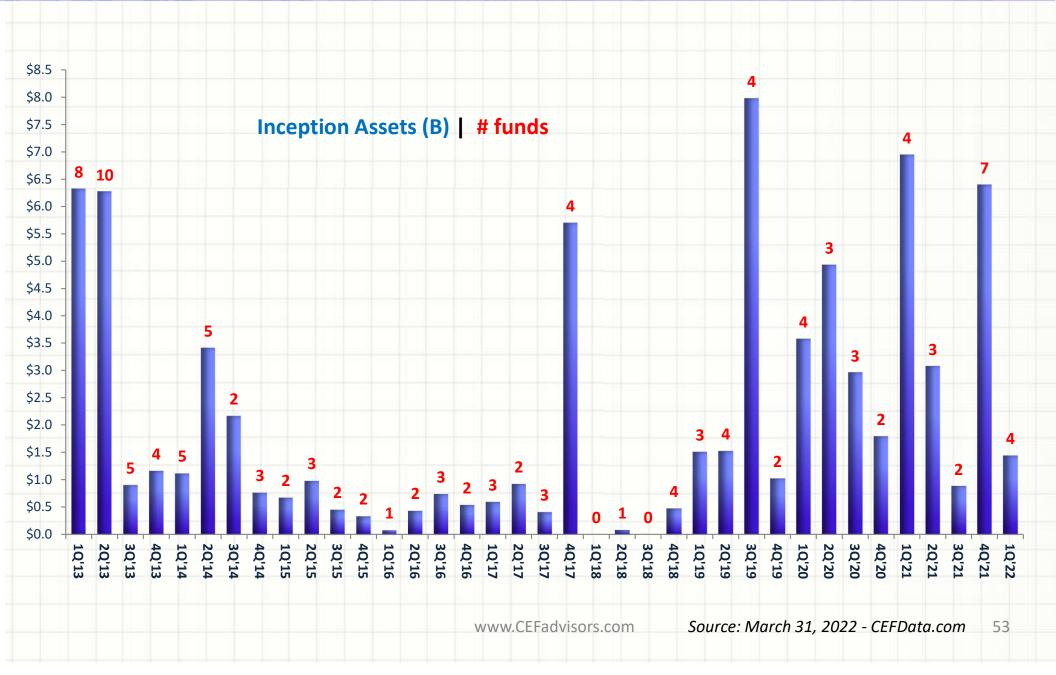


	2022 YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Number of IPOs											
CEF	4	12	10	12	4	11	8	8	9	25	23
BDC	0	4	2	1	1	2	0	1	6	2	5
TOTAL	4	16	12	13	5	13	8	9	15	27	28
Average Assets (\$ Million	ns)										
CEF	\$361	\$1,254	\$852	\$429	\$80	\$294	\$225	\$291	\$469	\$580	\$517
BDC	\$0	\$561	\$2,368	\$6 <i>,</i> 890	\$152	\$2,852	\$0	\$120	\$543	\$90	\$96
AVERAGE	\$361	\$1,653	\$1,105	\$926	\$94	\$646	\$225	\$272	\$498	\$543	\$442
Total IPO Assets (\$ Millio	ons)										
CEF	\$1,442	\$15,050	\$8,525	\$5,148	\$319	\$3,239	\$1,799	\$2,327	\$4,218	\$14,488	\$11,891
BDC	\$0	\$2,245	\$4,736	\$6 <i>,</i> 890	\$152	\$5,163	\$0	\$120	\$3,257	\$180	\$480
TOTAL	\$1,442	\$17,295	\$13,261	\$12,038	\$471	\$8,402	\$1,799	\$2,447	\$7,475	\$14,668	\$12,371

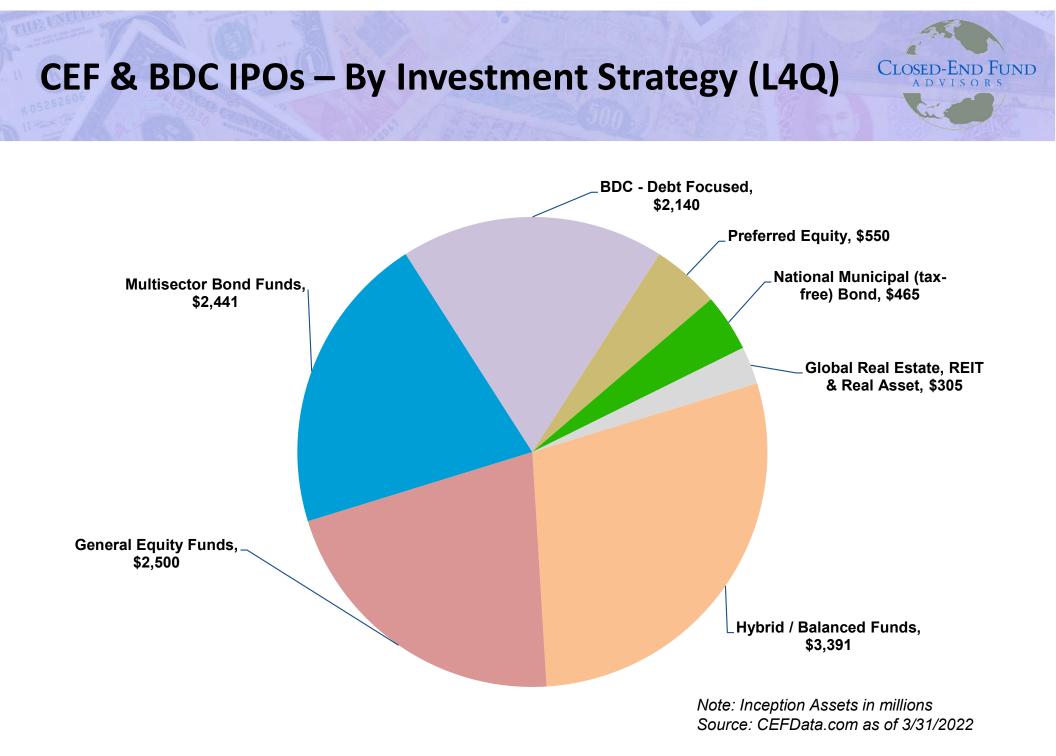
10 Year Average: 15 funds per year, \$640 MM avg fund assets, \$9.0 B avg raised per year

Source: SEC Filings, Press Releases

#### **CEF & BDC IPOs – Quarterly Trend**



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### 1Q 2022 IPO Details



#### Destra Multi-Alternative Fund (DMA) – *Hybrid / Balanced Funds*

IPOed on January 13, 2022 IPO Price: \$12.00 Price as of 3/31/22 : \$8.90

IPO Assets: \$106M Disc/Prm as of 3/31/22: -25.96%

#### PIMCO Access Income Fund (PAXS) – *Multisector Bond Funds*

IPOed on January 27, 2022 IPO Price: \$20.00 Price as of 3/31/22 : \$18.27

IPO Assets: \$866M Disc/Prm as of 3/31/22: -6.16%

#### **RiverNorth Managed Duration Municipal Income Fund II (RMMZ)** –

#### National Municipal (tax-free) Bond

IPOed on February 11, 2022

IPO Price: \$20.00 Price as of 3/31/22 : \$19.29 IPO Assets: \$165M Disc/Prm as of 3/31/22: -0.67%

### 1Q 2022 IPO Details

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#### Cohen & Steers Real Estate Opportunities and Income Fund (RLTY) – Global

Real Estate, REIT & Real Asset IPOed on February 28, 2021 IPO Price: \$20.00 Price as of 3/31/22 : \$19.89

IPO Assets: \$305M Disc/Prm as of 3/31/22: -4.70%

### **IPOs/Listings (last 12 quarters) Current Discount / Premium**



#### **Traditional CEFs**

<b>IPO Date</b>	Ticker	<b>Current Disc/Prm</b>	<b>Current Price</b>	<b>IPO Price</b>	<b>Curr vs IPO</b>	<b>IPO Date</b>	Ticker	Current Disc/Prm	<b>Current Price</b>	<b>IPO Price</b>	Curr vs IPO
	VCIF	-8.84%	\$10.00	\$8.23	121.51%		NPCT	-10.05%	\$15.03	\$20.00	75.15%
20 2010	FINS	-7.55%	\$15.79	\$20.00	78.95%	2Q 2021	NBXG	-14.31%	\$13.95	\$20.00	69.75%
2Q 2019	RSF	0.31%	\$19.41	\$19.21	101.04%		WDI	-12.33%	\$16.21	\$20.00	81.05%
	BSTZ	-8.33%	\$29.37	\$20.00	146.85%		TBLD	-10.01%	\$17.09	\$20.00	85.45%
	EIC	3.63%	\$16.85	\$19.89	84.72%	3Q 2021	MIO	-7.46%	\$14.88	\$20.00	74.40%
3Q 2019	RMM	-5.34%	\$17.19	\$20.00	85.95%		ECAT	-11.99%	\$16.66	\$20.00	83.30%
	NMCO	-3.85%	\$13.50	\$15.00	90.00%		MEGI	-9.15%	\$18.96	\$20.00	94.80%
40.0010	AIO	-8.50%	\$21.86	\$20.00	109.30%	4Q 2021	GUG	-9.75%	\$17.13	\$20.00	85.65%
4Q 2019	CPZ	-4.50%	\$20.37	\$20.00	101.85%		NPFD	0.44%	\$22.99	\$25.00	91.96%
	BMEZ	-10.09%	\$20.06	\$20.00	100.30%		DMA	-25.96%	\$8.90	\$12.00	74.17%
1Q 2020	DLY	-8.42%	\$16.75	\$20.00	83.75%	1Q 2022	PAXS	-6.16%	\$18.27	\$20.00	91.35%
	RFM	-7.97%	\$18.58	\$20.00	92.90%		RMMZ	-0.67%	\$19.29	\$20.00	96.45%
20 2020	FTHY	-9.37%	\$17.41	\$20.00	87.05%		RLTY	-4.70%	\$19.89	\$20.00	99.45%
2Q 2020	DYFN	-7.86%	\$18.51	\$20.00	92.55%	BDO	~				
	ASGI	-12.73%	\$20.15	\$20.00	100.75%						
3Q 2020	NDMO	-3.32%	\$13.11	\$15.00	87.40%	IPO Date	Ticker	Current Disc/Prm	<b>Current Price</b>	<b>IPO Price</b>	Curr vs IPO
	BCAT	-13.71%	\$16.56	\$20.00	82.80%	3Q 2019	ORCC	-1.99%	\$14.78	\$15.30	96.60%
40 2020	РТА	-7.34%	\$21.97	\$25.00	87.88%	1Q 2020	CCAP	-15.72%	\$17.80	\$16.49	107.94%
4Q 2020	SDHY	-10.58%	\$16.73	\$20.00	83.65%	1Q 2021	TRIN	17.74%	\$19.31	\$14.00	137.93%
	PDO	-6.13%	\$16.99	\$20.00	84.95%		CION	-9.42%	\$14.80	\$11.85	124.89%
1Q 2021	RFMZ	-6.66%	\$16.40	\$20.00	82.00%	3Q 2021	RWAY	-7.30%	\$13.58	\$14.60	93.01%
	BIGZ	-12.59%	\$11.39	\$20.00	56.95%		BXSL	6.13%	\$27.88	\$26.15	106.62%

12 Quarters Avg: 93% of IPO Price & CEFs @ Avg -7.13% Discount



Source: CEFData.com as of March 31, 2022

#### **Closed-End Fund Mergers**

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Reasons to merge: lower expense ratios (scale), increased liquidity, lower fund leverage costs

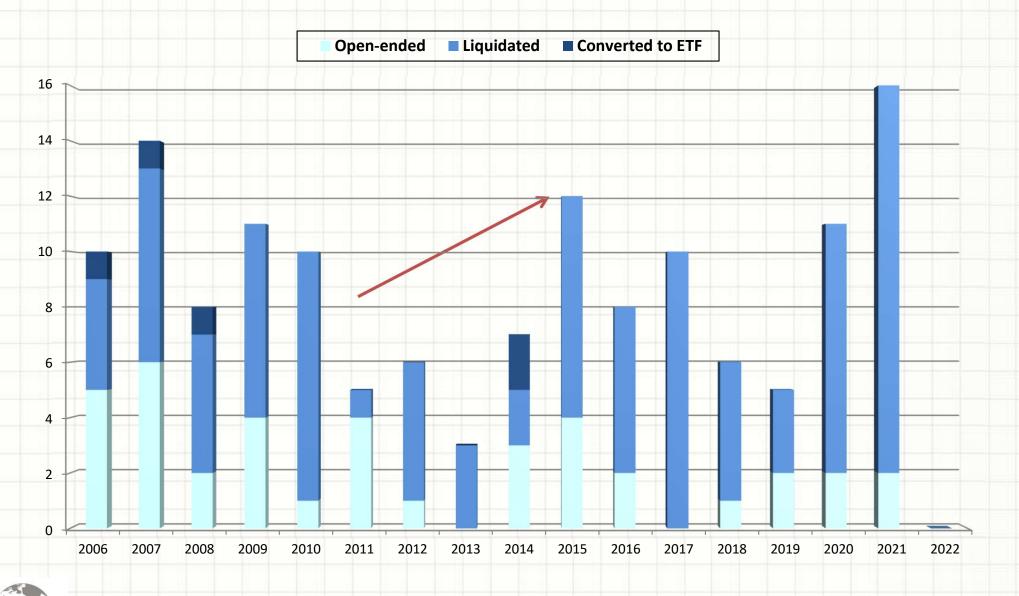


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### Closed-End Fund Deaths Open-Ending, Liquidation & Conversion

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### CEF / BDC Index Performance (pt 1 / 2)



Index	1We	ek(%)	1 Mor	nth(%)	3 Mor	nth(%)	6 Mor	nth(%)	1 Yea	ar(%)	3 Yea	ar(%)	5 Yea	ar(%)	10 Ye	ar(%)	MT	D(%)	QT	<b>)(%)</b>	YTC	D(%)
muex	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV
1.12 Major CEF Sectors Index	2.05	1.29	1.36	0.86	-4.43	-3.09	-0.82	-0.28	6.90	6.50	9.88	8.51	8.39	7.75	7.88	7.57	1.36	0.86	-4.43	-3.09	-4.43	-3.09
2. High Income Index	2.09	1.46	1.60	1.02	-2.60	-2.18	-0.44	0.02	7.71	6.17	4.67	4.02	4.87	4.86	5.32	5.46	1.60	1.02	-2.60	-2.18	-2.60	-2.18
3. Equity Income Index	2.06	1.54	4.01	3.38	-0.39	-0.26	5.51	5.48	14.42	11.93	12.37	9.86	10.10	8.27	8.36	7.39	4.01	3.38	-0.39	-0.26	-0.39	-0.26
4.60/40 Balanced (w/ BDCs) Index	1.85	1.17	1.76	1.04	-4.30	-3.28	-0.48	-0.08	6.46	5.41	10.87	9.25	9.47	8.33	8.57	7.97	1.76	1.04	-4.30	-3.28	-4.30	-3.28
5. Tax-Advantaged Equity Dividend Index	1.79	1.13	2.93	2.28	-3.08	- <mark>3.4</mark> 2	3.75	3.06	11.34	7.63	12.94	10.93	10.97	9.08	10.13	8.51	2.93	2.28	-3.08	-3.42	-3.08	-3.42
6. Tax-Sensitive Income Index	1.97	1.17	2.55	2.24	2.21	3.58	6.59	7.86	16.52	17.00	5.84	4.99	4.81	4.57	4.76	4.90	2.55	2.24	2.21	3.58	2.21	3.58
7. Taxable Bond & BDC Index	2.67	1.38	-0.45	-1.05	-7.60	-4.82	-7.14	-4.35	-1.38	0.17	5.76	4.86	5.81	5.26	5.81	5.78	-0.45	-1.05	-7.60	-4.82	-7.60	-4.82
8. Discount CEF/BDC Index	1.30	0.53	1.29	0.65	-1.31	-0.71	0.77	-0.42	13.26	2.20	15.30	5.28	12.23	5.27	9.75	5.68	1.29	0.65	-1.31	-0.71	-1.31	-0.71
9. Premium CEF/BDC Index	1.05	0.98	0.22	-0.13	-9.28	-4.24	-7.49	-0.63	-7.07	6.00	-3.40	8.55	0.18	8.40	2.46	7.91	0.22	-0.13	-9.28	-4.24	-9.28	-4.24
10. All Sector Equity CEF Index	1.63	1.08	3.07	2.18	-2.79	-2.71	2.59	1.96	10.08	7.27	12.56	10.30	10.86	9.01	9.14	8.01	3.07	2.18	-2.79	-2.71	-2.79	-2.71
11. Alternative Income Index	2.65	1.62	1.97	1.17	-1.63	-1.00	1.72	1.84	9.58	8.86	7.22	7.45	6.60	7.06	7.37	7.48	1.97	1.17	-1.63	-1.00	-1.63	-1.00

#### **Equity Sector Indexes**

Index	1 We	ek(%)	1 Mor	nth(%)	3 Mor	nth(%)	6 Mor	nth(%)	1 Yea	ar(%)	3 Yea	ar(%)	5 Yea	nr(%)	10 Ye	ar(%)	MTE	D(%)	QT	D(%)	YTE	)(%)
Index	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV
1. International Equity Index	1.26	0.43	-2.07	-2.39	-3.61	-4.61	-8.29	-9.35	-5.49	-6.63	8.02	6.78	7.63	6.16	5.81	5.04	-2.07	-2.39	-3.61	-4.61	-3.61	-4.61
2. US Equity Index	1.11	0.71	4.08	2.50	-4.89	-4.86	1.94	0.44	11.09	7.20	15.08	12.87	13.73	11.85	12.75	11.04	4.08	2.50	-4.89	-4.86	-4.89	-4.86
3. Global Equity Index	1.18	0.60	2.10	0.94	-5.19	-5.17	-0.31	- <b>1</b> .50	5.83	2.74	12.63	10.63	11.53	9.64	9.74	8.50	2.10	0.94	-5.19	-5.17	-5.19	-5.17
4. Covered Call / Option Funds Index	0.98	0.54	2.87	1.42	-5.75	-5.28	1.44	1.10	10.20	6.91	12.67	11.33	11.45	10.00	10.29	8.72	2.87	1.42	-5.75	-5.28	-5.75	-5.28
5. Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Asset Index	4.92	3.47	6.79	5.92	-5.42	-5.30	9.02	6.76	20.11	18.88	11.02	8.64	10.27	<mark>8.6</mark> 5	9.99	9.16	6.79	5.92	-5.42	-5.30	-5.42	-5.30
6. Utilities / Infrastructure Index	2.77	3.60	4.00	7.35	1.89	4.15	8.72	13.56	15.64	16.29	10.64	9.46	10.20	8.44	9.77	9.31	4.00	7.35	1.89	4.15	1.89	4.15
7. Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Fund Index	3.01	2.01	8.37	7.59	23.12	23.06	26.23	26.01	46.87	45.41	-11.73	-11.05	-9.50	-8.18	-5.57	-4.07	8.37	7.59	23.12	23.06	23.12	23.06
8. Preferred Equity Index	3.24	1.74	2.39	0.75	-8.59	-5.21	-8.75	-4.55	-4.41	1.11	5.23	6.02	5.99	5.84	7.97	8.06	2.39	0.75	-8.59	-5.21	-8.59	-5.21
9. Hybrid / Balanced Fund Index	1.87	0.86	1.20	0.87	-5.00	-4.76	-3.36	-1.90	2.68	2.86	9.34	9.21	9.53	8.15	9.65	8.34	1.20	0.87	-5.00	-4.76	-5.00	-4.76



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### CEF / BDC Index Performance (pt 2 / 2)



#### Tax-Free Bond Sector Indexes

¢	1 Wee	ek(%)	1 Mor	nth(%)	3 Mor	nth(%)	6 Mor	nth(%)	1 Ye	ar(%)	3 Yea	ar(%)	5 Yea	ar(%)	10 Ye	ar(%)	MT	D(%)	QT	D(%)	YT	D(%)
Index	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV
1. National Municipal Bond Index	1.18	-0.41	-5.58	-5.09	-14.77	-10.17	-12.89	-8.74	-9.26	-6.34	2.85	2.09	3.54	3.38	4.28	4.55	-5.58	-5.09	-14.77	-10.17	-14.77	-10.17
2. High Yield Municipal Index	1.31	-0.18	-4.42	-5.12	-12.37	-10.01	- <b>11.2</b> 8	-8.39	-6.75	-4.25	1.35	2.93	3.51	4.00	4.67	5.33	-4.42	-5.12	-12.37	-10.01	-12.37	-10.01
3. Term Municipal Fund Index	1.06	0.02	-4.16	-4.67	-12.04	-9.75	-11.08	-8.30	-6.57	-5.34	2.54	2.15	2.80	2.97	3.31	3.34	-4.16	-4.67	-12.04	-9.75	-12.04	-9.75
4. California Municipal Index	0.46	-0.41	-4.06	-5.27	-14.36	-10.21	- <mark>14.4</mark> 9	-8.97	-8.31	-7.16	2.61	1.78	2.69	2.98	4.40	4.51	-4.06	-5.27	-14.36	-10.21	-14.36	-10.21
5. New York Municipal Index	-0.07	-0.47	-3.52	-5.25	-12.39	-10.03	- <b>11.</b> 95	-8.60	-8.95	-6.54	1.24	0.92	2.37	2.33	3.23	3.60	-3.52	-5.25	-12.39	-10.03	-12.39	-10.03
<u>6. State Municipal Index (Non</u> <u>NY/CA)</u>	0.83	-0.32	-3.21	-4.62	-13.29	-9.23	-10.67	-7.79	-4.27	-5.72	4.91	1.72	4.26	3.06	3.86	3.61	-3.21	-4.62	-13.29	-9.23	-13.29	-9.23

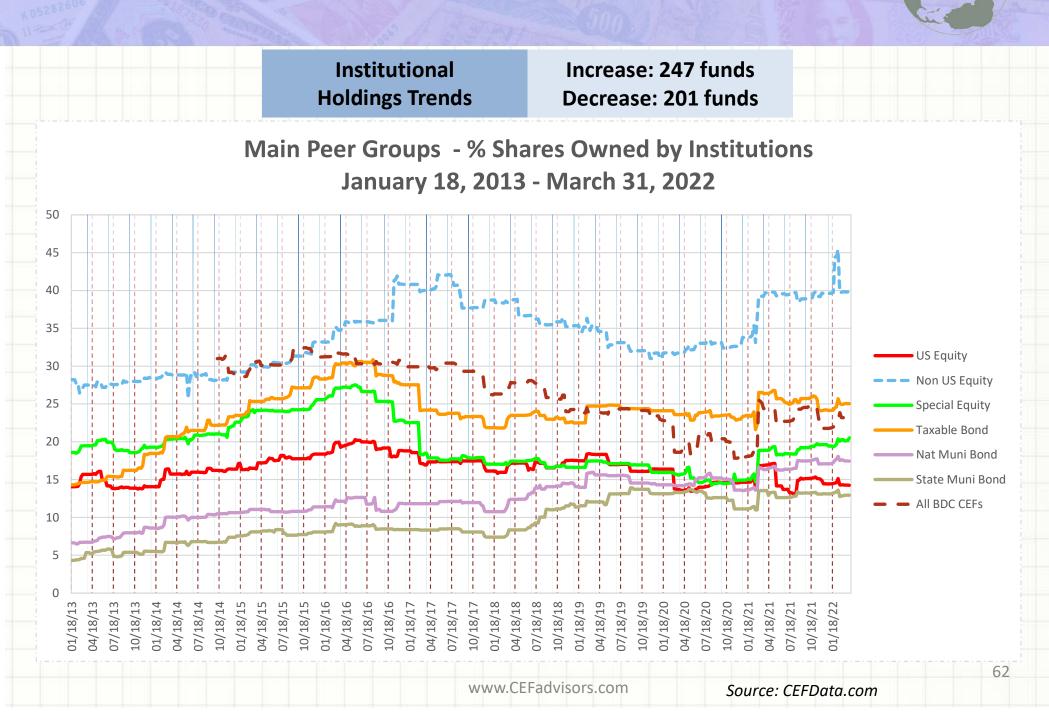


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### **CEF Institutional Holdings Trend (1Q22)**



### Top 5 % Institutional Ownership (per group)

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U.S	5. Equity	Institutions
1	Spl Opp Fd (SPE)	47.3%
2	Royce Micro-Cap Tr (RMT)	33.3%
3	Royce Val Tr (RVT)	29.4%
4	General American Invstr (GAM)	28.3%
5	Gabelli Div & Incm Tr (GDV)	22.0%
No	n U.S. Equity	Institutions
1	Taiwan Fund (TWN)	82.3%
2	Japan Sml Caplz Fd (JOF)	78.8%
3	Korea Fund (KF)	73.5%
4	MS China A Shr Fd (CAF)	73.3%
5	Abd Japan Eq Fd (JEQ)	72.8%
Spe	ecialty Equity	Institutions
1	NB MLP & Nrg Incm Fd (NML)	44.8%
2	ASA Gd & Prcs Mtl (ASA)	44.6%
3	Tortoise Nrg Ind Fd (NDP)	44.6%
4	Tortoise Pip & Nrg Fd (TTP)	42.2%
5	Macquarie Glbl Infra Tot Rtn (MGU)	42.2%
Тах	able Bond Funds	Institutions
1	Hi Incm Sec Fd (PCF)	91.2%
2	BR Enh Govt Fd (EGF)	68.3%
3	Nuv Multi-Mkt Incm Fd (JMM)	62.3%
4	Eagle Point Incm Co (EIC)	58.4%
5	FT Mortg Incm Fd (FMY)	55.0%

Nati	onal Muni Bond Funds	Institutions
1	DTF Tx-Free Incm 2028 Trm Fd (DTF)	45.6%
2	WA Imd Muni Fd (SBI)	39.3%
3	DWS Muni Incm Tr (KTF)	35.4%
4	BR Muni Incm Fd (MUI)	35.1%
5	AB Nat Muni Incm Fd (AFB)	32.9%
Sing	e State Muni Bond Funds	Institutions
1	BR CA Muni Incm Tr (BFZ)	33.9%
2	EV NY Muni Bnd Fd (ENX)	29.8%
3	Nuv NY AMT-Fr Qlty Muni Incm (NRK)	27.6%
4	Nuv OH Qlty Muni Incm Fd (NUO)	26.0%
5	BR MuniYld CA Fd (MYC)	21.3%
BDC	5	Institutions
1	Runway Gwth Fin Corp (RWAY)	60.1%
2	Bain Cap Splty Fin (BCSF)	50.2%
3	Sixth St Splty Lending (TSLX)	48.1%
4	Oaktree Splty Lending (OCSL)	47.5%
5	SLR Inv Corp (SLRC)	46.7%

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#### CEF/BDC Institutional Investors (by AUM \$Ms, 1Q22) CLOSED-END FUND

1	Morgan Stanley	\$7,930	26	Saba Capital Management L P	\$584
2	Bank Of America Corp De	\$2,954	27	Stifel Financial Corp	\$549
3	Ubs Group Ag	\$2,749	28	Strs Ohio	\$546
4	Wells Fargo Company Mn	\$2,193	29	Hennion & Walsh Asset Management, Inc.	\$504
5	Parametric Portfolio Associates Llc	\$2,055	30	Regents Of The University Of California	\$455
6	Sit Investment Associates Inc	\$1,913	31	Penserra Capital Management Llc	\$409
7	Rivernorth Capital Management Llc	\$1,601	32	State Of New Jersey Common Pension Fund E	\$407
8	Royal Bank Of Canada	\$1,539	33	Cambridge Investment Research Advisors Inc	\$400
9	Guggenheim Capital Llc	\$1,511	34	Ares Management Llc	\$400
10	Invesco Ltd	\$1,425	35	Private Advisor Group Llc	\$377
11	City Of London Investment Management Co Ltd	\$1,369	36	Oak Hill Advisors Lp	\$368
12	Raymond James Associates	\$1,317	37	Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Co L P	\$348
13	Lpl Financial Llc	\$1,036	38	Janney Montgomery Scott Llc	\$337
14	Allspring Global Investments Holdings, Llc	\$1,015	39	Blackrock Inc	\$324
15	1607 Capital Partners Llc	\$ 926	40	Relative Value Partners Group Llc	\$314
16	Raymond James Financial Services Advisors Inc	\$ 879	41	Hightower Advisors Llc	\$305
17	Advisors Asset Management Inc	\$ 873	42	Mackay Shields Llc	\$302
18	Advisor Group Holdings, Inc.	\$ 857	43	Mcgowan Group Asset Management Inc	\$301
19	Lazard Asset Management Llc	\$ 811	44	Oaktree Capital Management Lp	\$290
20	Bramshill Investments Llc	\$ 804	45	Shaker Financial Services Llc	\$262
21	Van Eck Associates Corp	\$ 764	46	Nomura Asset Management Co Ltd	\$255
22	Karpus Management Inc	\$ 718	47	Rockefeller Capital Management L P	\$251
23	Commonwealth Equity Services Llc	\$ 705	48	Jupiter Asset Management Ltd	\$247
24	Ameriprise Financial Inc	\$ 664	49	Baird Financial Group Inc	\$246
25	Cohen Steers Inc	\$ 585	50	Cetera Advisor Networks Llc	\$243

#### All 13 Filings = \$72 Billion Top 50 = \$48 Billion (67% of total)

Source: CEFData.com



#### **Activists vs Institutional Investors**



#### Activists:

- 1. Ancora Advisors
- 2. Bulldog Investors
- 3. Special Opportunities Fund (SPE: Bulldog)
- 4. City of London
- 5. Ironsides Partners
- 6. Karpus Investment Management
- 7. Western Investment
- 8. Saba Capital Management
- 9. Elliott Associates (BDCs)
- 10. Wynnefield Capital (BDCs)

#### **Followers:**

- 1. Punch & Associates Investment Mgmt
- 2. Relative Value Partners
- 3. 1607 Capital Partners LLC
- 4. Rivernorth Capital Management
- 5. Matisse Capital
- 6. SIT Investment Associates
- 7. DG Capital Management (BDCs)
- 8. Sims Capital Management (BDCs)

Total Assets at work 3/31/22 - \$4.0 Billion Activist // \$21.2 Billion Followers & Activist



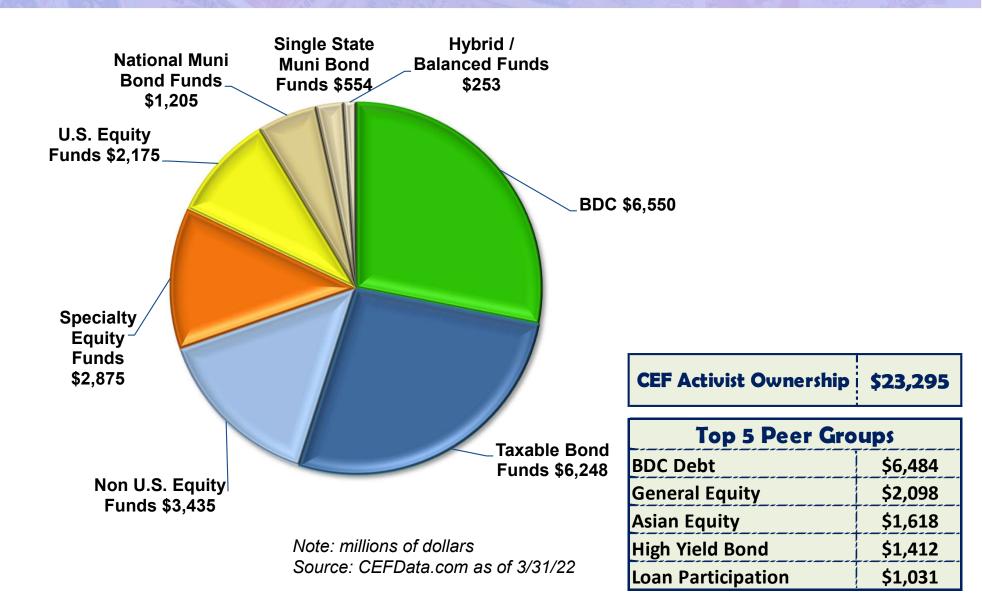
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### **CEF Corporate Actions/Activist Update 1Q 2022**

Month Filed	Filing	Closed-End Fund/BDC	Investor/Who	Notes
Mar	Proxy	Firsthand Tech Val Fd (SVVC)	Donald R. Chambers (Biltmore Capital)	Investment Advisory Agreement Termination Proposal
Mar	13D/A	Tortoise Nrg Ind Fd (NDP)	Bulldog	9.6% (25% Dec)
Mar	Proxy	Sixth St Splty Lending (TSLX)	Public	Shares Offering Proposal
Feb	13D/A	Center Coast Brkf MLP & Nrg Infr (CEN)	Saba	12% (Inc) Trustee Nominations Intent
Feb	13D/A	Vertical Capital Incm Fd (VCIF)	Relative Value Partners	17% (Dec) Confirming activist intent
Jan	13D/A	BR Enh Govt Fd (EGF)	SIT Investment	44% (Inc) 66 as. Press Releases

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### Activist & Follower Ownership (13D/13G) by Investment Focus



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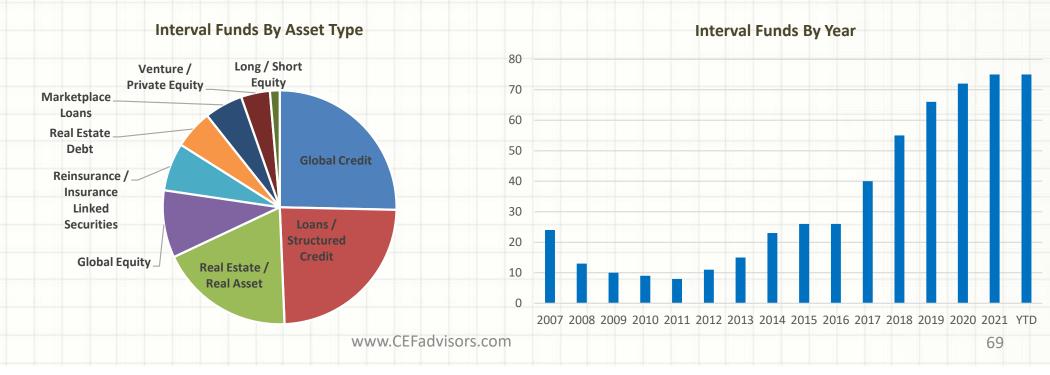
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Ticker	Name	Disc%	Disc% (3yr)	Rel Disc Range (3yr)	Comp Disc%	Comp 1yr NAV TR %	Min Disc (3yr)	Max DisC (3yr)	Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield	Lev %	1Mo NAV TR	3Mo NAV TR
NBXG	NB Nxt Gen Connectivity Fd	-18.74	N/A	1.70	-11.43	N/A	-19.10	1.95	9.98	8.07	0.00	-7.93	-13.76
NRGX	PIMCO Nrg & Tac Cr Opp Fd	-15.77	-12.03	36.41	-3.54	24.86	-35.74	4.33	5.79	4.08	18.50	10.44	12.32
BCAT	BR Cap Alloc Tr	-15.70	N/A	1.47	-10.52	-4.44	-16.01	12.55	7.83	5.58	17.99	-0.03	-5.52
BIGZ	BR Innovation & Gwth Tr	-15.40	N/A	5.48	-8.08	-35.79	-17.08	14.48	12.00	9.95	0.00	-7.81	-13.63
ECAT	BR ESG Cap Alloc Tr	-15.28	N/A	8.81	-10.10	N/A	-16.84	0.90	7.76	6.54	0.00	-2.59	-7.03
TEAF	Ecofin Susble & Soc Impact Trm	-14.77	-15.03	50.80	-9.59	12.46	-40.69	3.46	7.05	5.58	9.30	3.07	4.42
MEGI	MainStay CBRE Glbl Infra MTrnd	-13.87	N/A	0.00	-6.55	N/A	-13.87	3.95	6.97	4.85	28.00	4.20	3.79
BMEZ	BR Health Sci Tr II	-13.44	N/A	8.50	-9.62	-17.55	-20.13	10.99	9.43	8.04	N/A	-2.18	-6.34
WDI	WA Divr Incm Fd	-12.55	N/A	14.18	-8.99	N/A	-14.91	1.70	8.85	6.07	26.22	0.09	-4.89
ASGI	Abd Std Glbl Infra Incm Fd	-12.22	N/A	25.64	-14.87	-3.36	-18.76	-1.34	7.02	6.21	0.00	2.37	2.69
MIO	Pioneer Muni Hi Incm Opp Fd	-11.12	N/A	18.26	-3.67	N/A	-14.49	3.98	5.39	3.62	31.60	-9.98	-21.06
TBLD	Thornburg Incm Bidr Opp Tr	-11.00	N/A	8.17	-5.82	N/A	-12.15	1.96	7.66	6.76	0.00	-1.62	-8.15
AIO	Virtus AG AI & Tech Opp Fd	-10.87	N/A	1.63	-5.70	-3.75	-28.75	2.05	8.91	7.68	3.52	-4.08	-8.92
NPCT	Nuv Core Plus Impact Fd	-10.34	N/A	20.93	-6.77	N/A	-13.08	0.00	8.91	5.71	37.87	-4.91	-15.42
SDHY	PGIM Srt Dur Hi Yld Opp Fd	-10.16	N/A	14.01	-3.70	0.60	-11.75	2.79	7.99	5.68	24.05	-0.49	-3.93
DLY	DbLin Yld Opp Fd	-9.90	N/A	1.51	-3.44	-2.60	-11.10	22.72	8.60	6.22	25.15	-0.40	-5.56
<u>BSTZ</u>	BR Sci & Tech Tr II	-9.71	N/A	19.71	-1.58	-16.97	-21.22	11.57	8.55	7.75	0.00	-4.31	-11.85
FTHY	FT Hi Yld Opp 2027 Trm Fd	-8.99	N/A	8.16	-2.53	-2.08	-10.02	6.47	9.47	6.67	29.33	-0.98	-5.61
FINS	Angel Oak Fin Stgs Incm Trm Tr	-8.51	N/A	25.20	-4.94	-1.97	-30.99	5.87	8.44	6.04	27.86	-1.00	-2.25
PTA	Tx-Adv Pref Sec Pref Sec & Incm Fd	-8.40	N/A	25.04	-5.36	-1.31	-10.95	1.84	7.47	5.08	32.80	-1.11	-7.26
RLTY	C&S Rel-Est Opp & Incm Fd	-8.21	N/A	0.00	-2.32	N/A	-8.21	0.20	6.44	5.96	N/A	3.01	N/A
RFM	RivNth Flex Muni Incm Fd	-7.92	N/A	20.40	-1.34	-0.78	-11.89	2.12	7.22	4.96	32.30	-4.70	-12.70
NPFD	Nuv Var Rt Pref & Incm Fd	-7.47	N/A	0.00	-4.43	N/A	-7.47	6.78	7.85	5.41	36.42	-0.49	-8.03
DYFN	Angel Oak Dyn Fin Stgs Incm Trm	-7.47	N/A	26.78	-5.92	7.90	-14.88	0.05	8.13	5.82	27.80	-0.98	-2.94
PDO	PIMCO Dyn Incm Opp Fd	-6.89	N/A	11.22	-3.33	-0.45	-9.42	13.07	8.75	5.44	46.78	0.16	-5.30
RFMZ	RivNth Flex Muni Incm Fd II	-6.23	N/A	26.75	0.34	-1.69	-10.86	6.43	7.24	5.06	29.80	-4.03	-12.75
PAXS	PIMCO Access Incm Fd	-6.01	N/A	26.31	-2.45	N/A	-8.85	1.94	7.79	6.54	12.01	-0.80	N/A
CPZ	Calamos Lng-Srt Eq & Dyn Incm	-5.96	N/A	45.94	-0.78	0.59	-26.30	0.00	8.65	6.62	22.27	-2.06	-4.16
NMCO	Nuv Muni Cr Opp Fd	-5.69	N/A	26.48	1.76	4.36	-10.68	10.38	5.97	4.00	37.58	-4.35	-11.34
NDMO	Nuv Dyn Muni Opp Fd	-3.47	N/A	19.18	3.98	-4.33	-6.43	9.03	7.46	5.33	33.62	-6.64	-15.57
RMM	RivNth Mgd Dur Muni Incm Fd	-3.20	N/A	32.46	3.37	1.68	-14.29	6.00	6.81	4.67	35.70	-3.32	-10.03
EIC	Eagle Point Incm Co	2.85	N/A	68.26	-0.87	-8.64	-65.64	21.80	8.87	6.83	32.93	2.37	0.75
	U.S. Equity Funds	-16.00	nan	2.39	-8.69	-35.79	-16.68	6.79	9.65	7.62	9.33	-3.85	-7.87
	Non U.S. Equity Funds	-9.71	nan	19.71	-1.58	-16.97	-21.22	11.57	8.55	7.75	0.00	-4.31	-11.85
	Specialty Equity Funds	-10.92	-12.03	15.93	-6.69	0.66	-16.88	3.80	7.33	5.80	21.93	2.01	-1.32
	Taxable Bond Funds	-7.80	nan	21.66	-4.29	-1.03	-19.06	7.64	8.58	6.10	29.00	-0.69	-5.02
	National Muni Bond Funds	-6.27	nan	23.92	0.74	-0.15	-11.44	6.32	6.68	4.61	33.43	-5.50	-13.91
	Hybrid / Balanced Funds	-12.26	-15.03	19.47	-7.09	1.22	-23.46	3.49	7.98	6.46	8.85	-1.22	-4.89
	Weighted Av	-9.76%	-13.53%	18.73%	-4.65%	-2.42%	-17.89%	5.94%	7.98%	6.03%	21.98%	-1.60%	-6.67%

### **Interval Closed-Ended Funds (iCEFs)**

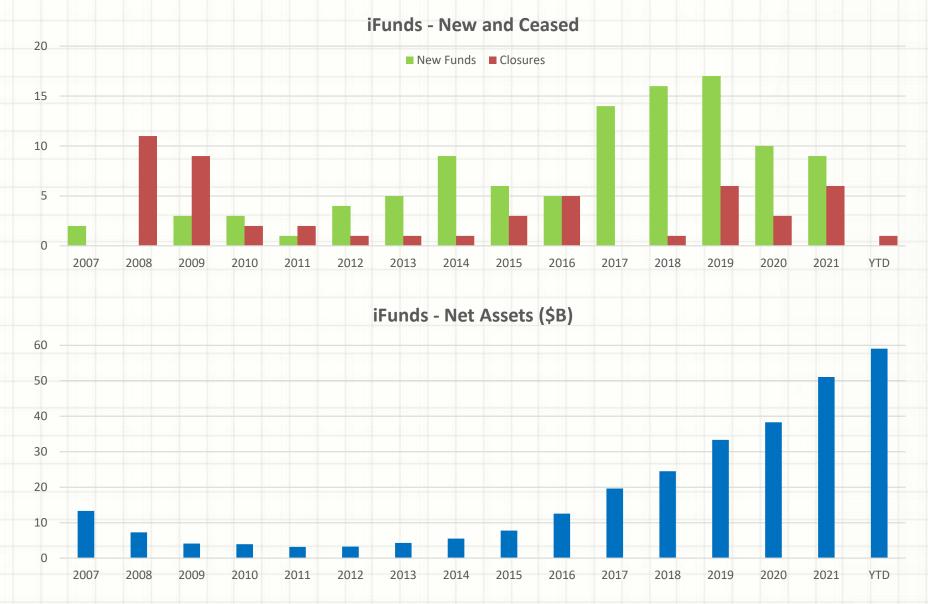
- Interval funds (iCEFs) are growing in popularity as an alternative investment vehicle. Many interval funds can be seen as the best of both worlds. iCEFs are a small (0.1%) portion of the multitrillion dollar fund industry, but iCEFs are growing assets quickly, in the ~50% range annually.
  - There are 75 iCEFs with \$59.0B in total AUM as of 3/31/22 (compared to listed CEF/BDC AUM of \$325B in 506 funds according to CEFData.com).
- CEFData.com also tracks Tender Offer Funds (a type of non-listed CEF).
  - As of 3/31/22, there were 89 Tender Offer Funds with \$64.9B in AUM.

#### Whitepaper / Overview on: <u>https://cefadvisors.wordpress.com</u> Public Screener & Profile Page @ <u>www.AICAlliance.org</u>



### Interval Closed-Ended Funds (iCEFs)

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#### **Recent Active Interval CEFs (launched since 2020)**

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Total Active iFunds: 75 with AUM of \$59B Avg Net Dividend Major Sub Min Managed Leverage \$ \$ Name \$ Structure \$ \$ \$ Sponsor \$ Inception \$ \$ Expense Assets (MM) Group Group Investment (%) Frequency Ratio Loans / The Finite Solar Finite Interval Fund Bond Structured 2021-11-23 500 A Finance Fund Management Credit Oaktree Diversified Interval Fund Bond Global Credit Oaktree Fund 2021-10-29 2500 150 2.1 0 Q Income Fund BNY Mellon Alcentra Interval Fund Global Credit **BNY Mellon** 2021-10-07 25000 M Opportunistic Bond Global Credit Income Fund Lord Abbett Loans / Lord Abbett Special Situations Interval Fund Bond Structured 2021-09-07 2500 60 1.88 0 M Income Fund Credit Thirdline Real Real Estate / Thirdline Estate Income Interval Fund Equity 2021-08-12 5000 5 1.5 0 Q Real Asset Capital Fund Nuveen Enhanced High Yield Tax Free Interval Fund Bond Nuveen 2021-06-30 2500 83 1.58 15.01 M Municipal Bond Bond Fund AFA Multi-Alternative Interval Fund Global Credit 2021-02-04 0 Manager Credit Bond 25000 36 1.07 Q Fund Fund Cliffwater Marketplace Enhanced Lending Interval Fund Bond Cliffwater 2021-01-29 10000000 163 0.53 0 Q Loans Fund Venture / Bow River Capital Interval Fund Equity Bow River 2020-12-28 50000 191 2.25 0 Q Evergreen Fund Private Equity Fundrise Real Real Estate / Estate Interval Interval Fund Fundrise 2020-12-18 1000 1.67 0 Q Equity 724 Real Asset Fund First Eagle Credit **Opportunities** Interval Fund Bond Global Credit FETM 2020-09-15 2500 232 3.36 16.85 M Fund Primark Private Primark Venture / Equity Interval Fund Equity 2020-08-26 50000 45 2 0 A Private Equity Advisors Investments Fund Arca U.S. Treasury Interval Fund Bond Global Credit Arca Capital 2020-07-06 1000 0 0.19 0 Q Fund Loans / Flat Rock Core Interval Fund Bond Structured Flat Rock 2020-06-17 1000 164 5.03 27.52 M Income Fund Credit Real Estate / CIM Real Assets 2020-05-04 Interval Fund Equity CIM Capital 2500 88 1.82 0 M & Credit Fund Real Asset KKR CREDIT Interval Fund Bond Global Credit KKR Credit 2020-02-28 10000 667 2.56 22.36 М **OPPORTUNITIES** PORTFOLIO

Source: CEFData.com

## Interval Funds (by size)



Name 🗘	Structure 🗘	Major Group	Sub- Group	Sponsor \$	Inception \$	Min Investment	Managed Assets (MM)	Avg Net Expense Ratio	Leverage (%)	Dividend Frequency	≎ Avg NAV ≎ Yield	Total Return (3mo)	↓ Total Return ↓ (YTD)	Total Return \$ (1yr)	≎ Total Return ≎ (3yr)	Total Return (5yr)	Number Of Share Classes
ACAP Strategic Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Long / Short Equity	SilverBay Capital	2010-03-01	50000	12492	3.08	1.7	A		-18.15	-22.09	-31.06	1.81	5.28	2
<u>Cliffwater</u> <u>Corporate</u> Lending Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Marketplace Loans	Cliffwater	2019-03-06	10000	6955	1.97	31.98	Q	3.6	0.09	0.28	6.92	5.81		2
<u>Griffin</u> Institutional Access Real Estate Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Griffin Capital	2014-06-30	2500	4544	2.23	3.04	Q	5.1	5.88	5.74	24.51	9.34	8.2	5
<u>Total Income+</u> <u>Real Estate Fund</u>	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Bluerock	2012-10-22	2500	3160	2.25	0	Q	5.2	7.7	8.05	27.43	11.78	10	5
<u>Versus Cap Real</u> <u>Estate Income</u> Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Versus Capital	2012-07-09	1000000	3013	1.2	0	Q	3.9	3.46	3.5	16.47	7.46	6.76	1
<u>PIMCO Flexible</u> <u>Credit Income</u> <u>Fund</u>	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	PIMCO	2017-02-22	2500	2912	2.8	33.65	Q	8.5	-6.08	-4.93	0.7	3.12	4.69	5
<u>Cion Ares</u> Diversified Credit Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	CION Investment	2017-01-26	2500	2900	2.94	13.66	М	5	0.05	0.82	7.24	5	5.28	7
<u>Stone Ridge</u> <u>Alternative</u> <u>Lending Risk</u> Premium Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Marketplace Loans	Stone Ridge	2015-11-12	1500000	2636	4.04	20.01	A		0.47	0.75	-16.5	0.01	0.28	1
<u>Versus Capital</u> <u>Real Assets Fund</u>	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Versus Capital	2017-09-18	1000000	2492	1.33	0	Q	2.7	4.04	3.73	10.9	6.32		1
<u>PIMCO Flexible</u> <u>Municipal Income</u> <u>Fund</u>	Interval Fund	Bond	Tax Free Bond	PIMCO	2019-03-15	2500	1666	1.22	1.95	М	2.2	-10.06	-10.59	-7.95	4.37		4
<u>Stone Ridge</u> Reinsurance Risk Premium Interval Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Reinsurance / Insurance Linked Securities	Stone Ridge	2013-12-09	1500000	1658	2.36	0	A		2.06	2.25	-2.22	-1.62	-5.62	1
Variant Alternative Income Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Global Equity	Variant Investments	2017-10-02	1000000	1645	1.19	0	Q	6	0.54	0.75	9.4	9.15		1
<u>Carlyle Tactical</u> Private Credit Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	OCP	2018-06-04	10000	902	4.56	1.76	Q	7.1	-0.98	0.67	11.26			7
Pioneer ILS Interval Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Reinsurance / Insurance Linked Securities	Pioneer	2014-12-17	100000	888	1.91	0	A	2	1.46	1.46	-0.13	3.46	-0.26	1
Lord Abbett Credit Opportunities Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	Lord Abbett	2019-02-15	2500	849	1.89	0.17	М	6.1	-2.62	-2.2	-0.24	4.91		3
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#### Recent Active Tender Offer CEFs (launched since 2020)

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	Total <i>F</i>	Active T	ender O	ffer Funds:	: 89 with	AUM of \$	64.9B			
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Name 🗘	Structure \$	Major Group	Sub- Group	Sponsor \$	Inception 🔻	Min Investment	Managed Assets (MM)	Expense \$ Ratio	Leverage (%)	Dividend Frequency
Forum CRE Income Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	Real Estate Debt	Forum Capital	2021-04-16		72	2.57	19.49	Q
<u>Aspiriant Risk-</u> <u>Managed Real</u> <u>Asset Fund</u>	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Fund of Funds	Aspiriant	2021-04-01	25000	181	0.93	0	А
<u>Aspiriant Risk-</u> <u>Managed</u> <u>Capital</u> <u>Appreciation</u> Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Fund of Funds	Aspiriant	2021-04-01	25000	155	0.52	0	
<u>Delaware</u> <u>Wilshire</u> <u>Private</u> Markets Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Wilshire	2021-03-31	25000	26	3.91	0	Q
<u>BlackRock</u> Private Investments Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	BlackRock Advisors	2021-03-01	25000	100	2.83	0	A
<u>Hamilton Lane</u> <u>Private Assets</u> <u>Fund</u>	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Hamilton	2020-12-16	50000	320	4.64	0	A
<u>NB Crossroads</u> <u>Private</u> <u>Markets</u> <u>Access Fund</u> LLC	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Neuberger Berman	2020-12-15	50000	316	1.03	0	
<u>Blackstone</u> Private Credit Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	BDC - Debt	BlackRock	2020-10-05	2500	32600	2	56.38	м
<u>CPG Cooper</u> <u>Square</u> <u>International</u> <u>Equity</u>	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Global Equity	Central Park	2020-10-02	50000	88	3.81	o	A
<u>Conversus</u> <u>StepStone</u> <u>Private</u> <u>Markets</u>	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	StepStone	2020-09-21	50000	395	2.79	0	Q
<u>KKR Real</u> <u>Estate Select</u> Trust Inc.	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	KKR Registered	2020-07-02	10000	907	0.5	21.46	M
YieldStreet Prism Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	Global Credit	YieldStreet	2020-03-09	20000	95	1.16	0	Q
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### **Tender Offer Funds (by size)**

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Name 🗘	Structure 🗘	Major Group	Sub- Group	Sponsor \$	Inception \$	Min Investment	Managed 🗸	Avg Net Expense \$ Ratio	Leverage (%)	Dividend Frequency	Avg NAV \$ Yield	Total Return (3mo)	Contraction Contra	Total Return \$ (1yr)	Total Return \$ (3yr)	Total Return (5yr)	Number Of Share Classes
<u>Blackstone</u> Private Credit Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	BDC - Debt	BlackRock	2020-10-05	2500	32600	2	56.38	М				3.59			2
Partners Group Private Equity (Master Fund), LLC	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Partners Group	2017-01-01	50000	9865	2.34	0.29	A				26.38			2
AIP Alternative Lending Fund P	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	Marketplace Loans	Morgan Stanley	2018-10-01	50000	2444	3.07	0	Q				32.76			1
<u>Skybridge</u> <u>Multi-Adviser</u> <u>Hedge Fund</u> Portfolios LLC	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Fund of Funds	SkyBridge Capital	2003-01-01	25000	2401	2.36	0	A				6.61			1
<u>Ironwood</u> <u>Multi-Strategy</u> <u>Fund LLC</u>	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Fund of Funds	Ironwood	2011-01-01	50000	1865	1.37	0	A				13.83			1
<u>CPG Carlyle</u> <u>Commitments</u> <u>Fund, LLC</u>	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Fund of Funds	Central Park	2013-06-01	50000	1107	1.79	0					15.46			2
<u>AB Multi-</u> <u>Manager</u> <u>Alternative</u> <u>Fund</u>	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Fund of Funds	AllianceBernstein	2012-10-01	20000	1062	1.14	0	A				12			1
<u>KKR Real</u> Estate Select Trust Inc.	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	KKR Registered	2020-07-02	10000	907	0.5	21.46	М		8.18	8.58	10.45			2
AMG Pantheon Fund, LLC	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Pantheon Ventures	2014-10-01	50000	871	0.86	0	A				29.7			5
<u>Priority Income</u> Fund, Inc	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	Priority Senior	2013-05-09	1000	548	12.94	4.88	М				29.13			3
AETOS LONG/SHORT STRATEGIES FUND LLC	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Fund of Funds	Aetos	2002-09-01	100000	548	0.7	0	Q				3.35			1
<u>Pomona</u> Investment Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Fund of Funds	Pomona	2015-05-07	25000	546	3.11	0	A				57.1			4
<u>iCapital KKR</u> <u>Private</u> Markets Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	iCapital	2018-08-01	25000	524	3.27	0	A				36.77			2
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### **CEFA's Outlook for 2Q and 2022**



- US Equity Funds
- Non-US Equity Funds
- Specialty Equity (Sector) Funds
- Taxable Bond Funds
- National Municipal Bond (Tax-Free) Funds
- Debt-Focused Business Development Companies (BDCs)
- Sustainable CEF Portfolio Distribution Yields, Beta, Correlations, Duration and After-Tax Income, Gross Asset Exposure, Leverage



#### **CEFA Model Portfolios**

#### Often a good starting point for customizing client portfolios

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### **CEFA Portfolio Model Info** (pt 1 of 2)

CEFA Portfolio Models' Investment Objectives. Diversified models typically hold 20-40 positions and sector models hold 5-15. All CEFA models start with our asset allocation and market outlook. Then, we select funds that meet or exceed our Trifecta analysis for discount direction, dividend sustainability and manager or NAV performance, blending our fundamental and data driven investment resources.

- 1. International Opportunity: Diversified portfolio of non-US and global sector of closed-end funds. We seek to blend our global market outlook with the ability to buy funds, often at significant discounts to NAV while having the opportunity for discount narrowing over time. Yield is a byproduct of the model as many CEFs pay at least annual or semi-annual distributions. We expect the model to be 60%-80% Equity exposure and 55% to 85% Non US holdings at the fund level. We seek duration of the portfolio on a "cash weighted" basis under 2 and a Beta to the S&P 500 between 0.75 and 0.90.
- Diversified Equity: Diversified portfolio seeking primarily equity exposure. The Beta to the S&P 500 is expected to be 0.85 to 1.15. This model is a good candidate for adding SpiderRock's option overlay, as you could outperform in an option-overlaid portfolio when the holdings are more volatile by nature. This portfolio is expected to have little to no duration exposure.
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- 4. Hybrid (High) Income: Diversified portfolio seeking 50/50 allocation to equity and debt at the fund level; focusing on the highest sustainable dividend levels possible in the current environment with at least 75% of funds paying monthly. Historically 8%-9% is our target income level. We seek to have duration of the portfolio on a "cash weighted" basis under 2 and a Beta to the S&P 500 between 0.75 and 0.95. We offer a 100% monthly paying version of this model (#4.2) for investors that seek this feature to their investment needs and a Tax-Advantaged version of this model (#4.1). A SpiderRock overlay can be a nice addition to this model.
- Discount Opportunity: Diversified portfolio seeking 50/50 allocations to equity and debt at the fund level. Researching funds that both have a larger 5. than average absolute discount to NAV as well as wider than normal Comp Discount (vs. peer-group average) without a significantly worse NAV total return performance vs. their peer funds. This model can work well for contrarian investors. A SpiderRock overlay can be a nice addition to this model.
- Alternative Income: Diversified portfolio seeking 40/60 allocation to equity and debt at the fund level; focusing on less "plain vanilla" or core sectors 6. and managers that could offer a more "hedge fund" like experience and a diversifier to traditional equity and bond allocations. We seek 2% a quarter in distributions at roughly half the Beta to the S&P 500 during normal market conditions with "cash weighted" duration under 2. We offer a Taxadvantaged version of this model (#6.1). A SpiderRock overlay can be a nice addition to this model.
- 7. Foundation/Balanced: Diversified model based on a 60% equity / 40% debt allocation at the fund level. We believe this model is a "medium risk portfolio" for a typical retired investor. Historically 7%-8% is our target income level. We seek to have duration of the portfolio on a "cash weighted" basis under 2.5 and a Beta to the S&P 500 between 0.60 and 0.85. This model is a good candidate for adding SpiderRock's option overlay, as you could outperform in an option-overlaid portfolio at these Beta levels. We offer a "Tax Advantaged" version of this model (#7.1), that could reduce the after-tax friction by 65%-75% for a typical investor in a taxable environment. We also offer more conservative portfolio (Conservative Diversified), comprised of 2/3 the F/B model and 1/3 invested in non-traditional asset classes using ETFs and open-end funds to reduce the expected volatility over time. 77

#### **CEFA Portfolio Model Info (pt 2 of 2)**

- 8. Taxable Bond and BDC: Diversified portfolio focused on the taxable bond and debt-focused business development company (BDC) sectors. This income focused model historically targets a 7%-8% income level. It seeks "cash weighted" duration under 4 and a Beta to the S&P 500 from 0.35-0.50.
- **9.** Dividend Confidence Model: Diversified portfolio of roughly 50% equity and bond funds where we see above average dividend coverage as the primary factor after our Trifecta analysis. Historically 6.25% 7.5% is our target income level and we expect durations under 2.5 and a beta under 0.80.
- **10.** Diversified Low Beta: Diversified portfolio seeking 50/50 allocations to equity and debt at the fund level focusing on a lower Beta for to the S&P 500 in the sector when selecting funds. We seek to have duration of the portfolio on a "cash weighted" basis under 1.75 and a Beta to the S&P 500 between 0.40 and 0.60. This model is a good candidate for adding SpiderRock's option overlay, as you could potentially lower the Beta to 0.25 to 0.40 levels.
- **11.** Low Correlation: Diversified portfolio seeking roughly 50/50 allocations to equity and debt at the fund level. Focusing on exposure to the CEF sectors we find have the lowest long-term NAV correlations to each other. Historically 6%-7% is our target income level. We seek to have duration of the portfolio on a "cash weighted" basis under 3.25 and a Beta to the S&P 500 between 0.50 and 0.70. We offer an "IRA" version of this model that replaces Build America Bond (BABs) exposure for the municipal bond exposure. A SpiderRock overlay can be a nice addition to this model.
- **12.** Diversified Tax-Sensitive Income: Designed to maximize after-tax yield for high income investors seeking little-to-no tax friction. Equal weight exposure to three CEF sectors who historically have low correlation: municipal bonds, master limited partnerships and tax-advantage equity funds. Muni's, the most common tax-avoidance sector for many investors has a 39% 10 Year NAV correlation to MLPs and 33% correlation to Covered Call Funds. Covered Call funds have only a 70% correlation to MLP funds. We seek a Beta to the S&P 500 of 0.55 to 0.70 and an after-tax yield of 6% to 7%. Duration is expected to be under 4. We offer a Municipal bond overweight version of this model (#12.1) where 50% of the portfolio is Muni bond CEFs.
- **13.** Business Development Company Select: Diversified portfolio of BDCs with strong fundamental research on each BDC's portfolio and management. Seeking BDCs exposure with above average dividend sustainability, NAV performance, variable and senior secured loan exposure as well as low non-accruals (defaults). We look for sector and geographic diversity. We expect a Beta to the S&P 500 of 0.6 to 0.8 and historically yield levels of 8.5% to 9.5% are common. BDCs have low 10-year correlation to most asset classes; including 15% to municipal bond, 13% to preferred equity and 27% to REITs and only a 40%-43% correlation to high yield and Sr. loans. We offer a "100% monthly paying only" (#13.1), "low Beta" (#13.2) and Premium BDC version of this model (#13.3).
- **14. Municipal Bond Select**: A focused portfolio managed for 100% tax-free municipal bond exposure. We seek to build and manage the portfolio for better than average: discount to NAV, NAV total return performance, distribution levels, duration exposure, dividend coverage and other criteria we believe can give investors a better experience when looking to allocate funds into this sector. We also offer this model with lower duration (and yield) exposure (#14.1).
- **15.** CEFA Select "Six Pack" Income: This is a Diversified portfolio of fund in the following six sectors: Business Development Companies, Covered Call Funds, Loan Participation Funds, Preferred Equity Funds, REIT/ Real Asset Funds and Utility / Infrastructure Funds. They are expected to be weighted with a min allocation of 10% and Maximum allocation of 20% per sector. Exposure should be at a minimum of 40% for both equity and fixed-income holdings for the underlying funds. We anticipate the yield being about 1% higher than the 12 Major Sector Index under normal market conditions.

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