

# 2Q22 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**



- What is Closed-End Fund Advisors?
- What is AICA?
- What is a CEF?
- What is a BDC?
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- CEF & BDC universe overview stats
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- Relative discount opportunity
- Discount seasonality & tax-loss selling
- Sector focus: Equity, Taxable Fixed Income, Muni CEFs, and BDCs
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- Return of capital trends
- Destructive return of capital

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- NAV vs price volatility comparison
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- 2Q distribution changes
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- CEF mergers & deaths
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#### 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 over a thousand attendees & presentations by leading firms such as: BlackRock, Brookfield, Goldman Sachs, Nuveen, Ares and others







#### 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
- 160+ Podcasts (The NAVigator) with 265K d/ls to date, 1800 average per episode.
- AICA LinkedIn page 400+ Followers in 4 Months!
  - AICA Launch Event November 2019 (in-person in NYC)
    - 7 Panels, 100+ Attendees: <a href="https://aicalliance.org/NYC2019Event/">https://aicalliance.org/NYC2019Event/</a>
  - Second Event August 2020 (virtual)
    - 12 Panels, 50 Speakers: <a href="https://aicalliance.org/aicasummersummit2020/">https://aicalliance.org/aicasummersummit2020/</a>
  - 2021 Six Virtual Events with 22 Panels and 88 Presenters
    - <a href="https://aicalliance.org/events">https://aicalliance.org/events</a>
  - 2022 In-Person Event on Nov 16th in New York City (Flatiron District)













Rob Shaker: 'Sympathy widening' could signal a bottom for discounts

Rob Shaker, portfolio manager at Shaker Financial Services, says that the closed-end fund market showed signs of a "sympathy widening" in mid-June, an event when there is "excessive liquidation selling based on fear," leading to a bad day on the stock markets and bond closed-end fund discounts widening at the same time. [...]







CEF Advisors' Scott: No time like the present for tax-loss sales

John Cole Scott, chief investment officer at Closed-End Fund Advisors and the chairman of the Active Investment Company Alliance, returns to The NAVigator to answer questions frmo listeners, including one on whether it makes sense to do tax-loss selling now rather than waiting for the traditional period for making swaps at the end [...]







Pre-market SPACs offer unique opportunity, given current conditions

In this bonus episode of The NAvigator, Jonathan Browne, director of research at Robinson Capital and portfolio manager of the Robinson Funds talks about how balancing closed-end fund investments with premarket SPACs [special-purpose acquisition companies] creates opportunities for higher yields with diversification that helps to balance out risks.







Five 'plain vanilla' closed-end funds for these markets



With the volatility and downward pressure in the market pushing many investors to specialty funds, sector offerings and alternatives, John Cole Scott, chief investment officer at Closed-End Fund Advisors and chairman of the Active Investment Company Alliance returns to the NAVigator this week to talk about some funds that are more basic [...]







XA Investments' McCulloch sees more growth, new entrants to interval funds

Ben McCulloch, managing director and general counsel at XA Investments, says that the last five years have seen over \$40 billion in growth in interval funds and tender-offer funds, and that interest has attracted more fund sponsors — including companies that have been heretofore more focused on ETFs — and more new ideas. [...]







Nuveen's Holzenthaler: Surprise, it's 'a buyer's market' on senior loans

Larry Holzenthaler, investment strategist and analyst for Nuveen, says that "floating rate loans actually look arguably cheap to us today," acknowledging that it's surprising that the asset class is trading at a discount "in the middle of one of the most brutal rate-hike campaigns we have ever seen." Holzenthaler — who also covers [...]







EIP's Brothwell: Energy market amid supply woes requires diversification

Sam Brothwell, director of research at Energy Income Partners, says that the current cycle of under-investment in capital spending has made it harder for energy producers to respond to the current global supply-demand imbalance; that has pushed energy prices — for oil, natural gains, electricity and alternatives — dramatically higher, where they [...]







BDC Reporter's Marshi is 'quite optimistic,' even if there's a recession

Nicholas Marshi, editor of the BDC Reporter, says that business-development companies had a good first-quarter across the board, despite troubles across the broad market. After seven quarters of BDC's generally increasing net asset value per share, and while that growth decelerated during the first three months of 2022, Marshi says it was [...]



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



- O 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"
- o Interval & Tender Offer Funds (non-listed), have been around since 1989, but growth has picked up since 2017.
  - O 207 Strategies and \$186.31 Billion in AUM (CEFData.com: 6/30/22)



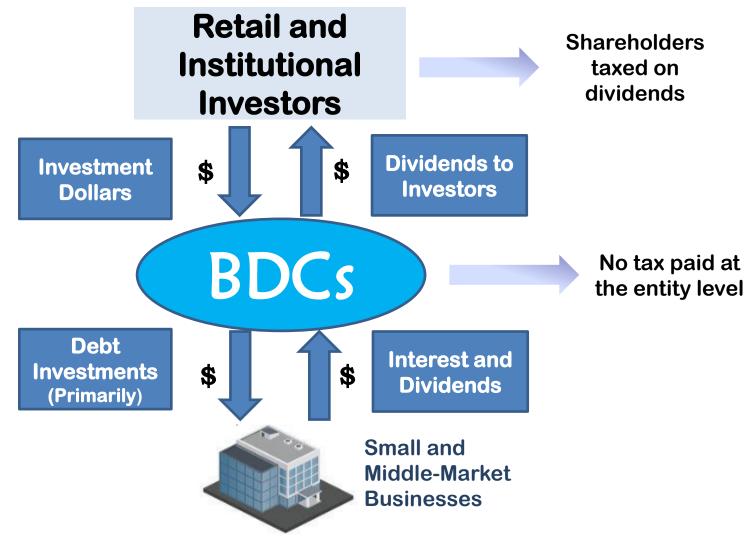
### What is a Business Development Company (BDC)? LOSE

- o 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
- o 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



#### **BDCs Provide Access to Private Debt Investments CLOSED-E**







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

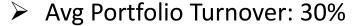


1. First Lien Loans: 67%

2. Second Lien Loans: 11%

3. Unsecured Loans: 5%

4. Equity/Other: 17%



- > Avg loan portfolio composition:
  - > 83% Variable
  - > 17% Fixed
- Libor Floors: 53% at 1.3% Avg Level
- > Avg Loan Size: \$11.11M
  - ➤ 66% of Loans Under \$25MM
- Average Maturity of 3.9 with a range of 2 Years to 6 years
- Avg # of Loans: 261 from 177 Companies





Source: Data as of June 30, 2022 from CEFData.com

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



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2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 - YTD	2012 - 2021
REIT	MLP	REIT	Preferred	MLP	World Stock	BDC	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%	9.78%	13.2%
Preferred 23.75%	US Stock	Muni Bond	Muni Bond	HY Bond	US Stock	Muni Bond	Convertible	World Stock	REIT	BDC	REIT
	25.62%	19.70%	5.53%	18.43%	19.79%	0.52%	28.26%	16.02%	34.07%	5.73%	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%	-9.07%	10.49%
Tactical Sector	Tactical Sector	US Stock	Covered Call	Convertible	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	Preferred	Covered Call	US Stock	Preferred	Preferred
18.88%	16.85%	11.20%	1.35%	12.06%	15.93%	-2.51%	24.88%	10.7%	20.25%	-15.51%	10.04%
World Stock	Covered Call	BDC	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%	-15.95%	9.88%
Intl Bond	BDC	Investment Grade	US Stock	Intl Bond	Convertible	US Stock	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	BDC
17.94%	13.36%	7.73%	0.42%	11.84%	12.57%	-5.54%	18.61	7.33%	10.21%	-16.01%	9.81%
Convertible	HY Bond	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	BDC	REIT	Tactical Sector	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Preferred	Muni Bond	Convertible
16.40%	10.02%	7.46%	-2.38%	10.09%	12.42%	-6.00%	15.43%	6.54%	8.73%	-16.49%	8.51%
Muni Bond	Senior Loan	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Investment Grade	Intl Bond	Convertible	Investment Grade	HY Bond	Senior Loan	HY Bond	HY Bond
15.38%	8.49%	4.86%	-2.66%	8.74%	12.05%	-6.09%	14.57%	4.04%	7.86%	-16.99%	7.63%
Investment Grade	REIT	MLP	Tactical Sector	Covered Call	Investment Grade	Preferred	MLP	Preferred	HY Bond	World Stock	Muni Bond
15.38%	3.65%	3.45%	-3.23%	8.67%	10.77%	-7.02%	11.62%	2.91%	6.24%	-17.3%	6.44%
US Stock	World Stock	HY Bond	HY Bond	World Stock	BDC	Covered Call	Muni Bond	Intl Bond	Convertible	Covered Call	World Stock
13.52%	3.34%	1.59%	-4.99%	8.45%	8.83%	-7.31%	10.83%	2.45%	4.37%	-17.92%	6.3%
BDC	Preferred	Senior Loan	World Stock	US Stock	HY Bond	REIT	Senior Loan	Senior Loan	Muni Bond	US Stock	Investment Grade
13.13%	2.15%	1.32%	-6.55%	7.65%	<b>8.50</b> %	-8.27%	10.67%	0.45%	4.25%	-18.12%	6.22%
Senior Loan	Investment Grade	Intl Bond	Convertible	Preferred	Muni Bond	Intl Bond	World Stock	BDC	Investment Grade	Intl Bond	Senior Loan
12.6%	-1.5%	0.49%	-7.25%	6.89%	8.41%	-8.72%	10.44%	0.31%	2.75%	-20.96%	5.71%
Covered Call	Intl Bond	Convertible 0.12%	Intl Bond	REIT	Senior Loan	World Stock	BDC	REIT	World Stock	REIT	Intl Bond
9.47%	-6.57%		-8.46%	6.84%	4.82%	-14.93%	10.12%	-8.82%	2.43%	-21.04%	2.55%
MLP	Muni Bond	World Stock	MLP	Muni Bond	MLP	MLP	Intl Bond	MLP	Intl Bond	Convertible	MLP
1.85%	-7.35%	-0.26%	-44.23%	0.61%	-5.77%	-19.05%	6.96%	-54.77%	-2.53%	-27.34%	-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 6/30/2022.

### **Asset Class Average Discounts/Premiums 2012-2022**



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HY Bond	BDC	BDC	Tactical Sector	Preferred	Preferred	Convertible	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
8.27%	8.03%	1.69%	-5.37%	-0.77%	0.03%	-1.35%	1.66%	1.96%	3.94%	-1.7%	-1.07%
MLP	MLP	Tactical Sector	MLP	Muni Bond	Tactical Sector	Tactical Sector	Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	Covered Call	Investment Grade
4.82%	1.95%	-2.63%	-6.10%	-1.88%	-1.42%	-1.84%	0.14%	0.36%	2.88%	-1.75%	-1.58%
Investment Grade	Senior Loan	Convertible	Muni Bond	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	Covered Call	Investment Grade	Tactical Sector	BDC	Investment Grade	Tactical Sector
4.32%	-0.12%	-3.17%	-6.44%	-3.74%	-2.09%	-2.39%	-0.12%	-4.01%	0.81%	-2.28%	-1.88%
Preferred	HY Bond	HY Bond	Investment Grade	Tactical Sector	MLP	Investment Grade	Covered Call	Muni Bond	Tactical Sector	BDC	BDC
2.87%	-0.63%	-3.48%	-6.81%	-3.89%	-3.11%	-2.74%	-2.51%	-6.05%	0%	-2.6%	-3.25%
Muni Bond	Tactical Sector	MLP	Preferred	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Preferred	Convertible	Covered Call	Intl Bond	Convertible	HY Bond
1.99%	-1.72%	-4.54%	-6.89%	-4.84%	-3.32%	-2.91%	-2.80%	-6.35%	-0.41%	-2.94%	-3.68%
Tactical Sector	Investment Grade	Investment Grade	Convertible	MLP	Convertible	MLP	Intl Bond	Intl Bond	Muni Bond	Intl Bond	Muni Bond
1.93%	-2.92%	-4.93%	-7.98%	-5.05%	-4.00%	-4.57%	-3.30%	-6.43%	-1.68%	-3.85%	-4.14%
BDC	Muni Bond	Muni Bond	BDC	Covered Call	Covered Call	Intl Bond	BDC	HY Bond	Covered Call	Tactical Sector	Convertible
0.81%	-3.65%	-6.40%	-8.61%	-7.39%	-4.25%	-7.62%	-4.96%	-7.48%	-2.02%	-4.35%	-5.11%
Senior Loan	Preferred	Senior Loan	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Senior Loan	Senior Loan	Muni Bond	Convertible	HY Bond	REIT	Covered Call
-0.37%	-3.83%	-6.49%	-8.11%	-8.75%	-4.32%	-7.77%	-5.37%	-7.98%	-2.66%	-5.02%	-5.66%
Intl Bond	Intl Bond	Covered Call	HY Bond	Convertible	BDC	HY Bond	HY Bond	REIT	Senior Loan	US Stock	MLP
-0.78%	-5.04%	-6.62%	-8.41%	-10.08%	-4.48%	-8.04%	-5.61%	-10.87%	-4.05%	-5.18%	-5.87%
Convertible	REIT	Preferred	Senior Loan	BDC	HY Bond	US Stock	MLP	US Stock	Convertible	Muni Bond	Senior Loan
-3.25%	-5.65%	-6.73%	-8.70%	-10.98%	-5.19%	-8.06%	-7.44%	-11.27%	-4.31%	-5.28%	-6.18%
REIT	Convertible	World Stock	World Stock	Intl Bond	Intl Bond	Muni Bond	REIT	Senior Loan	REIT	Senior Loan	Intl Bond
-5.20%	-6.22%	-9.04%	-11.00%	-11.21%	-6.85%	-8.57%	-8.70%	-11.77%	-5.23%	-5.52%	-6.31%
World Stock	Covered Call	Intl Bond	US Stock	US Stock	REIT	World Stock	US Stock	World Stock	US Stock	HY Bond	REIT
-7.47%	-8.13%	-8.45%	-11.00%	-11.47%	-9.18%	-9.6%	-9.05%	-13.85%	-7.24%	-6.66%	-8.93%
Covered Call	World Stock	US Stock	REIT	REIT	US Stock	BDC	Senior Loan	MLP	World Stock	World Stock	World Stock
-8.83%	-8.15%	-9.63%	-12.21%	-11.62%	-9.44%	-9.75%	-9.45%	-17.88%	-10.15%	-9.57%	-9.31%
US Stock	US Stock	REIT	Intl Bond	World Stock	World Stock	REIT	World Stock	BDC	MLP	MLP	US Stock
-9.66%	-9.32%	-10.63%	-13.02%	-12.44%	-9.50%	-10.05%	-10.54%	-22.23%	-16.73%	-15.8%	-9.61%

#### 11 Sector NAV Correlation Matrix (Diversification)

Convertible

**HY Bond** 

Muni Bond

Senior Loan

**Preferred** 

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**US Stock** 

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Grade **Tactical** 

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	MLP	BDC	Convertible	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Senior Loan	Preferred	World Stock	Cov Call	US Stock	REIT	Investment Grade	Tactical Sector
MLP	100%	56%	74%	73%	34%	69%	55%	66%	73%	74%	57%	60%	72%

**BDC** 56% 100% 43% 42% 13% 40% 31% 45% 48% 49% 32% 32% 43%

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Source: CEFData.com as of 6/30/2022

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Note: Correlation over previous 18 years, using quarterly NAV total returns.

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#### 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
<b>Equity Funds</b>	193	\$121,774	-6.34%	8.91%	0.72		13.53%	1.37	\$631
Taxable Bond	141	\$53,794	-5.32%	9.64%	0.53	4.0	27.64%	1.52	\$382
Municipal Bond	117	\$57,627	-4.97%	5.17%	1.08	10.0	35.41%	1.00	\$493
BDCs	48	\$59,580	-18.00%	9.29%	0.67		45.63%	5.42	\$1,241
Total CEFs	499	\$292,775	-6.85%	8.28%	0.75	6.7	25.73%	1.72	\$587
Municipal Bond	117	\$57,627	-4.97%	5.17%	1.08	10.0	35.41%	1.00	\$493
World Stock	40	\$10,211	-8.72%	10.40%	0.74		7.92%	1.42	\$255
Debt Focused BDC	44	\$59,020	-15.63%	10.05%	0.71		49.25%	5.46	\$1,341
High Yield Bond	31	\$9,549	-7.71%	9.91%	0.52	3.87	24.97%	1.33	\$308
US Stock	28	\$25,585	-7.23%	9.84%	0.87		6.36%	1.33	\$914
Multisector Bonds	24	\$18,898	-3.04%	9.74%	0.64	4.30	27.89%	1.43	\$787
Covered Call	24	\$19,017	-2.52%	8.81%	0.78		0.83%	1.06	\$792
Senior Loan	23	\$7,139	-8.06%	8.49%	0.06	1.16	34.18%	1.73	\$310
Hybrid / Balanced	21	\$11,557	-7.60%	10.50%	0.79	3.1	19.53%	1.53	\$550
MLP Funds	17	\$5,371	-14.64%	7.59%	0.81		20.44%	1.78	\$316
Preferred Equity	18	\$10,287	-1.22%	8.26%	0.31	3.8	35.02%	1.22	\$572
International Bond	13	\$3,710	-3.61%	11.51%	0.56	4.55	23.35%	1.54	\$285
Investment Grade Bond	12	\$3,050	-3.16%	7.38%	0.88	5.4	21.49%	0.99	\$254
Convertible Bond	10	\$3,653	-1.69%	10.96%	1.03	3.46	32.98%	1.36	\$365
REIT Funds	10	\$5,870	-4.82%	8.62%	0.71		24.00%	1.34	\$587

*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 6/30/2022* 

### **2Q Snapshot: Discounts & Total Returns**



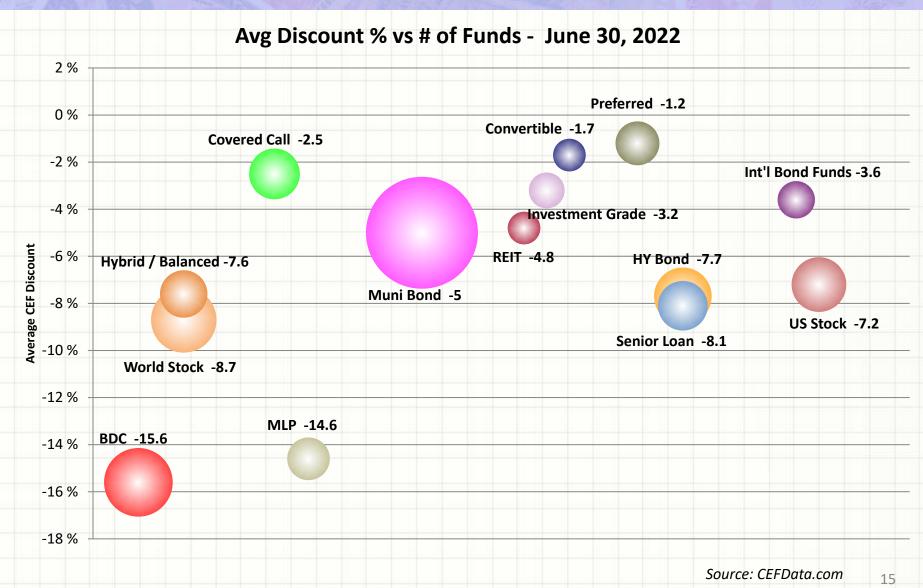
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Equity CEFs	153	40	4	188	5	187
	(79%)	(21%)	(2%)	(97%)	(3%)	(97%)
Taxable Bond CEFs	115	26	3	138	0	141
	(82%)	(18%)	(2%)	(98%)	(0%)	(100%)
Municipal Bond CEFs	96	21	0	117	6	111
	(82%)	(18%)	(0%)	(100%)	(5%)	(95%)
BDCs	40	8	48	0	2	46
	(83%)	(17%)	(100%)	(0%)	(4%)	(96%)
All CEFs & BDCs	404	95	57	443	13	485
	(81%)	(19%)	(11%)	(89%)	(3%)	(97%)

Note: BDCs reflect 1Q22 NAV TR, as 6/30/2022 NAVs are largely unreported yet

Source: CEFData.com as of June 30, 2022

### **Major Sector Average Discount Levels**





#### All CEFs: 20 Year Discount History



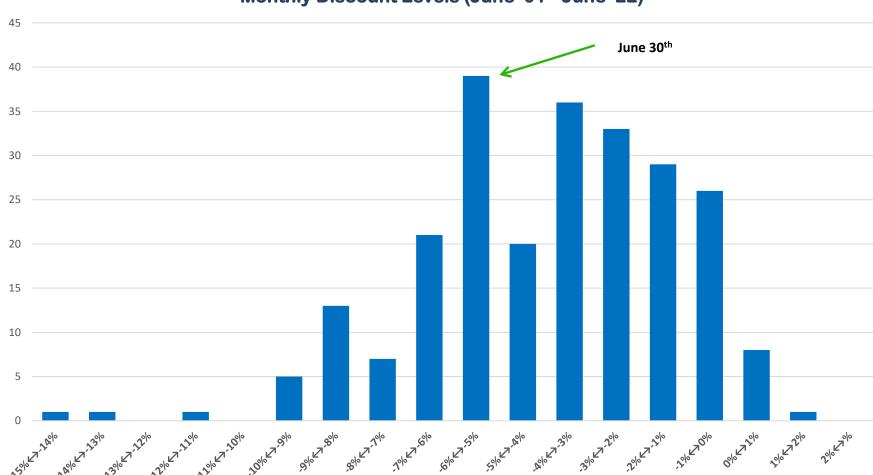


Source: CEFData.com

#### All CEFs: 20 Year Discount Level Frequency



#### **Monthly Discount Levels (June '01 - June '22)**



Source: CEFData.com

### **Relative Discount Opportunity**



Equity Sector Indexes				•																				
Index	Discount	1 Yr Avg Discount	3 Yr Avg Discount	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)
9. Hybrid / Balanced Fund Index	-7.21	-2.88	-3.37	-2.46	-6.59	49.09	10.51	8.15	8.74	1.77	41.7	36.3	20.5	1.51	22.14	65.88	30.01	19	N/A	0.8	-0.03	0.68	604	1712
8. Preferred Equity Index	-1.66	1.62	2.59	1.0	-0.26	52.72	8.26	6.01	6.3	1.96	6.4	6.0	35.1	1.25	21.03	3.64	95.02	16	3.76	0.32	0.04	0.44	628	1696
7. Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Fund Index	-13.58	-15.46	-15.38	-10.7	-7.01	55.36	7.42	5.31	6.8	0.62	68.1	72.4	20.3	1.74	51.96	98.87	0.66	15	N/A	0.8	-0.97	0.93	350	1444
1. International Equity Index	-10.38	-11.38	-12.48	-11.87	-10.95	56.83	9.72	8.56	8.55	1.17	48.4	35.0	2.7	1.33	25.75	97.27	1.32	24	N/A	0.69	-1.04	-0.3	226	411
6. Utilities / Infrastructure Index	11.49	13.52	11.81	7.84	2.62	58.36	7.82	7.38	6.75	1.07	53.2	36.4	20.6	1.38	27.35	92.93	6.56	7	N/A	0.75	2.25	9.14	1323	3334
3. Global Equity Index	-5.5	-5.5	-8.02	-7.46	-8.52	61.4	10.01	8.99	8.5	1.51	34.1	26.6	7.8	1.2	25.05	93.01	4.98	42	0.06	0.82	-1.27	2.91	742	2304
2. US Equity Index	-2.88	-0.18	-2.54	-2.65	-4.16	62.89	9.52	9.29	8.3	1.22	33.6	17.3	2.3	1.1	22.76	96.49	1.52	28	0.0	0.84	80.0	2.5	869	3048
4. Covered Call / Option Funds Index	-2.06	-0.84	-2.66	-2.35	-4.73	67.11	8.71	8.55	7.48	1.23	29.8	16.2	0.0	1.01	21.22	96.25	2.59	20	0.0	0.81	-1.33	0.57	930	2476
5. Global Real Estate, REIT & Real	-4.85	-3.8	-6.23	-7.1	-8.03	71.22	8.5	6.6	7.07	1.43	39.6	39.8	23.2	1.24	27.67	66.28	21.4	9	N/A	0.76	-0.64	0.77	641	1703

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Index	Discount	1 Yr Avg Discount	3 Yr Avg Discount	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)
6. Investment Grade Bond Index	-6.56	-3.17	-3.37	-4.06	-5.34	47.62	7.97	6.12	6.44	1.53	33.0	34.6	22.3	1.06	8.3	0.86	96.61	29	6.42	0.86	-0.54	-2.1	498	1770
7. Multisector Bond Fund Index	-4.25	-0.97	-1.08	-0.12	0.69	52.33	9.72	7.38	7.75	1.97	24.5	21.6	26.9	1.38	9.68	9.12	84.45	21	4.34	0.55	0.89	-0.09	878	3398
8. US Bond Index	-6.11	-1.7	-2.75	-3.07	-1.5	54.84	9.58	6.9	7.33	2.25	9.1	8.4	30.5	1.67	11.12	5.08	92.06	68	3.56	0.39	-1.35	0.48	453	1711
1. Debt-Focused Business Development Company (BDC) Index	-11.58	5.92	-2.3	-1.47	-0.18	55.25	10.23	6.02	7.74	2.49	10.9	5.9	48.4	3.53	9.06	9.95	88.18	35	N/A	0.77	2.52	4.31	1658	8289
3. High Yield Bond Index	-8.48	-4.3	-6.71	-7.75	-6.4	55.99	10.43	7.73	8.09	2.34	14.3	13.2	24.6	1.3	10.93	3.35	94.03	23	3.76	0.47	-2.6	0.2	371	1199
5. Convertible Bond Index	-4.59	-3.68	-5.31	-4.16	-5.24	62.53	10.99	7.79	9.32	1.67	58.4	52.4	33.7	1.31	21.6	6.54	91.87	9	3.4	1.17	-0.39	-2.3	406	1461
9. International Bond Index	-4.13	-1.67	-3.89	-5.45	-7.17	64.41	11.26	8.9	9.35	1.91	35.9	44.3	23.1	1.52	10.42	0.31	96.01	13	4.49	0.49	-1.92	2.05	291	865
4. Senior Loan Index	-8.87	-4.06	-7.7	-7.99	-6.39	64.52	7.63	5.16	5.94	1.69	15.5	11.8	33.9	1.48	9.3	1.52	97.27	16	0.89	-0.02	-0.62	-0.29	359	1361
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	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### **Tax-Free Bond Sector Indexes**

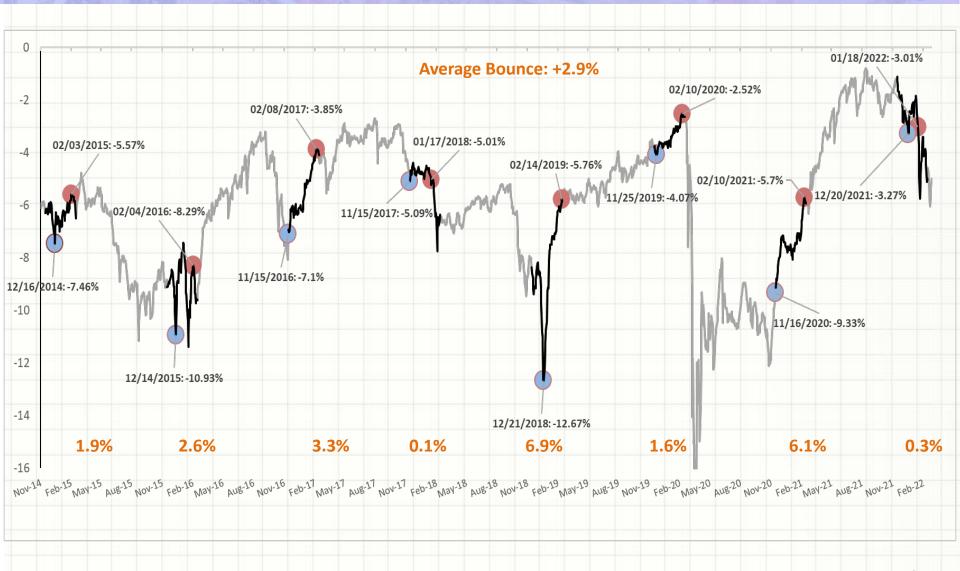
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2. High Yield Municipal Index	-4.95	-3.04	-3.0	-3.33	-4.29	53.12	5.45	3.82	5.44	0.01	6.9	6.4	35.8	1.03	9.16	0.55	98.74	9	13.19	1.22	-0.49	-0.35	500	1703
5. New York Municipal Index	-8.99	-6.28	-7.5	-8.3	-6.62	56.71	4.62	3.13	4.62	0.0	3.3	1.6	34.3	0.93	7.84	0.0	98.82	8	10.65	1.18	0.85	-2.12	396	978
3. Term Municipal Fund Index	-2.89	-1.51	-2.02	-3.03	-2.81	57.46	5.98	4.22	5.77	0.21	27.8	27.4	37.0	1.24	7.98	8.77	83.02	13	8.5	0.92	1.97	1.98	459	1333
1. National Municipal Bond Index	-5.74	-3.03	-4.12	-5.17	-4.53	59.39	5.45	3.78	5.44	0.01	5.4	3.8	36.1	0.93	8.27	1.6	97.04	24	9.95	1.14	-0.31	-0.39	918	2915
4. California Municipal Index	-6.73	-4.53	-6.48	-7.2	-5.17	64.32	5.26	3.47	5.25	0.01	0.0	0.0	41.5	1.0	8.9	0.0	99.41	7	11.79	1.23	-0.71	-4.07	848	2445
6. State Municipal Index (Non NY/CA)	-5.44	-4.39	-7.74	-9.3	-8.18	72.36	5.02	3.39	5.02	0.0	0.6	0.3	40.0	0.97	8.92	0.32	99.13	11	11.33	1.04	0.02	-1.77	354	723

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

## Discount Seasonality & Tax Loss Selling



14 Major Sector Avg Discount Moves From November to February



Source: CEFData.com 19

#### **Traditional CEFs: 10 Year Total Return**





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### **CEF Groups: Average Premium / Discount**



Fund Crouning	Discount	Av	verage Premi	um/(Discour	<u>nt)</u>
Fund Grouping	(6/30/22)	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Equity CEFs	-6.33%	-5.23%	-6.62%	-6.31%	-6.83%
Taxable Fixed Income CEFs	-4.86%	-1.88%	-3.16%	-3.58%	-3.83%
Municipal Bond CEFs	-4.97%	-2.76%	-3.93%	-4.80%	-3.84%
Debt Focused BDCs	-15.40%	0.08%	-7.70%	-7.20%	-4.27%

Source: CEFData.com as of June 30, 2022

### **Equity CEFs: 20 Year Discount History**

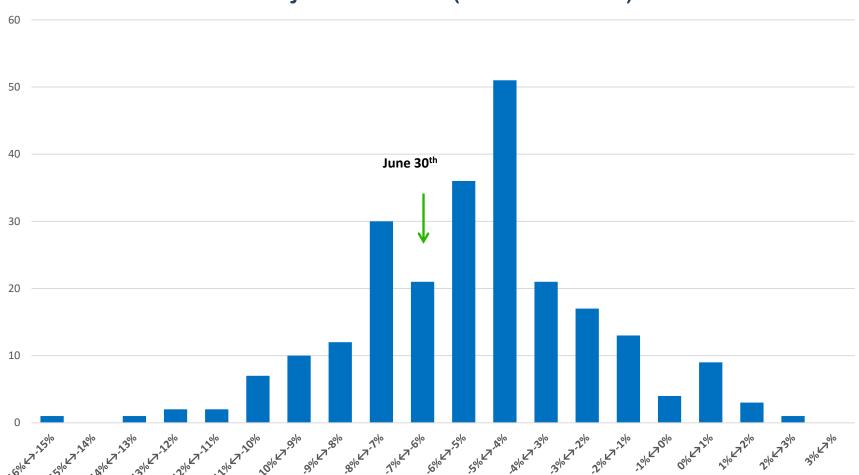




### **Equity CEFs: 20 Year Discount Level Frequency**



#### **Monthly Discount Levels (June '02 - June '22)**



Source: CEFData.com

### **Equity CEFs: 10 Year Total Return**

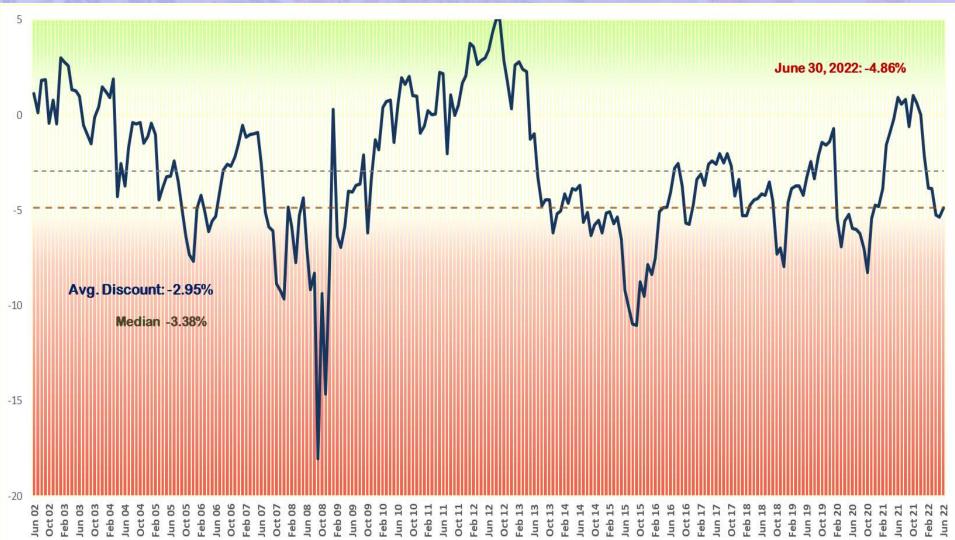




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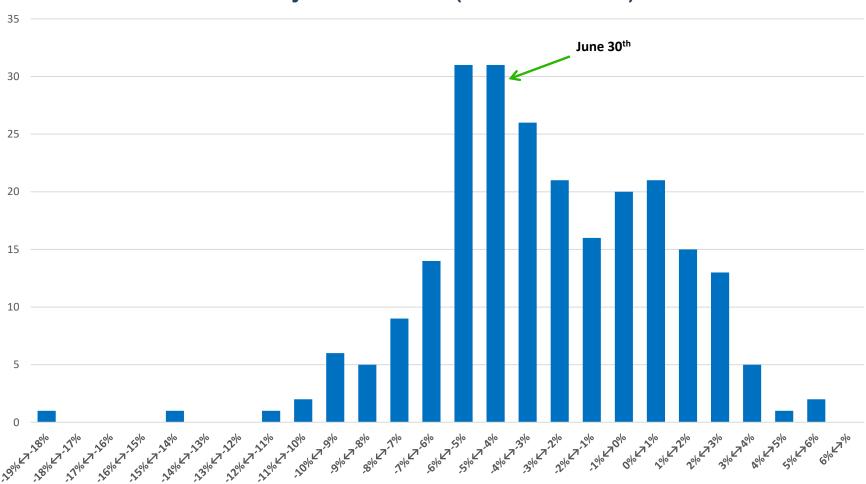


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#### Taxable Fixed Income: 20 Year Discount Level Frequency CLOSED



#### **Monthly Discount Levels (June '02 - June '22)**



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#### **Taxable Fixed Income CEFs: 10 Year Total Return**

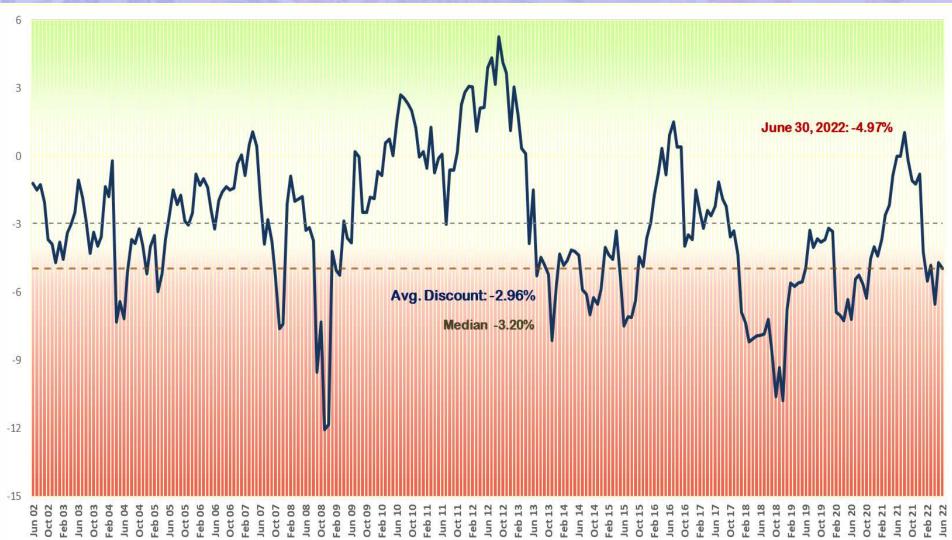




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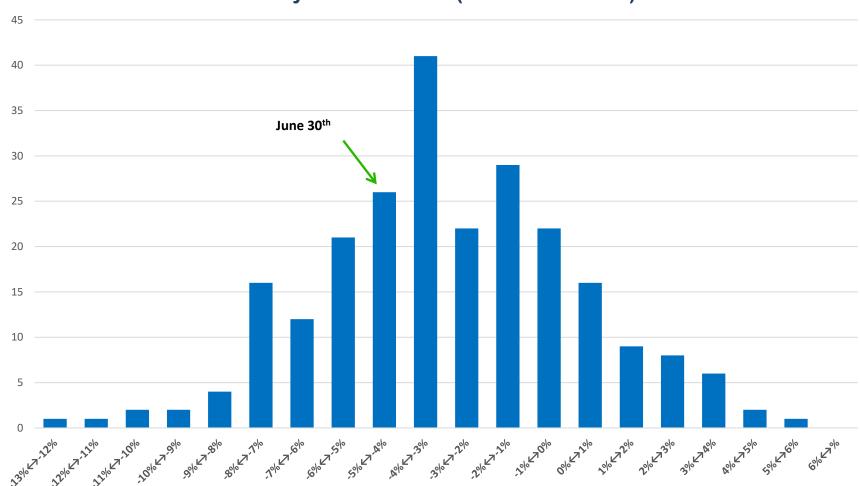




#### Municipal Bond CEFs: 20 Year Discount Level Frequency CLOSED-E

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#### **Monthly Discount Levels (June '02 - June '22)**



Source: CEFData.com

#### **Municipal Bond CEFs: 10 Year Total Return**





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#### **2022 Performance and Discounts**



CEF Advisors' 15 Major CEF Sectors Index Data as of 06/30/2022 V

PERFORMANCE DISCOUNT CHARACTERISTICS

#### **ABOUT THE INDEX**

The seven most liquid funds by 90-day average trading dollar \$ liquidity in each of the 15 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, US Equity, Hybrid / Balanced Funds, Multi-sector Bonds and International Bonds. For Hybrid / Balanced Funds and Multi-sector Bonds sectors, the selection allows only the most liquid fund from each sponsor. From the selected funds, we exclude the least liquid 5 funds. Each sector has equal weight in the index (6.66%), which is distributed equally to funds within that sector. The index constituents will be rebalanced each quarter.

As of June 30, 2022, we updated the index rules to cover 3 more major sectors. Click here to see the previous index rules, used since 2017 for the index.

#### 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	1,358.66	-2.05	2.03	-7.34	-14.28	-17.20	-15.86	3.23	4.32	6.16	-7.34	-14.28	-18.08
NAV	1,330.09	-1.13	0.38	-6.55	-11.78	-13.92	-11.81	3.24	4.58	6.23	-6.55	-11.78	-14.50
Difference		0.92	-1.64	0.79	2.50	3.28	4.06	0.01	0.27	0.07	0.79	2.50	3.58
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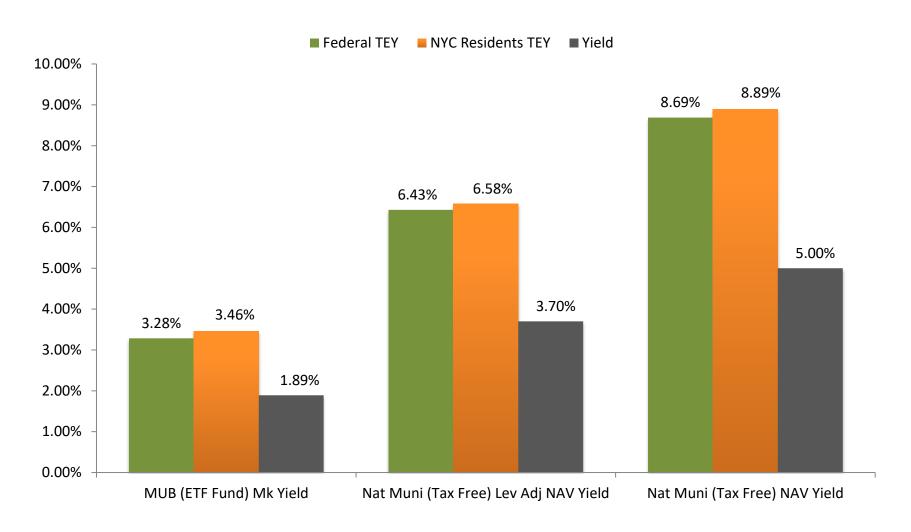
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					2022	- Month	ly Perfor	mance (%)									Show	Previo	us Years
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1	Apr	May	Jun	Q2	1H	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q4	2H	2022
Price	-2.87	-2.93	1.36	-4.43	-6.54	-1.01	-7.34	-14.28	-18.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NAV	-2.69	-1.26	0.86	-3.09	-5.00	-0.63	-6.55	-11.78	-14.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference	0.17	1.68	-0.50	1.35	1.54	0.38	0.79	2.50	3.58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



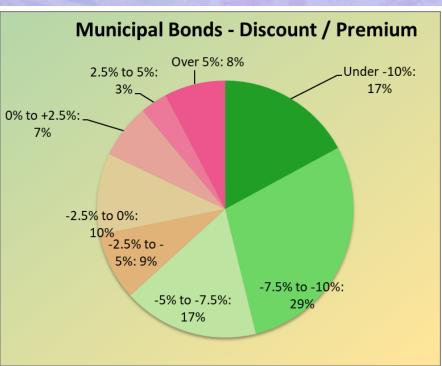


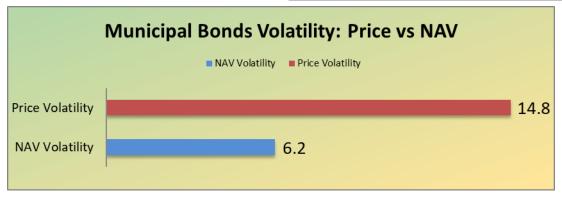
Sources: CEFData.com as of 6/30/2022; tax rates from IRS and NY State.

### **Municipal Bond CEF Overview**



	National Muni Funds	Single State Muni Funds	Total
Number of Funds	77	40	117
Net Assets (Total)	\$44,314	\$13,313	\$57,627
Net Assets	\$576	\$333	\$493
Earnings Covg Ratio %	93.6	97.6	95.0
Premium / Discount %	-5.31	-4.30	-4.97
Total Mkt Yield %	5.38	4.78	5.17
Lvg Adj NAV Yield %	3.79	3.33	3.63
NAV Volatility	6.26	6.05	6.18
Leverage %	34.5	37.2	35.4
Leverage Cost %	0.41	0.44	0.42
Duration	9.59	10.88	10.04
Insured %	5.8	5.5	5.7
Investment Grade %	78	87	81
Credit Quality	A	A	A





Note: Volatility is a three year rolling calculation

Source: CEFData.com as of June 30, 2022

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

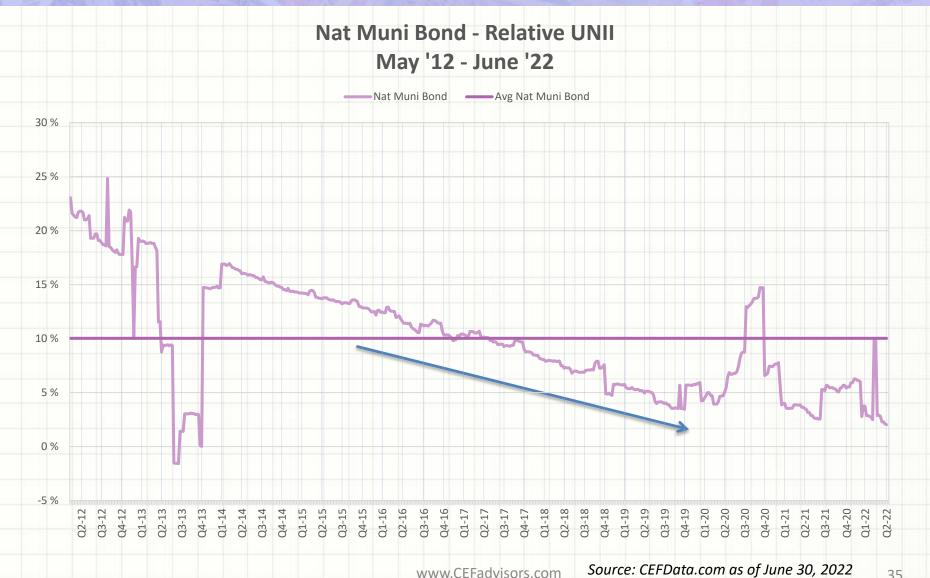


# All Muni Bond Groups - Average CEF Discount May '12 - June '22



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





### **Debt BDCs: 17 Year Discount History**





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

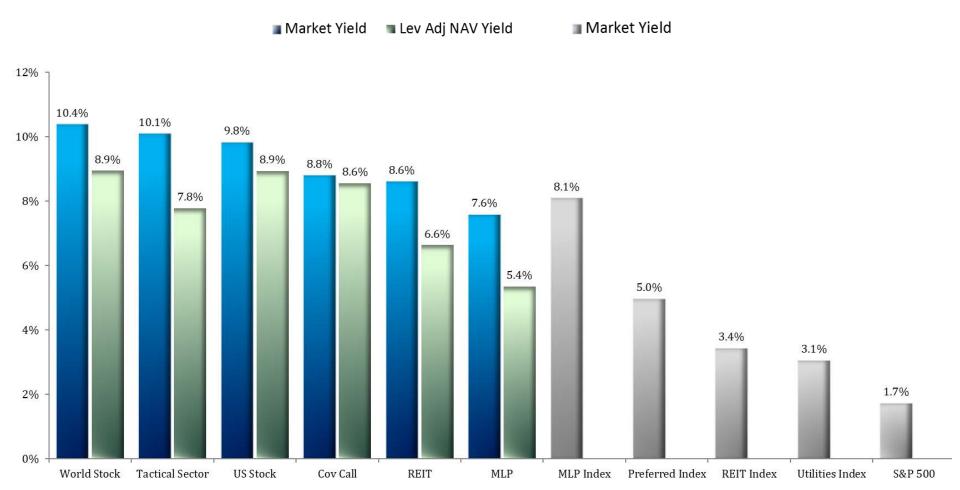




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#### **Equity Sectors: Yield Comparison**



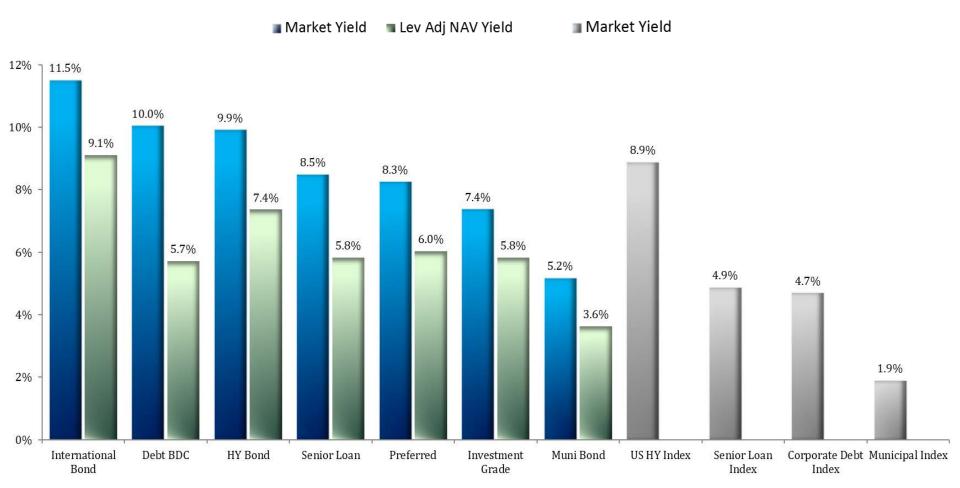


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MLP Index: Alerian MLP Index; Preferred Index: iShares Preferred and Income Securities ETF; REIT Index: FTSE Nareit All Equity REITs Index; Utilities Index: The Utilities Select Sector SPDR® Fund

#### **Debt Sectors: Yield Comparison**



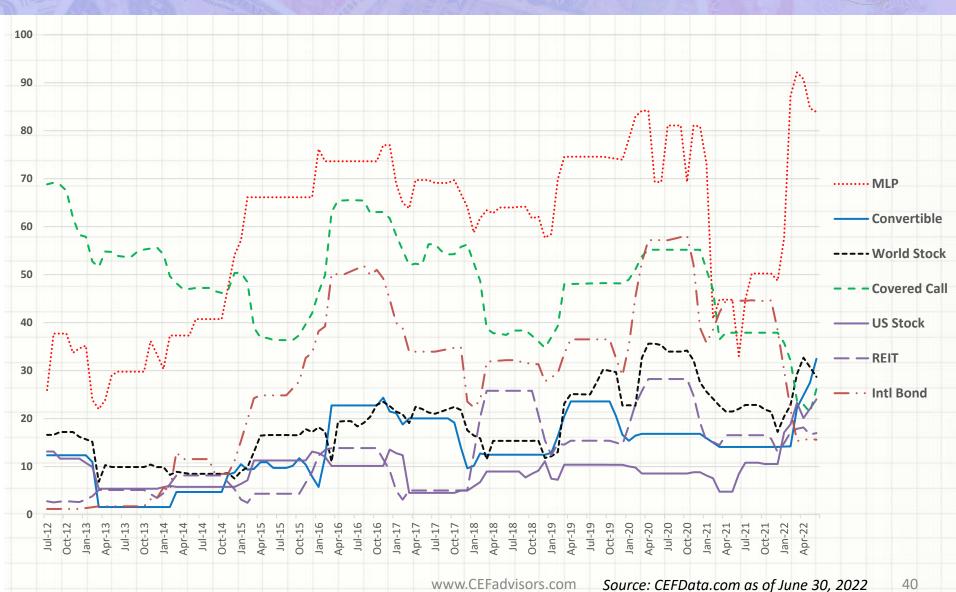


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US High Yield Index: BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield; Senior Loan Index: SPDR® Blackstone Senior Loan ETF; Corporate Debt Index: S&P 500 Bond Index; Municipal Index: iShares National Muni Bond ETF

### **Return of Capital Trends (90 day rolling)**





# **Destructive Return of Capital (1YR DRoC)**



		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	17%	15	54%	33%	-2.5x	-0.2x
Non-US Equity	25%	22	55%	43%	-3.0x	-0.7x
Specialty Equity	31%	55	53%	30%	-1.7x	-0.8x
All Equity CEFs	27%	104	54%	35%	-2.2x	-0.7x
Taxable Bond	17%	92	65%	23%	-2.4x	-1.0x
National Muni	3%	29	38%	9%	-4.0x	-1.2x
State Muni	1%	11	28%	N/A	-4.3x	-1.3x
All Bond CEFs	10%	132	51%	19%	-2.9x	-1.1x
Average – All CEFs	17%	236	52%	26%	-2.6x	-0.9x

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#### **NAV vs Market Price Volatility: Equity CEF Sectors**

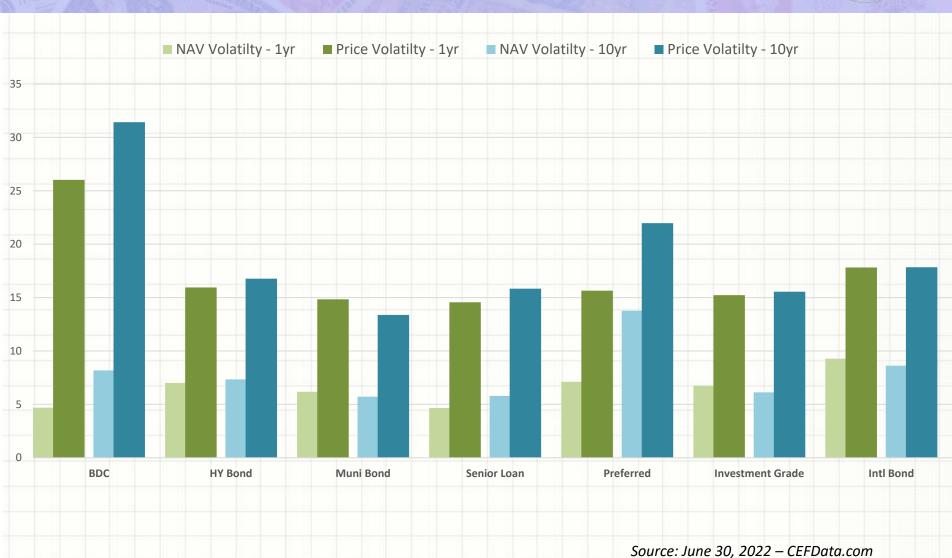




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#### **NAV vs Market Price Volatility: Fixed Income Sectors**





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# CEF Volume Trends – 2Q 2022



Fund Grouping	Avg Vol - 2Q'22	Avg Vol - 2Q'21	% Y/Y Change
Convertible	175,571	165,216	6%
Covered Call	177,655	165,643	7%
High Yield Bond	131,951	174,722	-24%
<b>International Bond</b>	166,703	176,385	-5%
Investment Grade	75,563	70,290	8%
MLP	117,040	97,249	20%
Municipal Bond	134,054	55,668	141%
<b>Preferred Stock</b>	119,969	77,153	55%
Real Estate / REIT	163,549	201,731	-19%
Senior Loan	155,245	177,696	-13%
Hybrid / Balanced	121,480	107,079	13%
US Stock	344,843	208,977	65%
World Stock	63,700	69,171	-8%
Average Equity CEF	189,819	162,719	17%
Average Bond CEF	147,630	111,189	33%
Average BDC	449,687	349,185	29%
Average - ALL CEFs	193,003	151,668	27%

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Source: CEFAData.com as of 6/30/2022

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



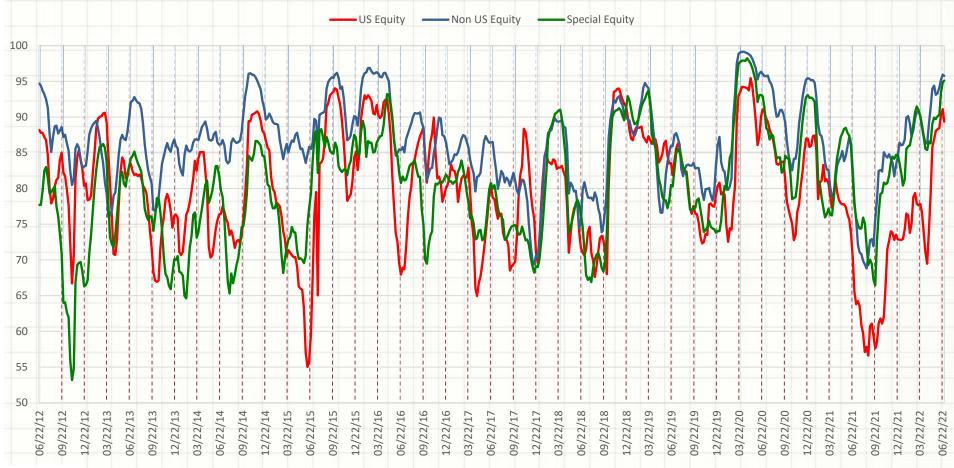
Fund Grouping	Correlation 2Q 22	Correlation 1Q 22	Chg in Correlation
US Equity	89.36%	77.13%	12.23%
Non-US Equity	95.76%	89.18%	6.58%
Specialty Equity	95.10%	88.85%	6.25%
Equity CEF Avg	94.47%	87.12%	7.35%
Taxable Bond	90.66%	88.38%	2.28%
National Muni Bond	82.94%	93.36%	-10.42%
State Muni Bond	78.54%	88.79%	-10.25%
Bond CEF Avg	86.47%	89.93%	-3.46%
Average – All CEFs	89.89%	88.74%	1.15%



### **CEF Market Price/NAV Correlation (Rolling 90 Day)**







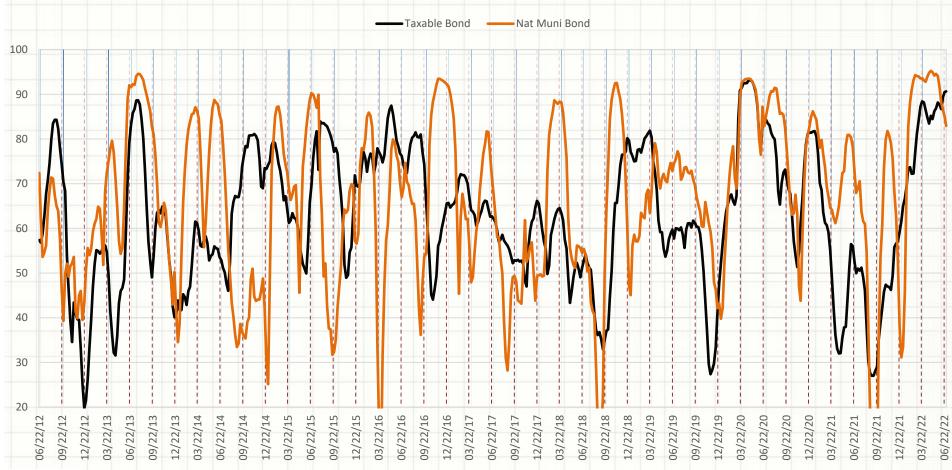


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# CEF Press Release & SEC Filings Summary (2,053 CEF & BDC PRs in 2Q22)



Announcement Type	2Q 2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	Avg/Q
Rights Issue / Offering	7	28	11	18	26	16	5
Secondary Offering (CEFs)	1	7	3	1	1	1	1
Secondary Offering (BDCs)	1	6	1	8	5	17	2
Tender Offer	5	41	39	23	17	46	8
Distribution Policy Change (CEFs)	1	12	13	18	18	12	4
Distribution Policy Change (BDCs)	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
13 Filings (Traditional CEF)	44	208	575	282	207	700	97
New N-2 Filings	9	61	46	37	66	133	17
Updated N-2 Filings	19	171	155	154	259	221	46
Director Change	8	56	34	85	79	18	14
Portfolio Manager Change	5	40	41	47	60	52	12
Leverage Amount / Type Change	18	365	109	70	149	118	39

### **2Q22 CEF & BDC Distribution Increases vs. Decreases**



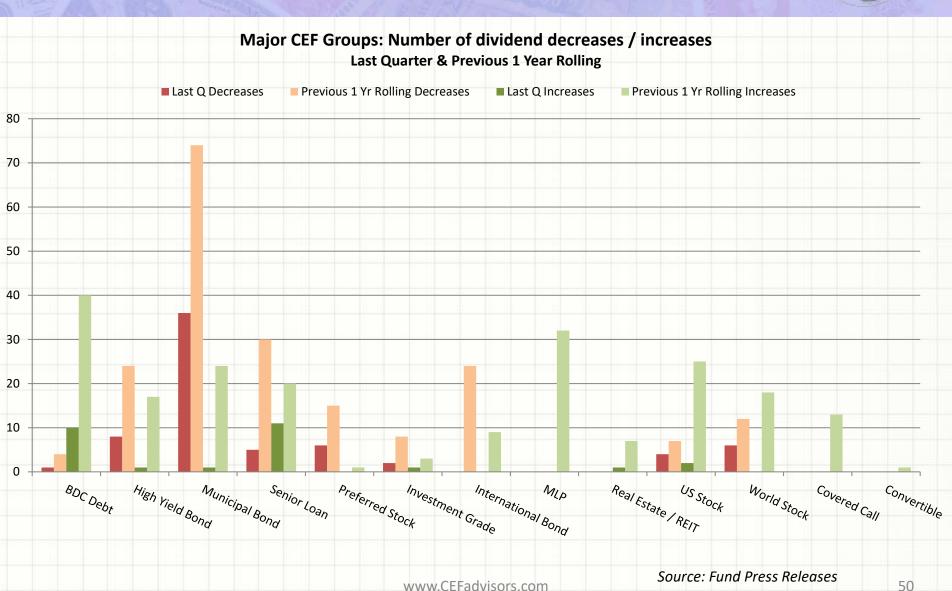
4.1% of announcements "Big Cuts"

Distribution Announcement	2Q 2022 Number of Announcements	2Q 2022 Average Change	2Q '21 – 1Q '22 Number of Announcements	2Q '21 – 1Q '22 Average Change
<b>Dividend Maintains</b>	1,035 (87.4%)	N/A	4,228 (87.8%)	N/A
<b>Dividend Increases</b>	38 (3.2%)	+6.70%	285 (5.9%)	+13.81%
<b>Dividend Decreases</b>	111 (9.4%)	-6.50%	300 (6.2%)	-6.40%
Under 5% Increase	20 (53%)	+2.50%	120 (42%)	+1.79%
Over 5% Increase	18 (47%)	+11.36%	165 (58%)	+22.54%
<b>Under 5% Decrease</b>	62 (56%)	-2.50%	187 (62%)	-1. 83%
Over 5% Decrease	49 (44%)	-11.56%	113 (38%)	-13.97%



## **2Q22 CEF & BDC Distribution Changes by Sector**





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



#### 3 Year Dividend Growth (1.7 : 1 Negative Ratio)

- 201 funds (45%) had negative 3-year growth (average -22%)
- 118 funds (26%) had positive 3-year growth (average +16%)

#### 2 Year Lookback (1.1:1 Negative Ratio)

- 277 funds changed their dividend policy in the past 2 years (62% of funds)
- 144 cut (52%) an average of -10%, while 133 (48%) raised by an average of 15%
- 169 of these funds have "level" or "managed distributions"
  - 79 of those were cut an average -11%
  - 90 were increased an average of +16%

#### 1 Year Lookback (1.1 : 1 Negative Ratio)

- 133 increases vs 144 decreases
- 45 had <u>BOTH</u> increases and decreases in the past year

Source: CEFAData.com, as of June 30, 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	1	4	2	1	1	2	0	1	6	2	5
TOTAL	5	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	\$83	\$561	\$2,368	\$6,890	\$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	\$83	\$2,245	\$4,736	\$6,890	\$152	\$5,163	\$0	\$120	\$3,257	\$180	\$480
TOTAL	\$1,525	\$17,295	\$13,261	\$12,038	\$471	\$8,402	\$1,799	\$2,447	\$7,475	\$14,668	\$12,371

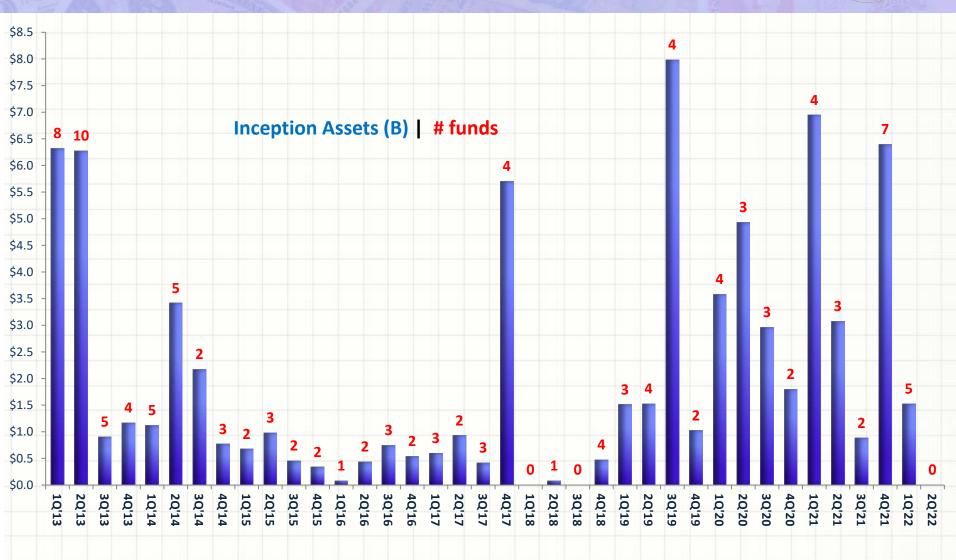
10 Year Average: 15 funds per year, \$640 MM avg fund assets, \$9.0 B avg raised per year

Source: SEC Filings, Press Releases

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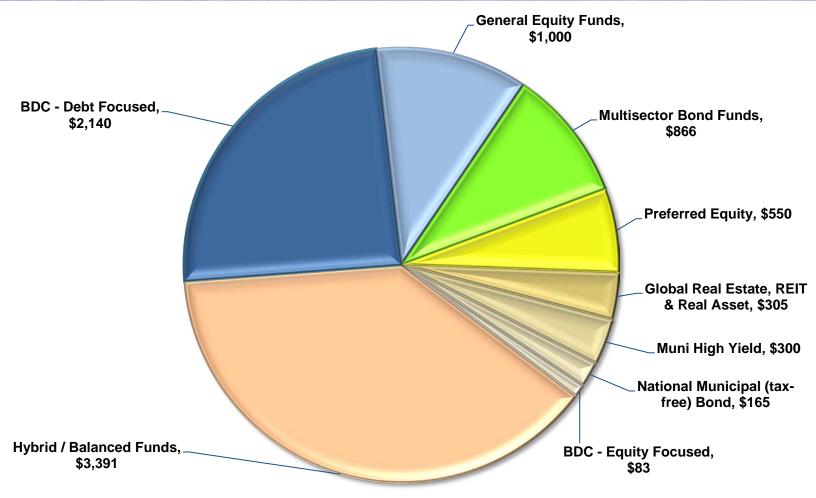
# **CEF & BDC IPOs – Quarterly Trend**





## CEF & BDC IPOs – By Investment Strategy (L4Q)





Note: Inception Assets in millions; data as of 6/30/2022, cefdata.com

## 2022 IPO Details (pt 1 of 2)



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

IPOed on January 13, 2022

IPO Price: \$12.00 IPO Assets: \$106M

Price as of 6/30/22: \$6.85 Disc/Prm as of 6/30/22: -38.95%

PIMCO Access Income Fund (PAXS) - Multisector Bond Funds

IPOed on January 27, 2022

IPO Price: \$20.00 IPO Assets: \$866M

Price as of 6/30/22: \$15.83 Disc/Prm as of 6/30/22: -8.18%

RiverNorth Managed Duration Municipal Income Fund II (RMMZ) - National

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Municipal (tax-free) Bond

IPOed on February 11, 2022

IPO Price: \$20.00 IPO Assets: \$165M

Price as of 6/30/22: \$16.16 Disc/Prm as of 6/30/22: -8.34%

## 2022 IPO Details (pt 2 of 2)



Silver Spike Investment Corp (SSIC) - BDC - Equity Focused

IPOed on February 4, 2022

IPO Price: \$14.00 IPO Assets: \$83M

Price as of 6/30/22: \$9.78 Disc/Prm as of 6/30/22: -28.72%

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

**REIT & Real Asset** 

IPOed on February 24, 2022

IPO Price: \$20.00

Price as of 6/30/22: \$16.14

IPO Assets: \$305M

Disc/Prm as of 6/30/22: -7.67%

# Recent IPOs (last 12 quarters) Current Discount / Premium



#### **Traditional CEFs**

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IPO Date	Ticker	<b>Current Disc/Prm</b>	<b>Current Price</b>	IPO Price	<b>Curr vs IPO</b>
	EIC	5.67%	\$15.46	\$19.89	77.73%
3Q 2019	RMM	-3.78%	\$15.80	\$20.00	79.00%
	NMCO	-2.00%	\$12.24	\$15.00	81.60%
40 2010	AIO	-13.61%	\$16.19	\$20.00	80.95%
4Q 2019	CPZ	-9.19%	\$16.50	\$20.00	82.50%
	BMEZ	-13.11%	\$16.43	\$20.00	82.15%
1Q 2020	DLY	-11.54%	\$14.34	\$20.00	71.70%
	RFM	-7.99%	\$16.70	\$20.00	83.50%
20, 2020	FTHY	-8.21%	\$14.53	\$20.00	72.65%
2Q 2020	DYFN	-10.65%	\$17.03	\$20.00	85.15%
	ASGI	-12.98%	\$18.03	\$20.00	90.15%
3Q 2020	NDMO	-5.84%	\$11.12	\$15.00	74.13%
	BCAT	-15.12%	\$14.65	\$20.00	73.25%
4Q 2020	PTA	-8.28%	\$19.06	\$25.00	76.24%
4Q 2020	SDHY	-10.88%	\$14.91	\$20.00	74.55%
	PDO	-9.77%	\$13.85	\$20.00	69.25%
1Q 2021	RFMZ	-7.86%	\$14.54	\$20.00	72.70%
	BIGZ	-16.33%	\$7.94	\$20.00	39.70%
	NPCT	-13.38%	\$11.72	\$20.00	58.60%
2Q 2021	NBXG	-17.95%	\$9.92	\$20.00	49.60%
	WDI	-10.52%	\$13.86	\$20.00	69.30%

IPO Date	Ticker	Current Disc/Prm	<b>Current Price</b>	IPO Price	<b>Curr vs IPO</b>
	TBLD	-11.95%	\$14.51	\$20.00	72.55%
3Q 2021	MIO	-10.56%	\$12.11	\$20.00	60.55%
	ECAT	-15.43%	\$14.31	\$20.00	71.55%
	MEGI	-13.83%	\$15.89	\$20.00	79.45%
4Q 2021	GUG	-11.86%	\$14.20	\$20.00	71.00%
	NPFD	-7.16%	\$18.41	\$25.00	73.64%
	DMA	-38.95%	\$6.85	\$12.00	57.08%
10 2022	PAXS	-8.18%	\$15.83	\$20.00	79.15%
1Q 2022	RMMZ	-8.34%	\$16.16	\$20.00	80.80%
	RLTY	-7.67%	\$16.14	\$20.00	80.70%

#### **BDCs**

IPO Date	Ticker	<b>Current Disc/Prm</b>	<b>Current Price</b>	IPO Price	<b>Curr vs IPO</b>
3Q 2019	ORCC	-17.14%	\$12.33	\$15.30	80.59%
1Q 2020	CCAP	-26.82%	\$15.50	\$16.49	94.00%
1Q 2021	TRIN	-4.49%	\$14.47	\$14.00	103.36%
	CION	-46.30%	\$8.70	\$11.85	73.42%
3Q 2021	RWAY	-21.73%	\$11.31	\$14.60	77.47%
	BXSL	-9.53%	\$23.64	\$26.15	90.40%
1Q 2022	SSIC	28.72%	\$9.78	\$14.00	69.86%

12 Quarters Avg: 73% of IPO Price & CEFs @ Avg -10.88% Discount



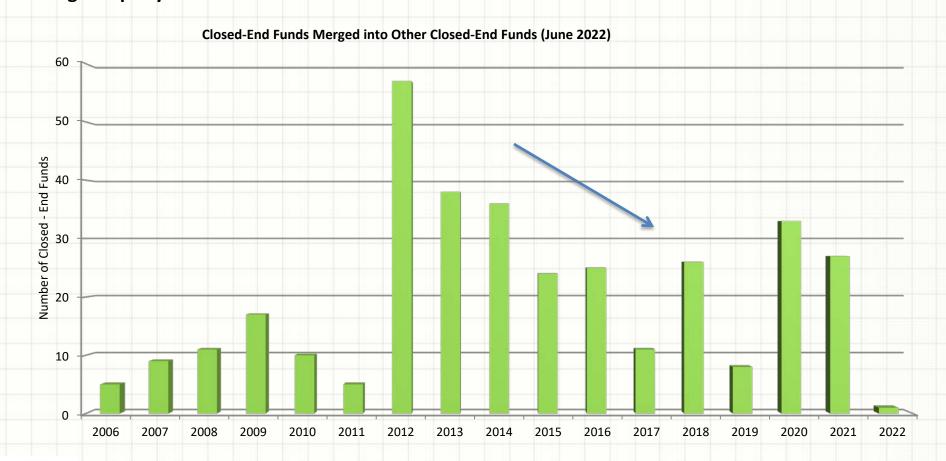
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### **Closed-End Fund Mergers**



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

Avg ~21 per year

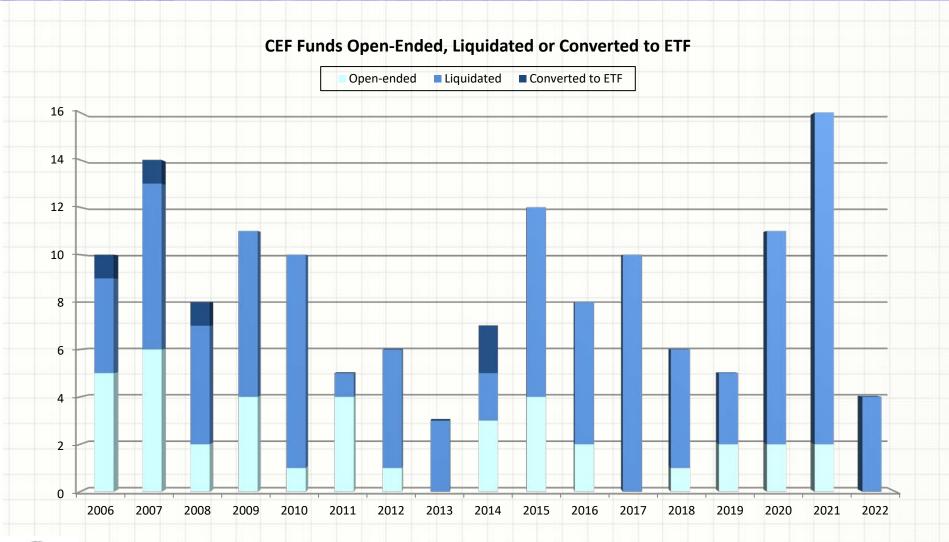




Note: Based on date announced Source: Fund Press Releases

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







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



#### **Diversified Indexes**

Index	1Wee	ek(%)	1 Mon	nth(%)	3 Mor	nth(%)	6 Mor	nth(%)	1 Yea	ar(%)	3 Yea	ar(%)	5 Yea	r(%)	10 Ye	ar(%)	MTI	D(%)	QTD	0(%)	YTD	0(%)
muex	Price∳	NAV <b></b>	Price∳	NAV <b></b>	Price 🔷	NAV ∳	Price 🔷	NAV ∳	Price 🖣	NAV <b></b>	Price∳	NAV <b></b>	Price <b>♦</b>	NAV∜	Price∳	NAV∳	Price∳	NAV <b></b>	Price 🖣	NAV <b></b>	Price 🔷	NAV 🏺
1. 15 Major CEF Sectors Index	2.03	0.38	-7.34	-6.55	-14.28	-11.78	-17.20	-13.92	-15.86	-11.81	3.23	3.24	4.32	4.58	6.16	6.23	-7.34	-6.55	-14.28	-11.78	-18.08	-14.50
2. High Income Index	2.46	0.47	-7.60	-6.64	-14.30	-11.75	-15.88	-13.19	-15.40	-11.59	-1.20	-0.69	0.99	1.85	3.88	4.35	-7.60	-6.64	-14.30	-11.75	-16.53	-13.67
3. Equity Income Index	3.25	1.50	-8.34	-8.53	-13.94	-13.12	-13.42	-12.66	-10.42	-9.70	5.80	4.26	5.82	4.81	7.12	6.27	-8.34	-8.53	-13.94	-13.12	-14.27	-13.35
4. 60/40 Balanced (w/ BDCs) Index	2.56	0.60	-7.22	-6.68	-14.30	-12.24	-17.36	-14.65	-15.59	-12.70	4.28	3.75	5.14	4.85	7.07	6.80	-7.22	-6.68	-14.30	-12.24	-17.99	-15.12
5. Tax-Advantaged Equity Dividend Index	2.72	1.10	-6.40	-6.68	-12.61	-12.91	-14.85	-15.32	-11.22	-11.59	6.86	5.31	6.90	5.52	8.97	7.30	-6.40	-6.68	-12.61	-12.91	-15.30	-15.89
6. Tax-Sensitive Income Index	3.65	1.88	-8.73	-9.11	-9.80	-10.15	-6.75	-6.07	-6.03	-4.68	1.55	0.93	2.43	2.55	3.53	3.80	-8.73	-9.11	-9.80	-10.15	-7.81	-6.94
7. Taxable Bond & BDC Index	2.43	-0.42	-5.63	-5.21	-11.99	-9.97	-17.74	-13.76	-18.77	-13.16	0.11	0.11	2.40	2.50	4.18	4.52	-5.63	-5.21	-11.99	-9.97	-18.68	-14.31
8. Discount CEF/BDC Index	1.93	0.68	-8.24	-7.09	-13.03	-10.69	-13.28	-10.83	-12.29	-14.25	9.16	0.73	8.63	2.74	8.40	4.57	-8.24	-7.09	-13.03	-10.69	-14.18	-11.33
9. Premium CEF/BDC Index	2.54	0.59	-8.03	-7.02	-18.01	-12.97	-25.16	-16.23	-27.73	-12.70	-9.97	2.68	-4.47	4.85	0.25	6.47	-8.03	-7.02	-18.01	-12.97	-25.62	-16.66
10. All Sector Equity CEF Index	2.66	1.31	-7.55	-7.79	-15.06	-13.66	-16.74	-15.41	-14.09	-13.56	5.68	4.38	6.10	5.16	7.83	6.90	-7.55	-7.79	-15.06	-13.66	-17.43	-16.01
11. Alternative Income Index	3.21	0.89	-6.69	-6.08	-12.37	-9.85	-12.82	-10.30	-12.08	-7.50	1.45	3.00	3.23	4.38	5.92	6.30	-6.69	-6.08	-12.37	-9.85	-13.79	-10.76

#### **Equity Sector Indexes**

Index	1We	ek(%)	1 Mor	nth(%)	3 Mor	nth(%)	6 Mor	nth(%)	1 Yea	ar(%)	3 Yea	ar(%)	5 Yea	ar(%)	10 Ye	ear(%)	MTI	D(%)	QTI	)(%)	YTE	O(%)
index	Price∳	NAV∳	Price <b>♦</b>	NAV ∳	Price <b>♦</b>	NAV <b></b>	Price ♦	NAV ∳	Price \$	NAV <b></b>	Price ♦	NAV <b></b>	Price∳	NAV∳	Price∳	NAV∳	Price <b>♦</b>	NAV <b></b>	Price ♦	NAV ∳	Price <b>♦</b>	NAV <b></b>
1. International Equity Index	2.93	1.83	-4.76	-6.05	-13.55	-13.30	-16.13	-16.81	-23.83	-23.73	2.55	1.46	3.17	2.05	5.00	4.23	-4.76	-6.05	-13.55	-13.30	-16.67	-17.30
2. US Equity Index	1.22	0.96	-7.96	-6.46	-16.89	-13.94	-20.41	-17.54	-15.05	-14.27	7.07	6.36	8.57	7.84	10.86	9.62	-7.96	-6.46	-16.89	-13.94	-20.96	-18.12
3. Global Equity Index	2.06	1.12	-6.73	-7.02	-16.18	-14.21	-19.99	-18.14	-17.68	-17.31	5.44	4.40	6.29	5.41	8.37	7.39	-6.73	-7.02	-16.18	-14.21	-20.53	-18.64
4. Covered Call / Option Funds Index	1.12	0.64	-8.22	-7.20	-14.97	-13.35	-19.26	-17.18	-15.05	-13.07	5.68	5.31	6.80	6.23	8.85	7.46	-8.22	-7.20	-14.97	-13.35	-19.86	-17.92
5. Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Asset Index	2.55	0.49	-8.96	-8.76	-17.38	-16.62	-20.59	-20.35	-12.39	-10.95	2.22	1.57	4.96	3.96	7.68	6.89	-8.96	-8.76	-17.38	-16.62	-21.86	-21.04
6. Utilities / Infrastructure Index	5.49	3.01	-6.00	-8.44	-8.03	-9.22	-5.16	-4.63	-1.31	1.40	5.64	4.79	6.87	5.83	8.66	8.07	-6.00	-8.44	-8.03	-9.22	-6.29	-5.46
7. Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Fund Index	5.70	3.62	-13.08	-14.77	-8.58	-10.79	14.00	11.09	11.00	8.74	-13.73	-13.33	-9.88	-8.50	-6.13	-4.71	-13.08	-14.77	-8.58	-10.79	12.56	9.78
8. Preferred Equity Index	2.98	0.33	-5.99	-6.45	-11.05	-10.87	-17.95	-14.98	-18.91	-14.00	-0.62	0.81	2.13	2.47	6.12	6.45	-5.99	-6.45	-11.05	-10.87	-18.69	-15.51
9. Hybrid / Balanced Fund Index	2.16	0.74	-8.67	-7.99	-16.13	-14.07	-19.72	-17.83	-20.51	-15.67	1.66	3.01	4.57	4.29	8.11	7.17	-8.67	-7.99	-16.13	-14.07	-20.32	-18.16



Note: Returns annualized beyond 1 year Source: CEFData.com as of June 30, 2022

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



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

Index	1We	ek(%)	1 Mor	nth(%)	3 Mo	nth(%)	6 Mor	nth(%)	1 Yea	ar(%)	3 Yea	ar(%)	5 Yea	ar(%)	10 Ye	ar(%)	MTI	D(%)	QTI	D(%)	YTD	)(%)
muex	Price∳	NAV∳	Price∳	NAV∜	Price ♦	NAV <b></b>	Price 🖣	NAV ∳	Price 🖣	NAV <b></b>	Price∳	NAV <b></b>	Price ♦	NAV <b></b>	Price 🔷	NAV <b></b>						
1. Debt-Focused Business																						
Development Company (BDC) Index	2.83	0.78	-8.37	1.03	-14.49	2.25	-11.02	6.16	-6.32	15.56	6.86	10.18	5.91	9.08	7.11	9.13	-8.37	1.03	-14.49	2.25	-11.77	5.73
2. BDC Baby Bond / Debt Index	0.85	N/A	-1.01	N/A	-1.43	N/A	-1.11	N/A	0.88	N/A	5.10	N/A	5.26	N/A	N/A	N/A	-1.01	N/A	-1.43	N/A	-1.33	N/A
3. High Yield Bond Index	1.26	-1.33	-7.31	-8.17	-13.22	-13.33	-20.86	-16.83	-20.15	-16.23	-0.65	-1.68	1.76	0.98	3.37	4.36	-7.31	-8.17	-13.22	-13.33	-21.37	-16.99
4. Senior Loan Index	1.21	-1.38	-3.61	-4.35	-12.06	-8.69	-14.87	-8.59	-11.21	-7.01	1.76	0.51	1.94	1.93	3.73	3.94	-3.61	-4.35	-12.06	-8.69	-15.17	-9.07
5. Convertible Bond Index	1.11	-1.18	-8.73	-9.90	-19.95	-21.56	-28.19	-26.98	-29.62	-28.80	4.38	3.72	5.76	5.63	6.97	6.80	-8.73	-9.90	-19.95	-21.56	-29.27	-27.34
6. Investment Grade Bond Index	1.62	-0.28	-4.34	-4.74	-9.67	-9.27	-19.21	-15.44	-22.10	-15.96	-2.33	-1.41	1.13	1.42	2.77	3.27	-4.34	-4.74	-9.67	-9.27	-20.50	-16.01
7. Multisector Bond Fund Index	2.74	-0.51	-5.38	-5.86	-9.95	-9.85	-14.82	-13.44	-18.53	-12.67	-1.32	-0.39	1.74	2.52	5.61	6.36	-5.38	-5.86	-9.95	-9.85	-15.80	-13.74
8. US Bond Index	1.07	-1.08	-5.80	-6.57	-12.06	-10.95	-19.00	-14.17	-18.67	-13.14	-0.34	-0.08	1.89	2.16	4.24	4.94	-5.80	-6.57	-12.06	-10.95	-19.62	-14.45
9. International Bond Index	0.51	-2.00	-7.76	-9.40	-14.99	-14.30	-21.55	-20.76	-27.20	-23.53	-6.49	-7.32	-3.01	-3.73	-0.44	-0.54	-7.76	-9.40	-14.99	-14.30	-21.62	-20.96

#### **Tax-Free Bond Sector Indexes**

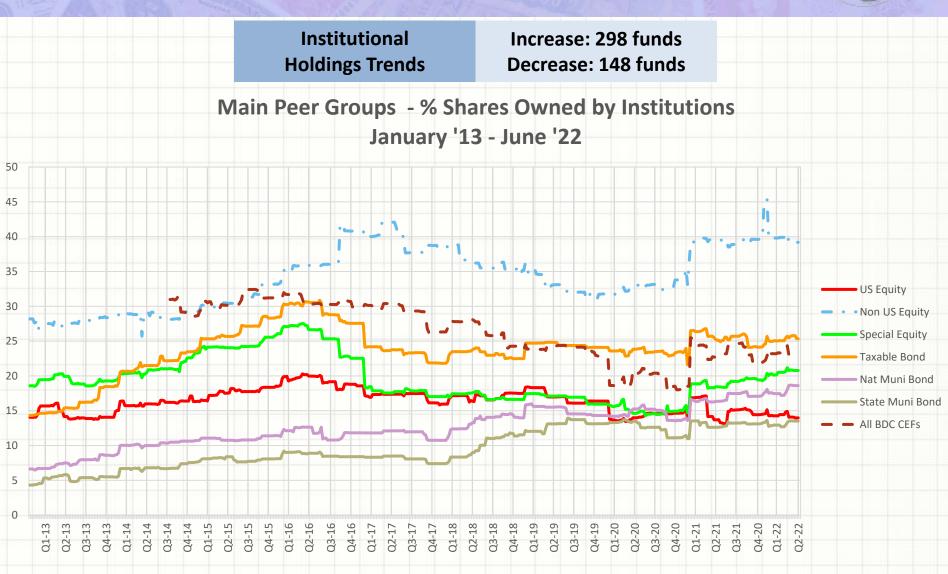
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index	Price <b>♦</b>	NAV <b></b>	Price∳	NAV <b></b>	Price <b>♦</b>	NAV <b></b>	Price ♦	NAV ∳	Price ♦	NAV <b></b>	Price <b>♦</b>	NAV ∜	Price∳	NAV∳	Price∳	NAV∜	Price∳	NAV∜	Price∳	NAV <b></b>	Price ♦	NAV ∳
1. National Municipal Bond Index	2.63	0.94	-4.98	-4.03	-7.38	-7.03	-20.67	-16.21	-20.31	-15.84	-1.06	-1.49	1.17	1.32	2.80	3.42	-4.98	-4.03	-7.38	-7.03	-21.06	-16.49
2. High Yield Municipal Index	3.16	1.13	-6.86	-5.57	-9.94	-9.11	-20.40	-17.70	-22.24	-17.11	-3.33	-1.27	0.42	1.50	2.87	3.87	-6.86	-5.57	-9.94	-9.11	-21.08	-18.21
3. Term Municipal Fund Index	3.07	1.24	-4.50	-4.31	-7.50	-7.54	-17.53	-15.58	-18.78	-15.82	-1.14	-1.33	0.98	0.99	2.17	2.25	-4.50	-4.31	-7.50	-7.54	-18.64	-16.56
4. California Municipal Index	4.81	1.07	-3.60	-4.30	-6.15	-7.43	-19.02	-16.49	-19.43	-16.46	-1.47	-2.01	0.48	0.83	2.93	3.33	-3.60	-4.30	-6.15	-7.43	-19.63	-16.88
5. New York Municipal Index	2.53	0.83	-4.98	-4.14	-8.34	-6.81	-19.42	-15.86	-19.94	-15.71	-2.44	-2.39	-0.11	0.32	1.63	2.56	-4.98	-4.14	-8.34	-6.81	-19.70	-16.16
6. State Municipal Index (Non NY/CA)	2.85	0.85	-2.94	-3.57	-4.82	-6.48	-16.80	-14.81	-14.97	-14.32	1.93	-1.54	2.57	1.10	2.85	2.63	-2.94	-3.57	-4.82	-6.48	-17.47	-15.12



Note: Returns annualized beyond 1 year Source: CEFData.com as of June 30, 2022

### **CEF Institutional Holdings Trend (2Q22)**





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



U.S	. Equity	Institutions
1	Spl Opp Fd (SPE)	39.3%
2	Royce Micro-Cap Tr (RMT)	32.1%
3	General American Invstr (GAM)	29.1%
4	Royce Val Tr (RVT)	27.8%
5	Gabelli Div & Incm Tr (GDV)	22.9%
No	n U.S. Equity	Institutions
1	Taiwan Fund (TWN)	82.6%
2	Japan Sml Caplz Fd (JOF)	78.4%
3	MS China A Shr Fd (CAF)	73.4%
4	Korea Fund (KF)	72.0%
5	abrdn Japan Eq Fd (JEQ)	70.4%
Spe	ecialty Equity	Institutions
1	NB MLP & Nrg Incm Fd (NML)	47.2%
2	ASA Gd & Prcs Mtl (ASA)	45.4%
3	Salient Midstream & MLP Fd (SMM)	42.7%
4	Macquarie Glbl Infra Tot Rtn (MGU)	42.6%
5	Tortoise Pwr & Nrg Infra Fd (TPZ)	41.9%
Tax	cable Bond Funds	Institutions
1	BR Enh Govt Fd (EGF)	69.8%
2	Nuv Multi-Mkt Incm Fd (JMM)	62.8%
3	Eagle Point Incm Co (EIC)	58.0%
4	Vertical Capital Incm Fd (VCIF)	55.8%

Saba Cap Incm & Opp Fd (BRW)

Nat	ional Muni Bond Funds	Institutions
1	DTF Tx-Free Incm 2028 Trm Fd (DTF)	45.0%
2	WA Imd Muni Fd (SBI)	40.7%
3	DWS Muni Incm Tr (KTF)	37.3%
4	AB Nat Muni Incm Fd (AFB)	34.9%
5	Pioneer Muni Hi Incm Fd (MHI)	31.3%

Sing	gle State Muni Bond Funds	Institutions
1	BR CA Muni Incm Tr (BFZ)	35.7%
2	EV NY Muni Bnd Fd (ENX)	32.7%
3	Nuv NY AMT-Fr Qlty Muni Incm (NRK)	28.2%
4	Nuv OH Qlty Muni Incm Fd (NUO)	25.4%
5	EV CA Muni Bnd Fd (EVM)	22.5%

BDC	Cs Cs	Institutions
1	Runway Gwth Fin Corp (RWAY)	61.5%
2	Bain Cap Splty Fin (BCSF)	50.4%
3	Sixth St Splty Lending (TSLX)	46.5%
4	Oaktree Splty Lending (OCSL)	46.4%
5	Barings BDC (BBDC)	45.3%

Source: CEFData.com as of June 30, 2022

55.1%

### CEF/BDC Institutional Investors (by AUM \$Ms, 2Q22) CLOSED-END

1 Morgan Stanley	\$ 7,537	\		26	Stifel Financial Corp	\$ 531
2 Bank Of America Corp De	\$ 2,735		\	27	Strs Ohio	\$ 484
3 Ubs Group Ag	\$ 2,415			28	Bramshill Investments Llc	\$ 479
4 Wells Fargo Company Mn	\$ 2,058			29	Regents Of The University Of California	\$ 475
5 Parametric Portfolio Associates Llc	\$ 1,969			30	Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Co L P	\$ 450
6 Rivernorth Capital Management Llc	\$ 1,667			31	Ares Management Llc	\$ 425
7 Sit Investment Associates Inc	\$ 1,538			32	State Of New Jersey Common Pension Fund E	\$ 421
8 Royal Bank Of Canada	\$ 1,528			33	Hennion & Walsh Asset Management, Inc.	\$ 409
9 Guggenheim Capital Llc	\$ 1,359			34	Cambridge Investment Research Advisors Inc	\$ 401
10 Raymond James Associates	\$ 1,288			35	Private Advisor Group Llc	\$ 394
11 Invesco Ltd	\$ 1,253			36	Oak Hill Advisors Lp	\$ 379
12 City Of London Investment Management Co Ltd	\$ 1,127			37	Penserra Capital Management Llc	\$ 377
13 Lpl Financial Llc	\$ 1,018			38	Oaktree Capital Management Lp	\$ 323
14 Allspring Global Investments Holdings, Llc	\$ 989			39	Janney Montgomery Scott Llc	\$ 300
15 1607 Capital Partners Llc	\$ 916			40	Relative Value Partners Group Llc	\$ 287
16 Van Eck Associates Corp	\$ 836			41	Hightower Advisors Llc	\$ 278
17 Advisors Asset Management Inc	\$ 828			42	Blackrock Inc	\$ 272
18 Advisor Group Holdings, Inc.	\$ 820			43	Jupiter Asset Management Ltd	\$ 271
19 Raymond James Financial Services Advisors Inc	\$ 797			44	Rockefeller Capital Management L P	\$ 267
20 Lazard Asset Management Llc	\$ 728			45	Mackay Shields Llc	\$ 265
21 Commonwealth Equity Services Llc	\$ 689			46	Mcgowan Group Asset Management Inc	\$ 263
22 Ameriprise Financial Inc	\$ 672			47	Shaker Financial Services Llc	\$ 258
23 Saba Capital Management L P	\$ 641			48	Legal General Group Plc	\$ 244
24 Karpus Management Inc	\$ 567			49	Cetera Advisor Networks Llc	\$ 240
25 Cohen Steers Inc	\$ 531			50	Central Trust Co	\$ 236

CLOSED-END FUND

All 13 Filings = \$69 Billion Top 50 = \$45 Billion (35% of total)

Source: CEFData.com

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



Activists:	Followers:
1. Ancora Advisors	1. Punch & Associates Investment Mgmt
2. Bulldog Investors	2. Relative Value Partners
3. Special Opportunities Fund (SPE: Bulldog)	3. 1607 Capital Partners LLC
4. City of London	4. Rivernorth Capital Management
5. Ironsides Partners	5. Matisse Capital
6. Karpus Investment Management	6. SIT Investment Associates
7. Western Investment	7. DG Capital Management (BDCs)
8. Saba Capital Management	8. Sims Capital Management (BDCs)
9. Elliott Associates (BDCs)	
10. Wynnefield Capital (BDCs)	

Total Assets at work 6/30/22 - \$5.1 Billion Activist // \$18.8 Billion Followers & Activist



## **CEF Corporate Actions/Activist Update 2Q 2022**

Closed-End Fund/BDC

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PhenixFIN Corp (PFX)

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**Trustee Nomination** 

Intent

**Board Declassification** 

Proposal

Source: SEC Filings, Press Releases

Filed	Filling	Closeu-Ella Fulla/ BDC	investor/ willo	Notes
Jun	PR	Newtek Biz Serv Corp (NEWT)	Public	Holder vote approving change away from '40 act
Jun	13D/A	Miller/Howard Hi Incm Eq Fd (HIE)	Saba	Intent to nominate trustee
Jun	Announc ement	BR Cap Inv Corp (BKCC)	Public	Shares Offering Proposal did not pass (no quorum)
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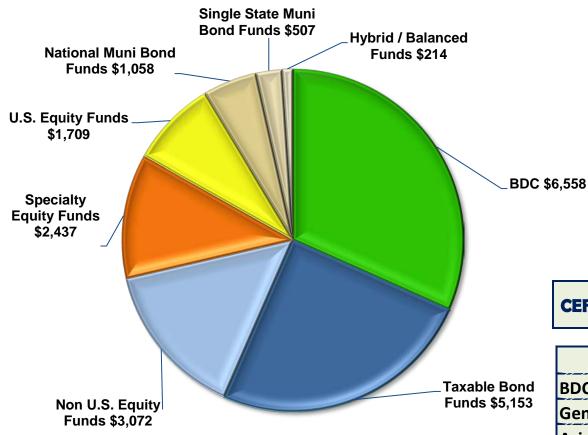
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# Activist & Follower Ownership (13D/13G) by Investment Focus





CEF Activist Ownership \$20,706

Top 5 Peer Groups				
BDC Debt	\$6,490			
General Equity	\$1,643			
Asian Equity	\$1,530			
High Yield Bond	\$1,194			
Loan Participation	\$948			

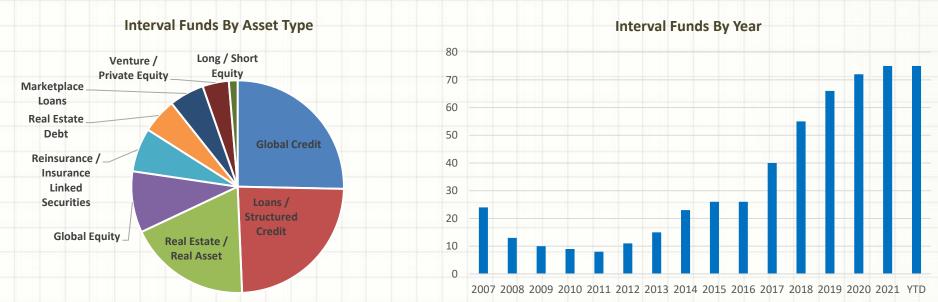
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#### **Interval Closed-Ended Funds (iCEFs)**



- 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 \$65.0B in total AUM as of 6/30/22 (compared to listed CEF/BDC AUM of \$293B in 499 funds according to CEFData.com).
- CEFData.com also tracks Tender Offer Funds (a type of non-listed CEF).
  - As of 6/30/22, there were 132 Tender Offer Funds with \$123.5B in AUM.

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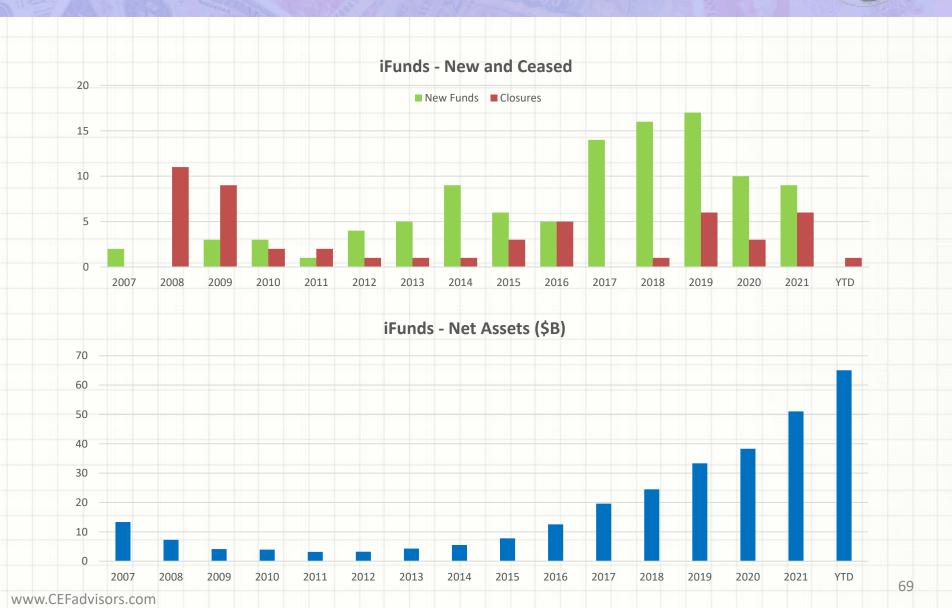


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### **Interval Closed-Ended Funds (iCEFs)**





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



Name 💠	Structure \$	Major 💠 Group 💝	Sub- Group ❖	Sponsor 💠	Inception ▼	Min A Investment Y	Managed Assets (MM)	Avg Net Expense \$ Ratio	Leverage 💠	Divide Freque
he Finite Solar inance Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	Finite Management	2021-11-23	500	2	2	0	A
aktree iversified ncome Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	Oaktree Fund	2021-10-29	2500	150	2.1	0	Q
NY Mellon Icentra pportunistic Iobal Credit Icome Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	BNY Mellon	2021-10-07	25000	0		0	М
ord Abbett pecial Situations ncome Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	Lord Abbett	2021-09-07	2500	60	1.88	0	м
hirdline Real state Income und	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Thirdline Capital	2021-08-12	5000	21	1.5	0.14	Q
uveen Enhanced igh Yield unicipal Bond und	Interval Fund	Bond	Tax Free Bond	Nuveen	2021-06-30	2500	80	1.86	22.46	М
FA Multi- lanager Credit und	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	Alternative Fund	2021-02-04	25000	43	1.09	7.88	Q
liffwater nhanced Lending und	Interval Fund	Bond	Marketplace Loans	Cliffwater	2021-01-29	10000000	503	0.64	5.01	Q
ow River Capital vergreen Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Bow River	2020-12-28	50000	221	2.38	0	Q
undrise Real state Interval und	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Fundrise	2020-12-18	1000	724	1.67	0	Q
rst Eagle Credit pportunities und	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	FEIM	2020-09-15	2500	232	3.36	16.85	М
rimark Private quity nvestments Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Primark Advisors	2020-08-26	50000	91	2	0	A
rca U.S. Treasury und	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	Arca Capital	2020-07-06	1000	0	0.19	0	Q
at Rock Core come Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	Flat Rock	2020-06-17	1000	164	5.03	27.52	м
IM Real Assets Credit Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	CIM Capital	2020-05-04	2500	206	2.69	0	М

# **Interval Funds (by size)**



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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	9757	2	2.03	A		-16.27	-34.97	-42.13	-6.97	-0.62	2
Cliffwater Corporate Lending Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Marketplace Loans	Cliffwater	2019-03-06	10000	9277	1.28	27.08	Q	7.2	-1.22	0.81	5.23	5.82		2
Apollo Diversified Real Estate Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Griffin Capital	2014-06-30	2500	5912	2.13	3.8	Q	5.2	-1.1	3.76	15.59	8.2	7.52	5
Total Income+ Real Estate Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Bluerock	2012-10-22	2500	5410	2.21	3.32	Q	5	4.78	13.1	24.32	13.04	10.5	5
Versus Cap Real Estate Income Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Versus Capital	2012-07-09	10000000	3133	1.24	0	Q	3.7	-0.03	4.23	11.46	7.29	6.71	1
Cion Ares Diversified Credit Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	CION Investment	2017-01-26	2500	3080	2.94	13.66	М		-5.04	-3.77	1.87	2.83	4,55	7
PIMCO Flexible Credit Income Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	PIMCO	2017-02-22	2500	3030	2.8	33.65	Q	2.9	-10.25	-13.43	-9.14	-0.76	2.27	5
Stone Ridge Alternative Lending Risk Premium Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Marketplace Loans	Stone Ridge	2015-11-12	15000000	2954	4.02	21.74	A		-1.48	-0.77	-0.18	-0.53	-0.38	1
Versus Capital Real Assets Fund	Interval Fund	Equity	Real Estate / Real Asset	Versus Capital	2017-09-18	10000000	2715	1.29	0	Q	2.8	-2.5	0.92	5.13	4.79		1
<u>Variant</u> <u>Alternative</u> <u>Income Fund</u>	Interval Fund	Equity	Global Equity	Variant Investments	2017-10-02	1000000	1857	1.12	0	Q	6	0.5	2.74	6.96	8.71		1
PIMCO Flexible Municipal Income Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Tax Free Bond	PIMCO	2019-03-15	2500	1666	1.22	1.95	М		-3.25	-13.16	-13.54	2.08		4
Stone Ridge Reinsurance Risk Premium Interval Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Reinsurance / Insurance Linked Securities	Stone Ridge	2013-12-09	15000000	1223	2.45	0	А		4.29	6.68	0.37	-0.43	-5.02	1
Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Loans / Structured Credit	ОСР	2018-06-04	10000	902	4.56	1.76	Q	7.3	-7.25	-5.47	8.61			7
Pioneer ILS Interval Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Reinsurance / Insurance Linked Securities	Pioneer	2014-12-17	1000000	886	1.9	0	A	2	0.72	2.19	-0.69	3,39	-0.34	1
Lord Abbett Credit Opportunities Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	Lord Abbett	2019-02-15	2500	849	1.89	0.17	М		-10.05	-11.7	-13.32	1.04		3
Invesco Dynamic Credit Opportunity Fund	Interval Fund	Bond	Global Credit	Invesco	2007-06-26	10000	839	2.62	20.34			-8.61	-9.44	1.93			4
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#### Recent Active Tender Offer CEFs (launched since 2021)



#### **Total Active Tender Offer Funds: 132 with AUM of \$123.5B**

Major Group  Bond  Bond	Sub-Group \$  BDC - Debt  Venture / Private	Sponsor  Carlyle  Oaktree Capital  Owl Rock  Commonwealth Credit Advisors  Golub Capital	Inception ▼  2022-02-08  2022-02-03  2021-10-05  2021-08-17	Min Investment   2500	Managed Assets (MM) \$\frac{1}{2}\$	Avg Net Expense Ratio	Leverage (%) 27.72 27.53	Dividend Frequence Q Q Q
Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond	BDC - Debt  BDC - Debt  BDC - Debt  Venture / Private	Oaktree Capital  Owl Rock  Commonwealth Credit Advisors	2022-02-03 2021-10-05 2021-08-17	2500	443	0.99	27.53	Q Q
Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond	BDC - Debt  BDC - Debt  Venture / Private	Owl Rock  Commonwealth Credit Advisors	2021-10-05	2500	443	7.9	27.53	Q
Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond  Bond	BDC - Debt  BDC - Debt  Venture / Private	Commonwealth Credit Advisors	2021-08-17					
Bond  Bond  Equity	BDC - Debt  Venture / Private	Credit Advisors			264	2,66	45.95	Q
er Equity	Venture / Private	Golub Capital	2021-07-01					
Equity	Private				88	1.68	32.69	Q
er	Equity	Zell Capital	2021-06-08	1000	0	32.41	0	Q
" Bond	BDC - Debt	Barings	2021-05-10	5000		4.03	48.18	Q
er Bond	Real Estate Debt	Forum Capital	2021-04-16		72	2.57	19.49	Q
er Equity	Fund of Funds	Aspiriant	2021-04-01	25000	185	0.52	0	A
<sup>er</sup> Equity	Fund of Funds	Aspiriant	2021-04-01	25000	148	0.55	0	
er Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Wilshire	2021-03-31	25000	28	4.37	0	Q
er Bond	BDC - Debt	Kayne Anderson	2021-03-12		48	2.9	10.3	А
er Equity	Venture / Private Equity	BlackRock Advisors	2021-03-01	25000	120	2.44	0	А
er Bond	BDC - Debt	Kayne Anderson	2021-02-05		629	6.6	38.46	Q
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Source: CEFData.com

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Name 🗘	Structure 🗘	Major Group	Sub- Sub-	Sponsor (		Min S Investment	Managed Assets (MM)	Avg Net Expense (	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				
Blackstone Private Credit Fund	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	BDC - Debt	BlackRock	2020-10-05	2500	40010	2	54.7	М				3.59			2				
Partners Group Private Equity (Master Fund), LLC	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Partners Group	2017-01-01	50000	12073	3.65	0.02	A				22.02		2					
Owl Rock Technology Finance Corp.	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	BDC - Debt	Owl Rock	2018-07-12		6173	4.8	43.19	Q				24.5			1				
Owl Rock Core Income Corp.	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	BDC - Debt	Owl Rock	2020-11-20		5296	4.93	44.44	М							3				

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Partners Group Private Equity (Master Fund), LLC	Tender Offer Fund	Equity	Venture / Private Equity	Partners Group	2017-01-01	50000	12073	3.65	0.02	A	22.02	2
Owl Rock Technology Finance Corp.	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	BDC - Debt	Owl Rock	2018-07-12		6173	4.8	43.19	Q	24.5	1
Owl Rock Core	Tender Offer	Bond	BDC - Debt	Owl Rock	2020-11-20		5296	4.93	44.44	М		3

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Owl Rock Technology Finance Corp.	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	BDC - Debt	Owl Rock	2018-07-12		6173	4.8	43.19	Q		24.5	1
Owl Rock Core Income Corp.	Tender Offer Fund	Bond	BDC - Debt	Owl Rock	2020-11-20		5296	4.93	44.44	М			3
Owl Rock Capital Corp III	Tender Offer	Bond	BDC - Debt	Owl Rock	2020-01-27		2936	3.7	42.63	Q		12.3	1

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#### CEFA's Outlook for 3Q 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



DATA AS OF JULY 8, 2022 FROM "CEFA'S CL	OSED-END FUN	ID UNIVERSE DA	TA"																			
Portfolio	Discount	1 Yr Avg Discount	3 Yr Avg Discount	Rel Disc Range(3yr)	Mk Yield	Lev Adj NAV Yield	After Tax Yield	Tax Friction	1 Yr RoC %	3 Yr Dest RoC %	Lev %	Est Lev Cost	Non Lev Expense Ratio	3 Yr NAV Volatility	3 Yr NAV TR	Purchases Turnover	Sales Turnover	% Equity Exposure	% Bond Exposure	# Holdings	Cash Weighted Duration	Beta (2yr)
1. CEFA International Opportunity	-8.78	-8.20	-10.06	67.61	10.22	8.13	8.60	1.62	38.5	30.8	15.7	0.27	1.35	20.18	0.29	48.95	54.02	66.01	31.12	26	1.55	0.72
2. CEFA Diversified Equity	-14.12	-13.03	-14.44	65.90	7.48	6.16	6.41	1.07	26.6	13.6	9.1	0.19	1.35	25.36	3.94	59.25	71.16	90.89	7.09	23	N/A	0.81
3. CEFA Diversified Growth	-10.00	-8.01	-10.67	68.23	8.88	6.72	7.44	1.44	34.9	24.0	22.2	1.04	1.98	24.30	1.44	51.03	53.87	64.81	33.33	30	0.82	0.75
4. CEFA Hybrid (High) Income	-11.49	-7.01	-9.43	56.81	10.95	7.68	9.00	1.95	32.4	30.2	27.7	1.23	2.25	15.51	-0.22	63.53	50.92	31.54	64.84	48	2.04	0.53
4.1 CEFA Hybrid (High) Income - Tax Advantaged	-3.85	-1.75	-5.28	66.63	9.64	7.38	7.69	1.95	43.5	36.7	28.0	0.87	2.01	21.82	1.46	71.10	66.21	50.04	48.05	41	2.82	0.68
4.2. CEFA Hybrid (High) Income Monthly	-1.18	-0.89	-3.71	70.67	11.14	8.83	9.43	1.71	36.0	34.7	29.0	0.98	2.30	18.63	0.79	79.80	84.41	49.22	48.68	35	1.48	0.63
5. CEFA Discount Opportunity	-21.69	-17.82	-19.64	56.39	8.58	5.59	7.50	1.08	44.6	43.1	23.6	1.43	2.39	23.02	-0.17	48.78	55.02	58.87	38.02	39	0.66	0.66
6. CEFA Alternative Income	-9.51	-7.40	-10.28	67.01	9.80	7.20	8.37	1.43	31.4	26.0	24.6	0.91	2.05	20.10	0.57	67.91	63.48	50.24	47.51	44	1.27	0.59
6.1 CEFA Alternative Income - Tax Advantaged	-11.65	-8.45	-10.37	51.16	9.43	6.65	7.78	1.65	34.9	31.2	26.4	0.77	1.93	20.77	0.13	64.80	57.66	40.79	54.63	49	2.43	0.61
7. CEFA Foundation / Balanced	-12.72	-9.45	-11.65	54.79	9.74	7.08	7.29	2.45	36.4	31.7	21.5	0.68	1.86	20.10	1.27	54.59	56.78	50.11	45.69	45	1.12	0.64
7.1 CEFA Foundation / Balanced - Tax Advantaged	-7.35	-4.94	-7.12	60.82	8.58	6.52	6.65	1.93	40.9	31.0	24.3	0.73	1.82	23.02	1.92	52.54	56.78	59.71	38.83	45	2.91	0.77
8. CEFA Taxable Bond & BDC	-11.04	-5.85	-8.13	57.63	10.72	7.09	7.58	3.14	26.5	23.6	34.6	1.38	2.38	11.11	1.23	61.83	55.47	6.37	88.61	31	3.79	0.51
8.1 CEFA Fixed Income - Tax Advantaged	-8.33	-4.98	-7.88	60.76	9.51	6.55	7.80	1.71	31.8	28.8	34.4	1.07	2.19	9.97	-0.76	59.50	45.32	9.50	88.29	44	6.96	0.63
9. CEFA Dividend Confidence <u>Model</u>	-8.43	-6.26	-7.85	65.30	8.40	6.12	6.84	1.56	28.9	19.0	26.6	0.80	1.77	20.77	4.13	58.01	54.87	52.77	46.13	33	1.04	0.71
9.1 CEFA Inflation Optimized Tax- Advantaged Income	-7.71	-3.89	-6.22	61.08	9.90	7.08	8.32	1.58	39.9	37.9	29.8	1.50	2.55	21.36	0.86	62.98	50.37	44.75	53.04	49	3.01	0.60
10. CEFA Diversified Low Beta	-8.39	-5.60	-8.16	67.87	8.88	6.37	7.30	1.58	34.1	27.2	28.7	1.01	1.96	19.33	0.51	62.33	67.09	39.37	59.35	35	1.53	0.62
11. CEFA Low Correlation	-6.95	-4.98	-6.66	60.57	7.63	6.07	6.56	1.07	42.4	35.1	22.4	0.95	1.81	20.43	0.54	46.99	46.99	44.63	51.57	26	3.06	0.73
11.2. CEFA Low Correlation - IRA	-6.19	-3.50	-5.64	62.91	8.27	6.28	6.75	1.52	40.1	27.6	24.5	1.04	1.95	20.37	1.70	37.04	40.19	45.27	53.30	23	2.65	0.93
12.1 CEFA Div Tax-Sensitive Income	-10.01	-7.37	-10.13	54.96	9.28	6.58	7.48	1.80	36.9	32.3	27.9	0.79	1.81	20.75	-0.40	57.14	50.88	38.41	58.35	41	4.16	0.69
13. CEFA BDC Select	-11.78	-0.02	-5.59	62.40	9.87	5.64	7.46	2.41	11.6	0.0	53.2	4.32	3.38	8.92	7.93	24.28	24.28	7.86	90.12	10	N/A	0.71
13.2. CEFA BDC - Low Beta	-11.39	-0.59	-6.96	66.48	9.69	5.64	7.43	2.26	13.8	3.6	50.9	4.38	3.52	9.66	7.92	23.41	23.41	12.34	84.16	14	N/A	0.70
13.3. CEFA BDC Premium	12.40	33.19	25.19	56.97	9.71	7.27	7.32	2.39	0.0	0.0	49.2	4.08	3.79	7.44	11.37	29.49	29.49	10.16	89.73	12	N/A	0.82
13.4. CEFA BDC Monthly Income	-12.39	-1.56	-10.27	65.21	8.43	5.09	7.27	1.16	12.7	9.4	51.4	5.34	3.98	10.25	4.83	23.13	23.13	15.13	81.02	8	N/A	0.67
14. CEFA Select Municipal	-4.31	-1.80	-2.40	53.79	5.95	4.09	5.91	0.04	14.2	13.5	39.3	0.46	1.20	9.26	-0.48	19.97	20.47	5.70	93.11	18	11.49	0.94
14.1. CEFA Low Duration Municipal	-7.10	-5.19	-6.21	66.74	4.52	3.16	4.44	0.08	3.0	1.9	33.2	0.44	0.94	8.42	-0.52	33.14	31.87	0.00	98.37	3	3.13	0.96
15. CEFA Select "Six Pack" Income	-3.95	-0.06	-3.53	69.85	8.89	6.78	7.17	1.72	29.5	22.5	28.6	1.06	2.13	19.13	3.51	66.44	63.27	47.82	50.07	36	0.80	0.57
16. CEFA Non-Profit Foundation Diversified Income	-11.53	-8.94	-11.63	49.08	9.23	6.65	9.23	0.00	38.2	33.5	24.2	0.71	2.01	21.25	-0.23	68.86	68.05	45.44	50.65	41	1.23	0.52

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



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- 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.
- 2. 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.
- 5. **Discount Opportunity**: Diversified portfolio seeking 50/50 allocations to equity and debt at the fund level. Researching funds that both have a larger 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.
- **6. Alternative Income:** Diversified portfolio seeking 40/60 allocation to equity and debt at the fund level; focusing on less "plain vanilla" or core sectors 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.

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- **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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