

3Q 2023 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?
- 10-year asset class history: returns, discounts & correlations
- CEF & BDC universe overview stats
- 3Q 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
- Leverage Levels and Leverage Cost
- Return of capital trends
- Destructive return of capital

- CEF trading volume trends
- NAV vs price volatility comparison
- NAV vs price correlation trends
- 3Q press release & SEC filing stats
- 3Q 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
- 4Q & 2023 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 & Fund Sponsors including 15(c) Data Reports
- CEFA Select BDC Unit Investment Trusts with partner SmartTrustUIT

Non-profit - Active Investment Company Alliance (AICA)

- Started a non-profit to improve the CEF & BDC ecosystem in 2019
- AICA has done multiple events with over a thousand attendees





Supporting Closed-end Investing worldwide



- ➤ High Quality and Inclusive Non-Profit Trade Association: US Listed and Non-Listed CEFs / BDCs powered by CEFdata.com.
- ➤ Focused on helping CEFs, BDCs, & Interval Funds Extend Their Outreach to the Investment Community with Advisor Centric Content
- Membership Spread Amongst Fund Sponsors, Institutional Investors and Service Providers
- > Access to The Only Public Profile Pages for Interval Funds & BDCs
- ➤ 225+ Podcasts (The NAVigator), Videos, Events, Articles, Webinars
- ➤ 12 Events to date, 10 virtual events during COVD. 1,100 Total AICA Event Registrations.

2024 Goals:

- > Full Day BDC Event in the Spring and CEF/iCEF Fall 2024
- Student Challenge, CEF Research Rankings, Awards, Career Networking
- ➤ CEF/BDC Experienced Advisor Database for Individual Investors
- > Grow Membership from 15 to 25 Members
- > AICA Advisor CEF, BDC & Interval Fund Surveys

Founded in 2019 by John Cole Scott, President, CIO of CEF Advisors

Mission:

The Active Investment Company Alliance (AICA) will be the premier 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association for listed closed-end funds, business development companies, interval and tender offer funds. Membership will be broad-based globally across fund sponsors (member firm who manages a closed-ended management company, BDC or equivalent), or product sponsors (member firm who manages an investment product: open-end, UIT, ETF, CEF, SMA, LP where the underlying investments are focused on closed-ended management companies, BDC or equivalent) and Service Provider Membership.

Work to engage, educate, connect and offer transparency for investment professionals and the investors they serve. Seek to gain better advocacy and guidance from regulators to protect investors. Support quality fund managers and sponsors to grow the universe of funds in size and liquidity.



Recent AICA Content Examples







Farley of BlueBay Destra International Event-Driven Fund



Duncan Farley, manager of the BlueBay Destra International Event-Driven Credit Fund -- which Morningstar places at the very top of its peer group

over its five-year existence -- talks about how special situations are plentiful in the current marketplace...



Muni discounts keep defying gravity; sizing up fixed-income risk and more



John Cole Scott, president of Closed-End Fund Advisors -- and the chairman of the Active Investment Company Alliance -- returns to The NAVigator noting

that the discounts on muni funds have continued to get wider.



Angel Oak's McBurnette on opportunities in housing, mortgages



Colin McBurnette, senior portfolio manager at the Angel Oak Funds, says that while high-rate and highinflationary conditions have made a lot of investors

worry about the housing market, those conditions -- along with wide spreads and low housing stocks creating an imbalance in the supply-and-demand dynamic -- have created real opportunities in



Four classic closed-end funds that remain relevant and vibrant today



Veteran money manager David Tepper, president of Tepper Capital Management, looks at four of the oldest closed-end funds -- Adams Diversified Equity,

Central Securities, General American Investors and Tri-Continental -- that he has owned for decades, but which remain relevant and effective today, and which are trading at attractive discounts now.



NAVigator bonus: Discounts are at widest levels in years, hunker down and buy



In a bonus episode of The NAVigator, John Cole Scott, president of Closed-End Fund Advisors and the chairman of the Active Investment Company Alliance,

discusses the historic level of deep discounts he is seeing in closed-end funds, and how that translates to buying opportunities now



Oppenheimer's Penn: BDCs have adjusted to higher default risks



Mitchel Penn, managing director of equity research at Oppenheimer and Co., says that higher interest rates and stubborn inflation have impacted business

development companies in terms of both defaults and leverage, but he notes that BDC executives have taken steps to minimize the impacts.



40 closed-end funds, a million ways to build a portfolio



John Cole Scott, president, Closed-End Fund Advisors -- chairman of the Active Investment Company Alliance -- discusses portfolio construction

and the many factors that go into a diversified safe and solid separately managed account with closed-end funds and businessdevelopment companies as the primary focus.



Liberty Street's Munafo says opportunity is knocking for private shares



Christian Munafo, chief investment officer at Liberty Street Advisors -- which runs the Private Shares Fund

-- says that the perceived higher risks in challenging environments like the one we are facing today often lead to attractive opportunities...

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2022 Interval Fund Spring

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Manager Spotlight

April 26th - 27th, 2022

December 8th - 9th, 2021

Passive Access to CEFs/ Interval Fund Winter **Manager Spotlight**

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BDCs via ETF and UITs February 3rd, 2022

Tax Free & Tax Advantaged Income for Investors

September 29th, 2021

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Interval Fund Boot Camp & **Manager Spotlight**

March 31st, 2021

AICA Income Spotlight

Summer 2021

June 17th, 2021

AICA's Summer Summit

August 13th, 2020

AICA Spring Closed-End Fund Roundtable

March 15th - 16th, 2022

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Business Development Company (BDC) Fall Forum

November 16th, 2021

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BDC Investor Forum 2021

May 27th, 2021

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Active Investment Company Alliance CEF / BDC / Interval **Fund BootCamp and**

November 6th, 2019

Roundtable

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AICA 2023 Roundtable:

RIA / FA - \$125 Full-Day Registration Fund Sponsor - \$500 Full-Day Registration Service Provider - \$850 Full-Day Registration

CEF Manager Track

- Managing Credit Risk in the Current Environment
- Tax Free, & Investment Grade Exposure: Managing for Recessionary Risk
- Equity Income Exposure for Dividend Confidence

Interval Fund Track

- Attractive Funds for Access to Unique Strategies
- Explosive Growth in the Interval Fund Market

Industry Track

- Current State of Activism in Closed-End Funds
- Institutional Investor Perspective for Closed-End Funds
- The Future of Listed & Non-Listed Closed-End Funds & Business Development Companies
- Lenders & Independent Board Members Round Table

Note: Panel timing, topics and presenters are subject to change

November 15, 2023

8am - Registration & Breakfast

8:30am - Welcome, John Cole Scott

8:35am - Keynote Presenter

9:00am - CEF Track Manager Panel #1

9:40am - CEF Track Manager Panel #2

10:20am - Sponsor & Member Networking Break

10:40am - CEF Track Manager Panel #3

11:20am - Interval Fund Panel #1

12:00pm - Networking Lunch

1:00pm - Interval Fund Panel #2

1:40pm - Industry Panel #1

2:25pm - Industry Panel #2

3:10pm - Sponsor & Member Networking Break

3:30pm - Industry Panel #3

4:15pm - Industry Panel #4

5:00pm Closing Remarks, John Cole Scott

5:05pm - Sponsor & Member Networking Reception

We have 10 complimentary Press Passes available for qualified financial journalists.

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 Fund (including BDC), have been around since 1989, but growth has picked up since 2017.
- 291 Strategies and \$298 Billion in AUM (CEFData.com: 9/30/23)



What is a Business Development Company (BDC)?

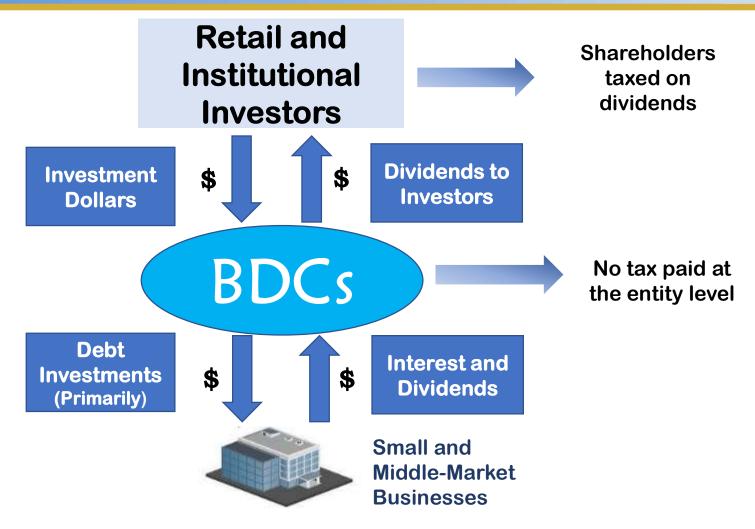


- BDCs are closed-end funds that provide small, growing companies access to capital.
- BDCs were created by Congress in 1980 to provide an opportunity for individual, non-accredited investors to participate in private investments
- BDCs (just like traditional closed-end funds) offer:
 - 1940 Act Investment 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



BDCs Provide Access to Private Debt Investments







Types of Loans Held By Listed BDCs

CLOSED-END FUND

Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023

	Listed BDCs	NL BDCs	All BDCs
First Lien Loans	70%	78%	75%
Second Lien Loans	10%	8%	8%
Unsecured Loans	3%	2%	3%
Equity/Other	17%	12%	14%
Avg Portfolio Turnover	15%	13%	13%
Variable Loans	86%	89%	88%
Fixed Loans	14%	11%	12%
Libor Floor Average	1.6%	1.3%	1.4%
Libor Floor Percentage	50%	43%	46%
Avg Loan Size (\$MM)	10.3	8.8	9.3
Loans Under \$25MM	66%	77%	73%
Avg Maturity (2 to 6 years)	3.3	4.0	3.7
Avg # of Loans	233	171	192
From Companies	137	98	112
Total Gross Assets	\$129.9B	\$155.3B	\$285.2B





Asset Class Annual Returns (NAV) 2013-2023



2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023-YTD	2013 - 2022
MLP 28.71%	REIT 24.47%	Preferred 6.37%	MLP 33.64%	World Stock 25.80%	BDC 9.39%	REIT 31.14%	Convertible 37.5%	MLP 42.63%	MLP 22.69%	Covered Call 10.82%	US Stock 10.23%
US Stock 25.62%	Muni Bond 19.70%	Muni Bond 5.53%	HY Bond 18.43%	US Stock 19.79%	Muni Bond 0.52%	Convertible 28.26%	World Stock 16.02%	REIT 34.07%	BDC 7.47%	Senior Loan 10.73%	BDC 9.25%
Convertible 20.89%	Preferred 17.57%	BDC 3.90%	Senior Loan 14.91%	Covered Call 17.59%	Senior Loan -1.34%	US Stock 25.96%	US Stock 13.11%	BDC 20.88%	Senior Loan -6.07%	US Stock 10.44%	Covered Call 7.89%
Tactical Sector 16.85%	US Stock 11.20%	Covered Call 1.35%	Convertible 12.06%	Tactical Sector 15.93%	Investment Grade -2.51%	Preferred 24.88%	Covered Call 10.7%	US Stock 20.25%	HY Bond -14.45%	HY Bond 7.3%	Convertible 7.61%
Covered Call 16.31%	BDC 8.10%	REIT 0.95%	Tactical Sector 11.98%	Preferred 14.19%	HY Bond -3.49%	Covered Call 23.64%	Tactical Sector 8.14%	Covered Call 19.65%	Preferred -15.33%	World Stock 7.2%	REIT 6.93%
BDC 13.36%	Investment Grade 7.73%	US Stock 0.42%	Intl Bond 11.84%	Convertible 12.57%	US Stock -5.54%	Tactical Sector 18.61%	Investment Grade 7.33%	Tactical Sector 10.21%	US Stock -16.18%	BDC 6.38%	Tactical Sector 6.37%
HY Bond 10.02%	Tactical Sector 7.46%	Investment Grade -2.38%	BDC 10.09%	REIT 12.42%	Tactical Sector -6.00%	HY Bond 15.43%	Muni Bond 6.54%	Preferred 8.73%	Tactical Sector -16.26%	Intl Bond 5.44%	Preferred 6.13%
Senior Loan 8.49%	Covered Call 4.86%	Senior Loan -2.66%	Investment Grade 8.74%	Intl Bond 12.05%	Convertible -6.09%	Investment Grade 14.57%	HY Bond 4.04%	Senior Loan 7.86%	Covered Call -16.53%	MLP 4.65%	HY Bond 4.13%
REIT 3.65%	MLP 3.45%	Tactical Sector -3.23%	Covered Call 8.67%	Investment Grade 10.77%	Preferred -7.02%	MLP 11.62%	Preferred 2.91%	HY Bond 6.24%	Investment Grade -17.13%	Tactical Sector 3.87%	Senior Loan 3.85%
World Stock 3.34%	HY Bond 1.59%	HY Bond -4.99%	World Stock 8.45%	BDC 8.83%	Covered Call -7.31%	Muni Bond 10.83%	Intl Bond 2.45%	Convertible 4.37%	Muni Bond -17.7%	Convertible 3.65%	Muni Bond 3.13%
Preferred 2.15%	Senior Loan 1.32%	World Stock -6.55%	US Stock 7.65%	HY Bond 8.50%	REIT -8.27%	Senior Loan 10.67%	Senior Loan 0.45%	Muni Bond 4.25%	Intl Bond -17.81%	Investment Grade 0.1%	Investment Grade 2.84%
Investment Grade -1.5%	Intl Bond 0.49%	Convertible -7.25%	Preferred 6.89%	Muni Bond 8.41%	Intl Bond -8.72%	World Stock 10.44%	BDC 0.31%	Investment Grade 2.75%	World Stock -17.93%	Preferred -1.4%	World Stock 2.68%
Intl Bond -6.57%	Convertible 0.12%	Intl Bond -8.46%	REIT 6.84%	Senior Loan 4.82%	World Stock -14.93%	BDC 10.12%	REIT -8.82%	World Stock 2.43%	Convertible -26.31%	Muni Bond -3.42%	MLP 1.89%
Muni Bond	World Stock	MLP -44.23%	Muni Bond	MLP -5.77%	MLP -19.05%	Intl Bond	MLP -54.77%	Intl Bond	REIT -27.18%	REIT -3.47%	Intl Bond

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 Neriferred – 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 - CEFA's Index Grade - CEFA's Index Grade Bond Index; High Yield Bond Index; High Yield Bond Index; Covered Call - CEFA's Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index Grade Bond Index Grade Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index Grade Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index Grade Bond Index; Foreign A Bond Index; Foreign

Asset Class Average Discounts/Premiums 2013-2023



2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023-YTD	2013-2022
BDC 8.03%	BDC 1.69%	Tactical Sector -5.37%	Preferred -0.77%	Preferred 0.03%	Convertible -1.35%	Preferred 1.66%	Preferred 1.96%	Preferred 3.94%	Covered Call -0.88%	Investment Grade 0.69%	Preferred -1.63%
MLP 1.95%	Tactical Sector -2.63%	MLP -6.10%	Muni Bond -1.88%	Tactical Sector -1.42%	Tactical Sector -1.84%	Tactical Sector 0.14%	Investment Grade 0.36%	Investment Grade 2.88%	Investment Grade -2.23%	Convertible -3.1%	Investment Grade -2.23%
Senior Loan -0.12%	Convertible -3.17%	Muni Bond -6.44%	Investment Grade -3.74%	Investment Grade -2.09%	Covered Call -2.39%	Investment Grade -0.12%	Tactical Sector -4.01%	BDC 0.81%	Convertible -2.4%	Covered Call -3.69%	Tactical Sector -2.58%
HY Bond -0.63%	HY Bond -3.48%	Investment Grade -6.81%	Tactical Sector -3.89%	MLP -3.11%	Investment Grade -2.74%	Covered Call -2.51%	Muni Bond -6.05%	Tactical Sector 0%	Preferred -2.78%	Intl Bond -3.74%	Covered Call -4.87%
Tactical Sector	MLP	Preferred	HY Bond	Muni Bond	Preferred	Convertible -2.80%	Covered Call	Intl Bond	Tactical Sector	Preferred	Muni Bond
-1.72%	-4.54%	-6.89%	-4.84%	-3.32%	-2.91%		-6.35%	-0.41%	-5.06%	-6.5%	-4.9%
Investment Grade -2.92%	Investment Grade -4.93%	Convertible -7.98%	MLP -5.05%	Convertible -4.00%	MLP -4.57%	Intl Bond -3.30%	Intl Bond -6.43%	Muni Bond -1.68%	REIT -5.14%	Tactical Sector -6.85%	Convertible -5.03%
Muni Bond	Muni Bond	BDC	Covered Call	Covered Call	Intl Bond	BDC	HY Bond	Covered Call	Intl Bond	REIT	HY Bond
-3.65%	-6.40%	-8.61%	-7.39%	-4.25%	-7.62%	-4.96%	-7.48%	-2.02%	-5.18%	-8.16%	-5.38%
Preferred	Senior Loan	Covered Call	Senior Loan	Senior Loan	Senior Loan	Muni Bond	Convertible -7.98%	HY Bond	Muni Bond	HY Bond	BDC
-3.83%	-6.49%	-8.11%	-8.75%	-4.32%	-7.77%	-5.37%		-2.66%	-5.67%	-8.5%	-5.73%
Intl Bond	Covered Call	HY Bond	Convertible	BDC	HY Bond	HY Bond	REIT	Senior Loan	US Stock	BDC	Intl Bond
-5.04%	-6.62%	-8.41%	-10.08%	-4.48%	-8.04%	-5.61%	-10.87%	-4.05%	-6.25%	-8.8%	-6.75%
REIT	Preferred	Senior Loan	BDC	HY Bond	US Stock	MLP	US Stock	Convertible -4.31%	BDC	Muni Bond	Senior Loan
-5.65%	-6.73%	-8.70%	-10.98%	-5.19%	-8.06%	-7.44%	-11.27%		-6.78%	-10.23%	-6.9%
Convertible -6.22%	World Stock	World Stock	Intl Bond	Intl Bond	Muni Bond	REIT	Senior Loan	REIT	HY Bond	Senior Loan	MLP
	-9.04%	-11.00%	-11.21%	-6.85%	-8.57%	-8.70%	-11.77%	-5.23%	-7.44%	-10.69%	-7.9%
Covered Call	Intl Bond	US Stock	US Stock	REIT	World Stock	US Stock	World Stock	US Stock	Senior Loan	US Stock	REIT
-8.13%	-8.45%	-11.00%	-11.47%	-9.18%	-9.6%	-9.05%	-13.85%	-7.24%	-7.61%	-11%	-8.93%
World Stock	US Stock	REIT	REIT	US Stock	BDC	Senior Loan	MLP	World Stock	World Stock	World Stock	US Stock
-8.15%	-9.63%	-12.21%	-11.62%	-9.44%	-9.75%	-9.45%	-17.88%	-10.15%	-9.84%	-12.11%	-9.27%
US Stock	REIT	Intl Bond	World Stock	World Stock	REIT	World Stock	BDC	MLP	MLP	MLP	World Stock
-9.32%	-10.63%	-13.02%	-12.44%	-9.50%	-10.05%	-10.54%	-22.23%	-16.73%	-15.51%	-13.84%	-10.41%

15 Sector NAV Correlation Matrix (Diversification)



	US Stk	World Stk	Covered Call	MLP	REIT	Hybrid	Preferred	Convert	Multi Sector	HY Bond	Senior Loan	BDC	IG Bond	Intl Bond	Muni Bond
US Stk	100%	93%	98%	76%	83%	98%	76%	94%	85%	88%	78%	58%	80%	80%	44%
World Stk	93%	100%	92%	65%	79%	95%	78%	91%	86%	87%	76%	54%	84%	86%	49%
Covered Call	98%	92%	100%	71%	79%	96%	70%	92%	80%	83%	73%	55%	77%	79%	44%
MLP	76%	65%	71%	100%	57%	76%	55%	74%	65%	74%	69%	62%	58%	67%	33%
REIT	83%	79%	79%	57%	100%	80%	84%	79%	91%	85%	77%	39%	85%	70%	55%
Hybrid	98%	95%	96%	76%	80%	100%	77%	97%	87%	91%	81%	54%	84%	85%	53%
Preferred	76%	78%	70%	55%	84%	77%	100%	77%	90%	81%	71%	33%	93%	74%	52%
Convert	94%	91%	92%	74%	79%	97%	77%	100%	89%	94%	86%	51%	86%	85%	56%
Multi Sector	85%	86%	80%	65%	91%	87%	90%	89%	100%	96%	89%	43%	96%	82%	60%
HY Bond	88%	87%	83%	74%	85%	91%	81%	94%	96%	100%	95%	50%	90%	86%	60%
Senior Loan	78%	76%	73%	69%	77%	81%	71%	86%	89%	95%	100%	48%	78%	72%	56%
BDC	58%	54%	55%	62%	39%	54%	33%	51%	43%	50%	48%	100%	34%	43%	16%
IG Bond	80%	84%	77%	58%	85%	84%	93%	86%	96%	90%	78%	34%	100%	86%	63%
Intl Bond	80%	86%	79%	67%	70%	85%	74%	85%	82%	86%	72%	43%	86%	100%	63%
Muni Bond	44%	49%	44%	33%	55%	53%	52%	56%	60%	60%	56%	16%	63%	63%	100%

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

Source: CEFData.com as of 9/30/2023

The CEF and BDC Investment Universe (Listed)



Note: Benchmarks for Beta: "S&P 500 Index" for Equity Funds and "iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF" for Bond Fund Source: CEFData.com as of 9/30/2023

	# of Funds	Total Net Assets	Total Gross Assets	Premium / Discount	Market Yield	1 Year Dividend Growth	3 Year Dividend Growth	NAV Beta (2yr)	Duration	Leverage	Non Lev Gross Exp Ratio	Average Net Assets
Equity Funds	186	\$118,133	\$143,187	-10.1%	8.5%	-2.5%	12.1%	0.74		14.1%	1.15%	\$635
Taxable Bond	134	\$53,699	\$83,067	-6.1%	10.8%	5.2%	10.6%	0.65	4.0	25.6%	1.12%	\$401
Municipal Bond	114	\$51,106	\$87,444	-12.9%	4.8%	-21.3%	-25.9%	0.85	11.6	33.5%	0.63%	\$448
BDCs	48	\$59,071	\$130,351	-10.6%	9.9%	11.4%	15.4%	0.64		48.1%	3.44%	\$1,231
Total CEFs	482	\$282,009	\$444,049	-9.7%	8.4%	-3.7%	2.1%	0.73	7.5	25.3%	1.25%	\$585
Municipal Bond	114	\$51,106	\$87,444	-12.9%	4.8%	-21.3%	-25.9%	0.85	11.6	33.5%	0.63%	\$448
World Stock	36	\$9,193	\$10,321	-13.1%	7.7%	-8.9%	1.1%	0.77		6.2%	1.33%	\$255
Debt Focused BDC	43	\$58,682	\$129,849	-6.0%	10.7%	10.0%	15.4%	0.64		52.2%	3.12%	\$1,365
High Yield Bond	30	\$9,603	\$13,096	-9.5%	10.5%	1.3%	-3.7%	0.62	3.70	23.6%	0.99%	\$320
US Stock	30	\$26,320	\$30,543	-11.6%	7.8%	-7.7%	8.2%	0.86		9.1%	1.21%	\$877
Multisector Bonds	25	\$18,302	\$29,143	-5.5%	11.0%	-3.1%	3.3%	0.73	4.29	26.1%	0.97%	\$732
Covered Call	22	\$19,296	\$20,370	-6.0%	8.5%	-6.8%	3.5%	0.79		0.0%	0.98%	\$877
Senior Loan	19	\$8,124	\$12,509	-8.7%	11.7%	34.3%	46.7%	0.14	1.06	33.7%	1.33%	\$428
Hybrid / Balanced	19	\$10,943	\$14,596	-13.0%	11.1%	-7.9%	-7.9%	0.77	3.0	19.0%	1.18%	\$576
MLP Funds	15	\$5,276	\$6,739	-12.5%	8.9%	18.6%	99.8%	0.82		21.5%	1.42%	\$352
Preferred Equity	18	\$9,279	\$15,241	-10.1%	8.3%	-12.4%	-20.7%	0.42	3.7	38.1%	0.85%	\$516
International Bond	13	\$3,695	\$5,161	-3.0%	12.5%	8.2%	7.3%	0.84	5.07	19.3%	1.17%	\$284
Investment Grade Bond	12	\$3,828	\$6,131	0.1%	7.9%	-0.2%	-8.3%	0.85	5.3	15.2%	0.72%	\$319
Convertible Bond	11	\$3,643	\$6,247	-5.0%	10.8%	-3.6%	2.8%	0.96	2.45	32.3%	0.92%	\$331
REIT Funds	10	\$4,691	\$7,406	-9.1%	11.5%	-2.3%	-1.9%	0.93		26.4%	1.01%	\$469



CEF Universe: Sponsors

Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023



Traditional CEF

		Gross			Cusas Nam Lau
#	Sponsor	Assets (B)	# Funds	# Sectors	Gross Non Lev Exp Ratio (%)
1	Nuveen	\$52.7	48	19	0.75
2	BlackRock	\$49.8	51	22	0.70
3	PIMCO	\$23.1	21	7	0.76
4	Eaton Vance	\$21.2	23	7	0.89
5	Franklin Templeton	\$13.9	31	16	1.03
6	Sprott	\$12.5	5	2	0.73
7	Cohen&Steers	\$11.0	9	4	0.88
8	Virtus	\$10.6	14	7	0.96
9	Invesco	\$9.6	15	9	0.63
10	Calamos	\$8.0	7	2	1.03
11	Gabelli	\$7.2	13	7	1.10
12	First Trust	\$5.7	14	11	1.18
13	John Hancock	\$5.5	10	7	0.86
14	abrdn	\$5.5	12	9	1.14
15	Guggenheim Funds	\$3.8	4	4	1.06
16	Tekla	\$3.1	4	1	1.14
17	Adams Funds	\$3.1	2	2	0.65
18	Doubleline	\$2.8	3	2	1.21
19	W.H. Reaves	\$2.7	1	1	0.64
20	Putnam	\$2.7	4	4	0.37
Oth	er Sponsors	\$59.6	143	28	1.55
All	Listed CEFs	\$313.9	434	38	1.39

Business Development Companies (Listed & Non listed)

		Gross			# Non	Gross Non Lev
#	Sponsor	Assets (B)	# Funds	# Listed	Listed	Exp Ratio (%)
1	Blackstone	\$61.2	2	1	1	1.95
2	Blue Owl	\$44.9	7	1	6	2.29
3	Ares	\$23.3	2	1	1	1.59
4	FS/KKR	\$17.2	2	1	1	3.06
5	Golub Capital	\$9.0	5	1	4	1.91
6	Morgan Stanley	\$8.5	4	0	4	1.27
7	Prospect Capital	\$7.9	2	1	1	3.86
8	Apollo	\$7.6	2	1	1	2.02
9	Goldman Sachs	\$7.5	5	1	4	2.57
10	HPS	\$7.3	1	0	1	2.03
11	New Mountain Capital	\$6.9	4	1	3	2.13
12	Barings	\$6.6	3	1	2	1.91
13	Main Street Capital	\$5.6	2	1	1	2.44
14	Sixth St Splty Lending	\$5.2	2	1	1	2.55
15	Oaktree Capital	\$4.7	2	1	1	2.54
16	Carlyle	\$4.3	3	1	2	2.08
17	Franklin Templeton	\$3.9	2	0	2	2.37
18	Hercules	\$3.2	1	1	0	2.59
19	SLR Capital	\$3.2	3	1	2	2.26
20	BlackRock	\$2.9	4	2	2	3.42
Oth	er Sponsors	\$44.9	71	30	41	3.25
All I	BDCs	\$285.7	129	48	81	3.02

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3Q Snapshot: Discounts & Total Returns



	Disc	Discount / Poiscount Discount % Propried 111 97% 92% 33 92% 92% 31 72% 72% 29 97% 90% 18 72% 18 82% 18 95% 17 89%				QTD 1	NAV TR			QTD P	rice TR	
	Discount	%	Premium	%	Positive	%	Negative	%	Positive	%	Negative	%
Municipal Bond	111	97%	3	3%	0	0%	114	100%	0	0%	114	100%
World Stock	33	92%	3	8%	4	11%	32	89%	2	6%	34	94%
Debt Focused BDC	31	72%	12	28%	38	88%	5	12%	37	86%	6	14%
High Yield Bond	29	97%	1	3%	24	80%	6	20%	14	47%	16	53%
US Stock	27	90%	3	10%	3	10%	26	87%	4	13%	26	87%
Multisector Bonds	18	72%	7	28%	15	60%	10	40%	9	36%	16	64%
Covered Call	18	82%	4	18%	1	5%	21	95%	2	9%	20	91%
Senior Loan	18	95%	1	5%	19	100%	0	0%	19	100%	0	0%
Hybrid / Balanced	17	89%	2	11%	1	5%	18	95%	2	11%	17	89%
MLP Funds	15	100%	0	0%	13	87%	2	13%	14	93%	1	7%
Preferred Equity	15	83%	3	17%	14	78%	4	22%	4	22%	14	78%
International Bond	9	69%	4	31%	3	23%	9	69%	7	54%	6	46%
Investment Grade Bond	9	75%	3	25%	2	17%	10	83%	3	25%	9	75%
Convertible Bond	9	82%	2	18%	1	9%	10	91%	2	18%	9	82%
REIT Funds	10	100%	0	0%	0	0%	10	100%	0	0%	10	100%
Total CEFs	427	89%	55	11%	166	34%	314	65%	143	30%	339	70%

Note: BDCs reflect 2Q23 NAV TR, as 9/30/2023 NAVs are largely unreported yet

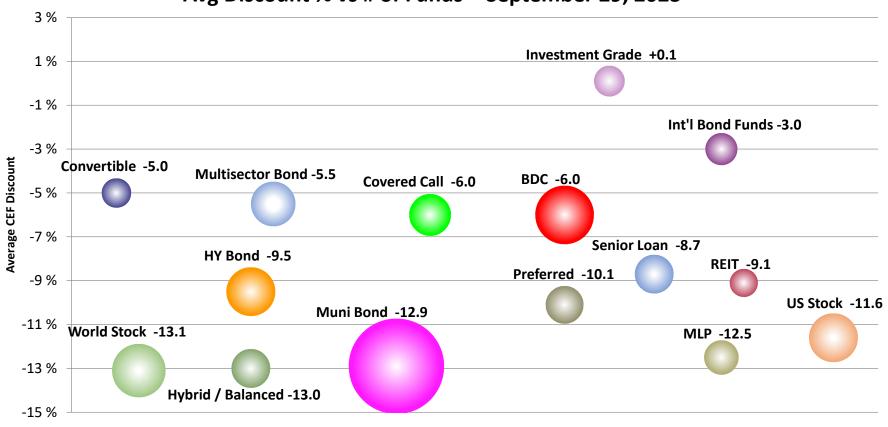


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Major Sector Average Discount Levels



Avg Discount % vs # of Funds - September 29, 2023



Source: CEFData.com



Discount & Yield Perspective

Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023



Discount Relative Movement

Market Yield Relative Movement

Castan	C		Cur	rent Q Ve	ersus		Conton	C		Curi	rent Q Ve	ersus	
Sector	Current Q	Prev Q	1Yr Ago	11/8/21	3/23/20	2/19/20	Sector	Current Q	Prev Q	1Yr Ago	11/8/21	3/23/20	2/19/20
US Stock	-11.6%	-0.3%	-4.1%	-5.3%	6.5%	-3.4%	US Stock	8.3%	0.4%	-2.4%	1.6%	-5.8%	0.8%
World Stock	-13.1%	-1.2%	-2.7%	-3.3%	6.1%	-2.8%	World Stock	8.4%	0.4%	-3.8%	1.1%	-4.2%	1.2%
Covered Call	-6.0%	-1.9%	-5.0%	-5.8%	9.4%	-4.8%	Covered Call	8.5%	0.5%	-1.0%	1.8%	-4.1%	1.2%
MLP	-12.5%	0.8%	1.2%	2.2%	9.9%	-6.7%	MLP	8.9%	0.2%	0.1%	2.7%	-39.1%	-0.2%
REIT	-9.1%	1.0%	-1.6%	-4.7%	6.8%	-4.0%	REIT	11.5%	1.0%	1.2%	5.0%	-3.4%	4.7%
Hybrid	-13.0%	-0.6%	-2.1%	-12.0%	2.3%	-13.3%	Hybrid	11.1%	-0.3%	-2.0%	2.4%	-8.6%	1.1%
Preferred	-10.1%	-3.2%	-4.2%	-14.7%	-1.2%	-15.3%	Preferred	8.3%	0.3%	-0.2%	1.9%	-4.0%	2.1%
Convert	-5.0%	-1.1%	1.2%	-1.4%	9.5%	-4.2%	Convert	10.8%	0.9%	-0.8%	4.4%	-3.2%	3.2%
Multisector	-5.5%	-2.6%	0.8%	-6.3%	8.3%	-8.6%	Multisector	11.0%	0.5%	0.1%	3.4%	-1.6%	3.2%
HY Bond	-9.5%	-1.0%	0.9%	-9.7%	10.8%	-7.3%	HY Bond	10.5%	0.4%	-0.2%	2.9%	-3.4%	2.5%
Senior Loan	-8.7%	2.0%	1.7%	-8.7%	11.4%	-3.2%	Senior Loan	11.7%	0.0%	2.2%	5.1%	-1.9%	3.5%
BDC	-6.0%	3.8%	14.7%	-10.2%	53.2%	-6.5%	BDC	10.9%	-0.4%	-0.8%	2.2%	-15.0%	1.5%
Inv Grade	0.1%	0.0%	4.5%	-6.0%	9.4%	-6.8%	Inv Grade	7.9%	0.3%	-0.2%	2.1%	-1.0%	1.8%
Intl Bond	-3.0%	1.1%	4.5%	-4.8%	14.1%	-3.9%	Intl Bond	12.5%	0.8%	-0.5%	4.1%	-3.8%	3.5%
Muni Bond	-12.9%	-2.1%	-5.9%	-12.8%	-0.6%	-10.2%	Muni Bond	4.8%	0.5%	-0.9%	0.7%	-0.6%	0.8%
Average	-8.4%	-0.4%	0.3%	-6.9%	10.4%	-6.7%	Average	9.7%	0.4%	-0.6%	2.8%	-6.6%	2.0%

CEF Groups: Average Premium / Discount



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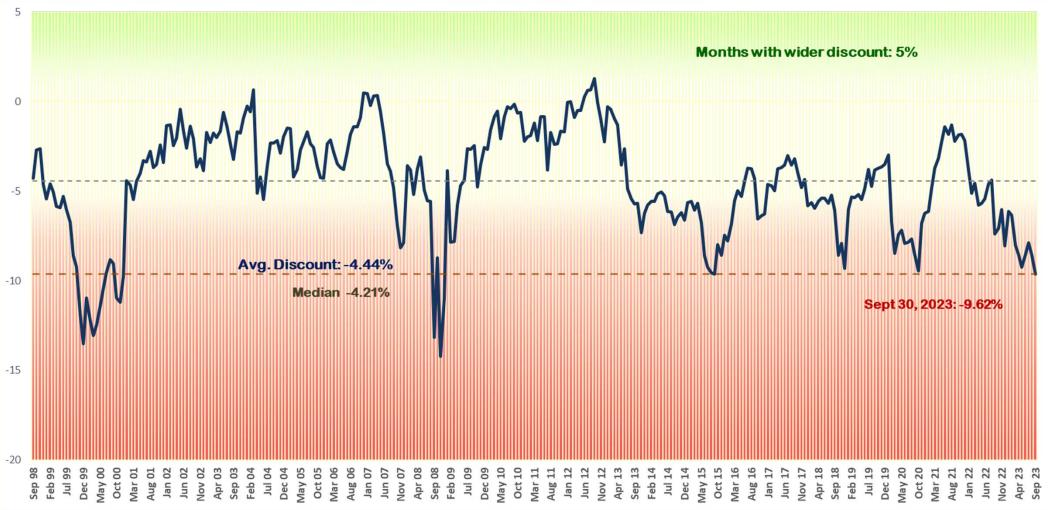
Freed Constraints	Discount			Average Pro	emium/(Dis	count)		
Fund Grouping	(9/30/23)	1Yr	3Yr	5Yr	10Yr	15Yr	20Yr	25Yr
US Stock	-11.60%	-10.38%	-8.54%	-9.19%	-9.87%	-9.91%	-7.38%	-7.31%
World Stock	-13.08%	-11.85%	-10.71%	-11.23%	-10.56%	-9.28%	-8.46%	-9.24%
Covered Call	-6.00%	-2.80%	-2.23%	-2.79%	-4.13%	-4.99%	-4.83%	-4.83%
MLP	-12.51%	-14.06%	-16.05%	-13.99%	-9.04%	-5.88%	-5.44%	-5.44%
REIT	-9.11%	-7.54%	-6.48%	-7.49%	-8.69%	-8.45%	-7.87%	-7.28%
Hybrid	-12.95%	-11.52%	-6.41%	-5.69%	-6.52%	-7.32%	-6.82%	-6.18%
Preferred	-10.12%	-6.14%	-1.17%	-0.33%	-1.74%	-1.71%	-2.08%	-2.13%
Convert	-5.01%	-3.08%	-3.83%	-4.17%	-4.49%	-4.26%	-3.34%	-3.49%
Multisector	-5.50%	-3.33%	-2.09%	-1.72%	-0.54%	0.97%	-0.08%	-0.23%
HY Bond	-9.49%	-8.73%	-6.12%	-6.66%	-6.81%	-4.42%	-3.98%	-3.19%
Senior Loan	-8.71%	-10.62%	-7.34%	-8.54%	-8.10%	-6.55%	-6.24%	-6.25%
BDC	-5.99%	-10.02%	-6.53%	-8.69%	-6.42%	-6.32%	-5.40%	-5.33%
Inv Grade	0.08%	-0.03%	1.27%	1.85%	0.02%	0.80%	-0.23%	-1.13%
Intl Bond	-3.04%	-4.82%	-3.33%	-4.23%	-6.72%	-6.20%	-6.10%	-6.52%
Muni Bond	-12.93%	-9.59%	-5.33%	-5.51%	-4.88%	-3.53%	-3.42%	-3.46%
All CEF	-9.72%	-8.54%	-5.96%	-6.33%	-6.15%	-5.25%	-4.82%	-4.84%



All CEFs: 25 Year Discount History



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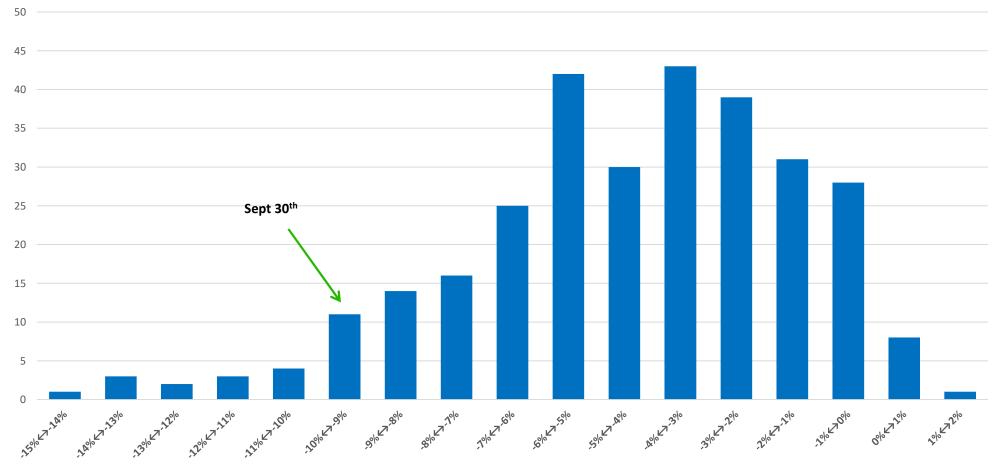


All CEFs: 25 Year Discount Level Frequency



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Monthly Discount Levels (Sept '98 - Sept '23)



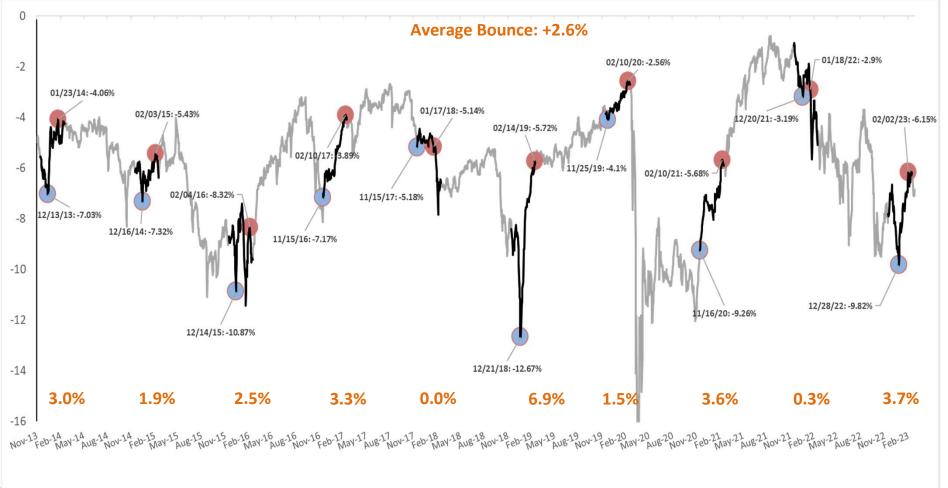


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Discount Seasonality & Tax Loss Selling Major Sector Avg Discount Moves From November to February



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Traditional CEFs: 25 Year Total Return





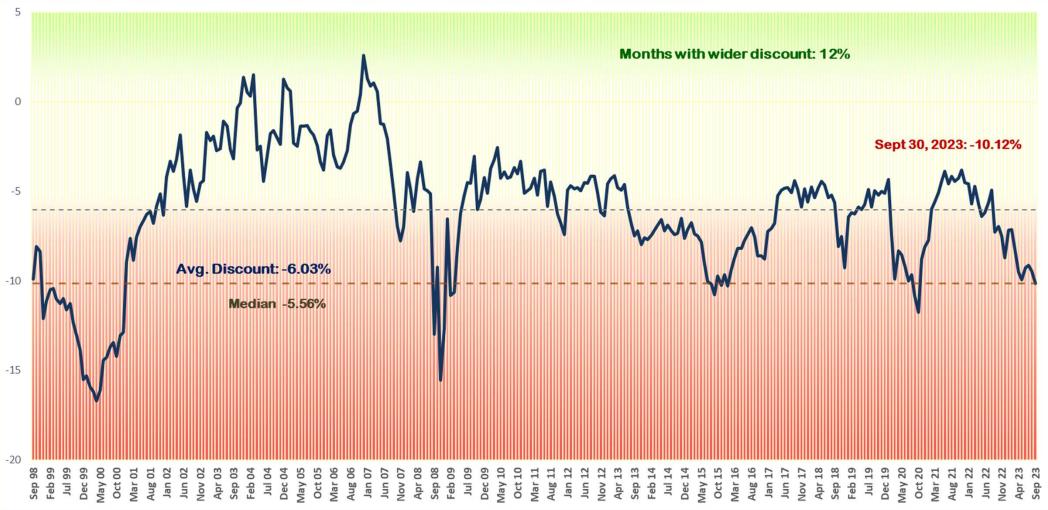
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Equity CEFs: 25 Year Discount History



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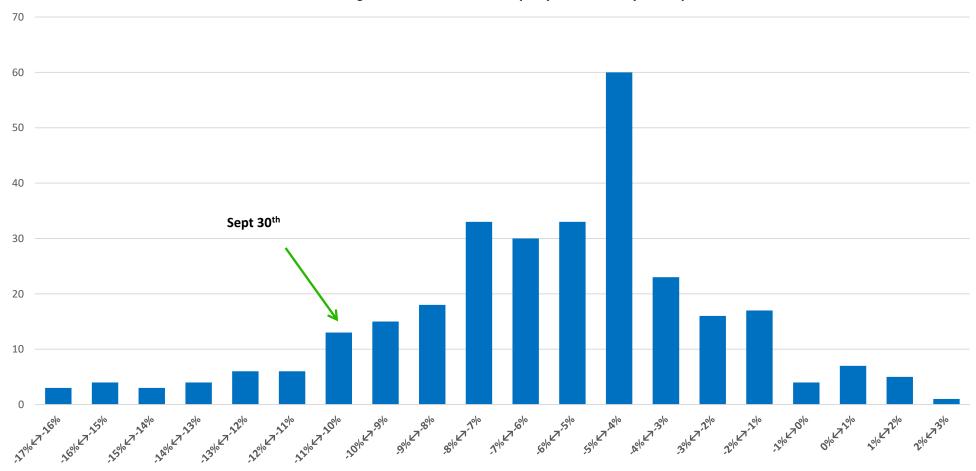


Equity CEFs: 25 Year Discount Level Frequency



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Equity CEFs: 25 Year Total Return





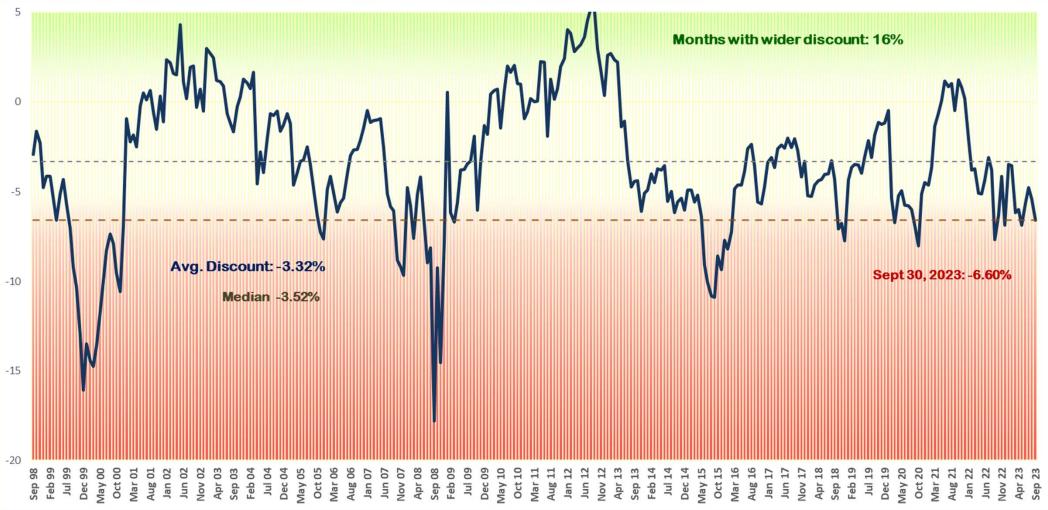
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Taxable Fixed Income CEFs: 25 Year Discount History



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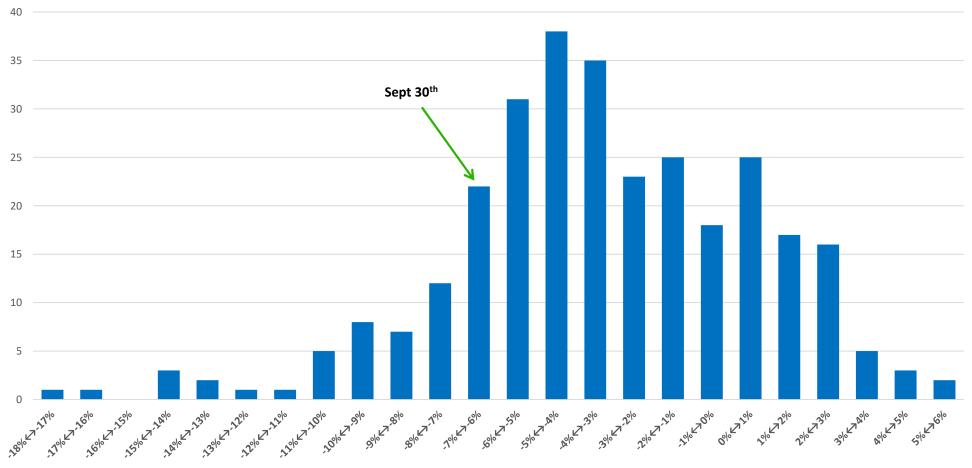


Taxable Fixed Income: 25 Year Discount Level Frequency



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Monthly Discount Levels (Sept '98 - Sept '23)





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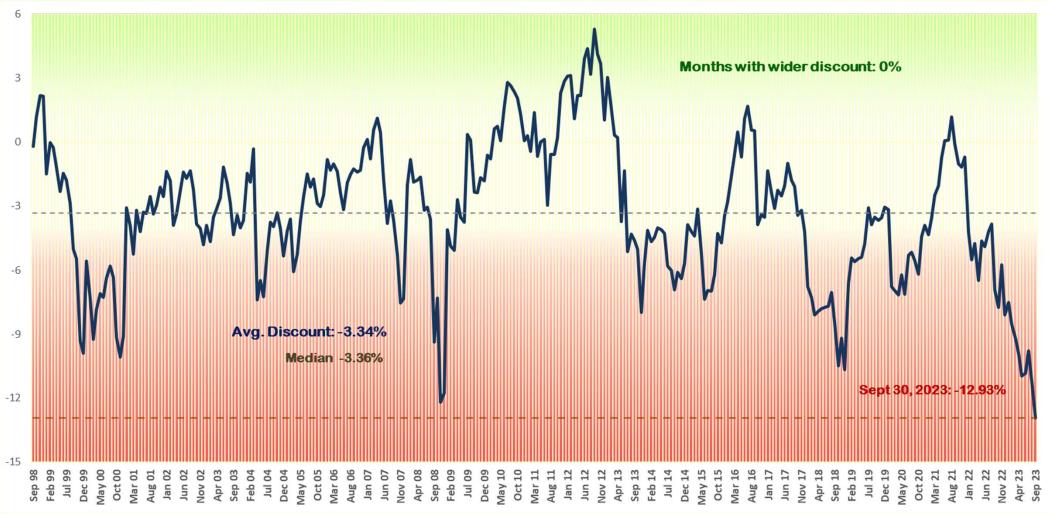
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Municipal Bond CEFs: 25 Year Discount History



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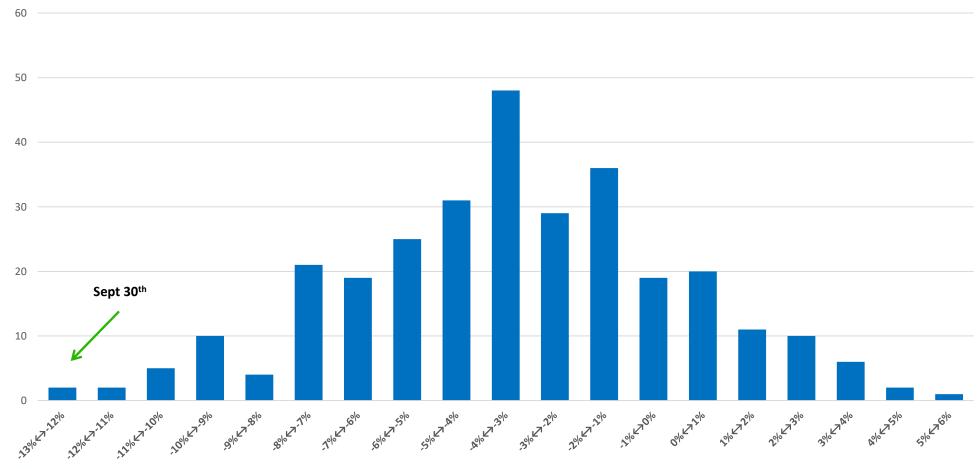


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3Q 2023 Performance and Discounts



CEF Advisors' 15 Major CEF Sectors Index Data as of 09/29/2023 V

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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 guarter.

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	1,426.11	2.39	-1.19	-3.94	-2.36	1.72	13.30	7.48	4.02	5.48	-3.94	-2.36	6.00
NAV	1,415.88	1.57	-0.52	-2.58	-1.55	1.73	10.73	5.84	4.21	5.26	-2.58	-1.55	5.07
Difference		-0.82	0.68	1.35	0.80	0.01	-2.57	-1.64	0.19	-0.22	1.35	0.80	-0.93

^{*}Periods greater than 1 Year are annualized. ** On Inception Date (12/30/16), Index Price was \$1,000 and NAV was \$1,000.07

					20	023 - Mo	nthly Per	formanc	e (%)								Show	Previo	ous Years
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1	Apr	May	Jun	Q2	1H	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q4	2H	2023
Price	10.20	-2.35	-3.17	4.20	1.04	-1.76	4.95	4.18	8.55	3.72	-2.00	-3.94	-2.36		255	878	85		
NAV	6.07	-2.51	-0.13	3.28	0.95	-1.09	3.49	3.34	6.73	2.45	-1.36	-2.58	-1.55	<u></u>	12	-	127	2	2
Difference	-4.12	-0.16	3.04	-0.92	-0.09	0.67	-1.46	-0.84	-1.83	-1.27	0.64	1.35	0.80	2	323	£.	(12)	2	2

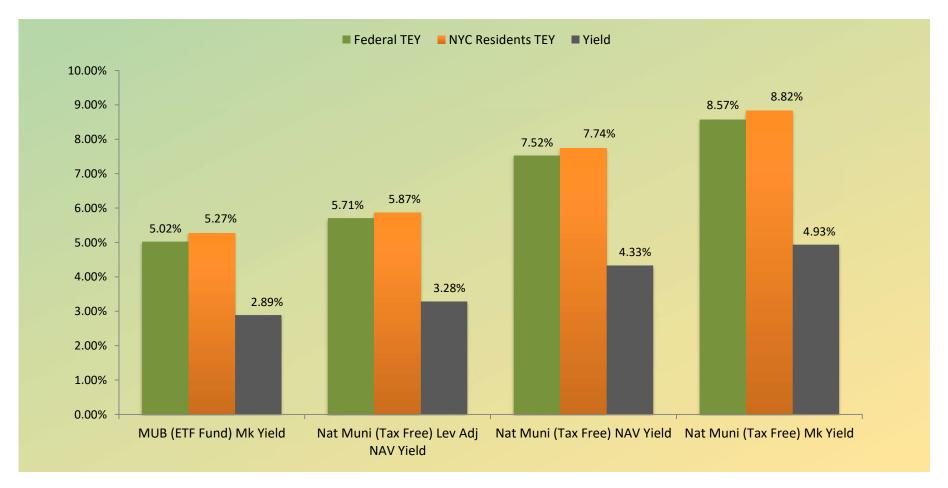
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Tax Equivalent Yield Comparison

Married Couple with W-2 Income of \$1MM+





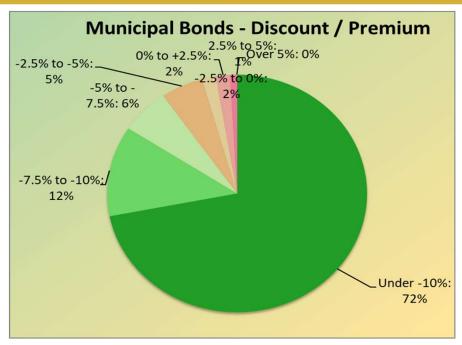
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Municipal Bond CEF Overview



	National Muni Funds	Single State Muni Funds	Total
Number of Funds	76	38	114
Net Assets (Total)	\$39,558	\$11,548	\$51,106
Net Assets	\$520	\$304	\$448
Earnings Covg Ratio %	91.3	97.9	93.5
Premium / Discount %	-12.36	-14.08	-12.93
Total Mkt Yield %	5.04	4.45	4.84
Lvg Adj NAV Yield %	3.37	2.86	3.20
NAV Volatility	7.39	7.21	7.33
Leverage %	32.5	35.5	33.5
Leverage Cost %	1.91	2.22	2.01
Duration	11.05	12.83	11.65
Insured %	6.5	5.5	6.2
Investment Grade %	76	86	79
Credit Quality	A	A	A





Note: Volatility is a three-year rolling calculation



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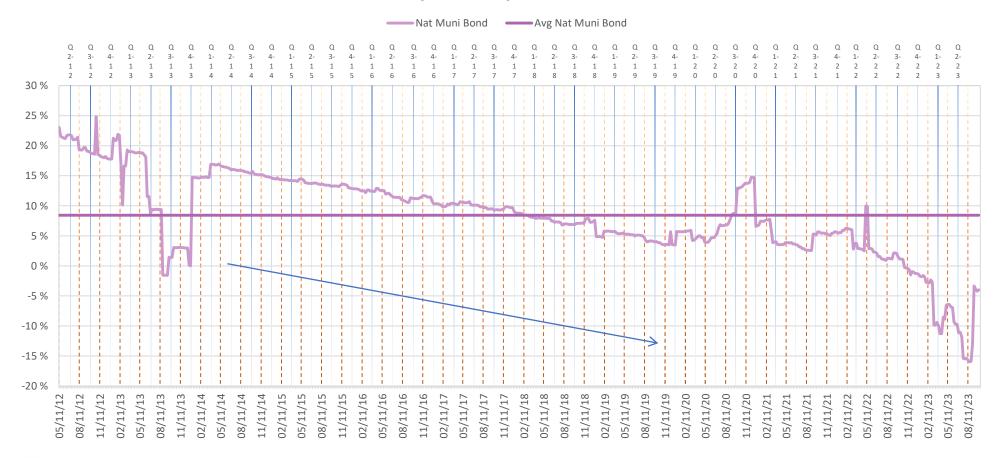


Relative UNII for National Muni Funds



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Nat Muni Bond - Relative UNII May '12 - September '23

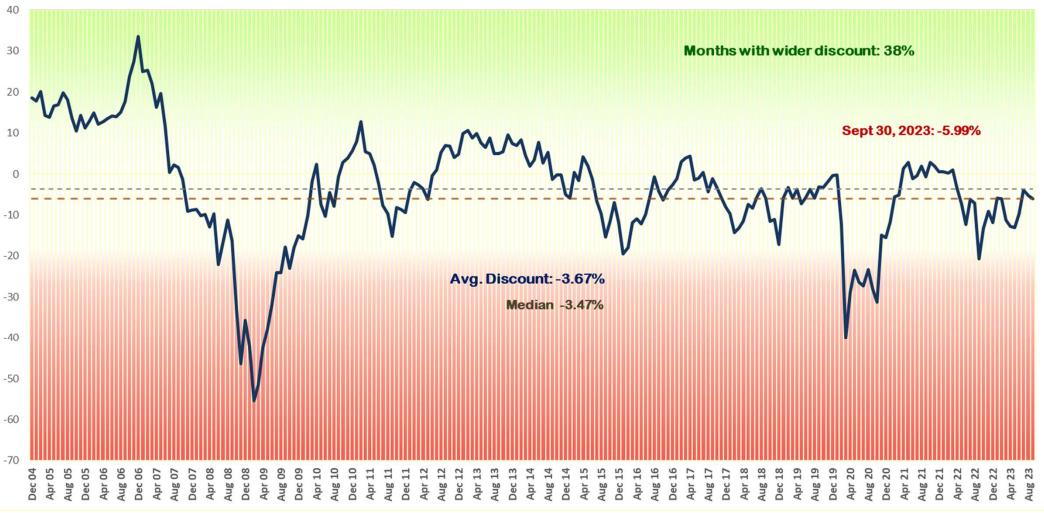




Debt BDCs: 18 Year Discount History



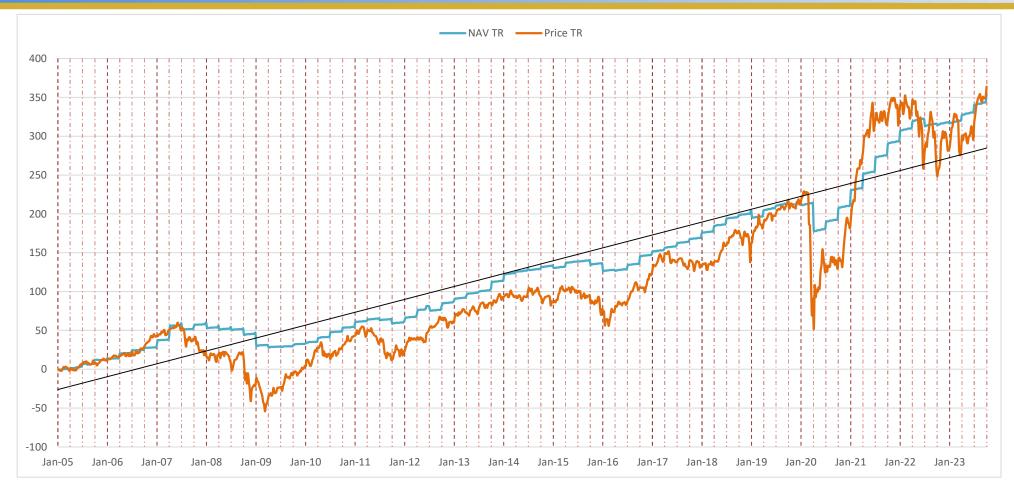
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Debt BDCs: 18 Year Total Return



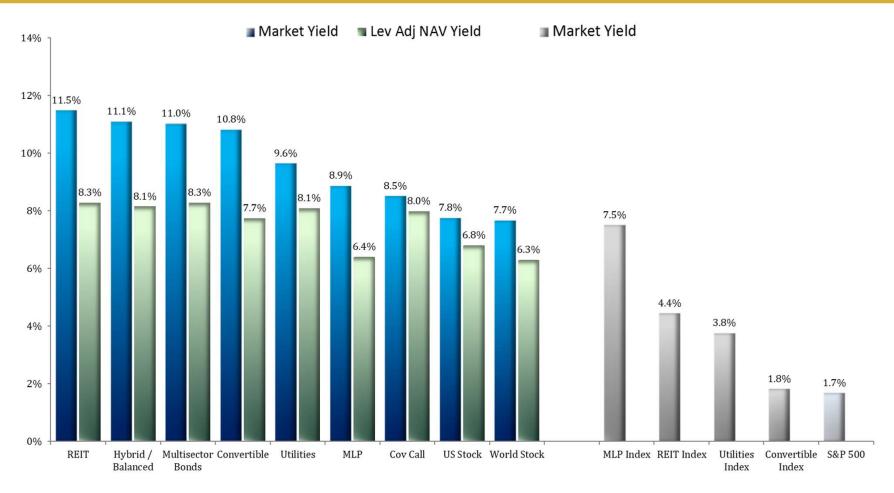


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Equity Sectors: Yield Comparison





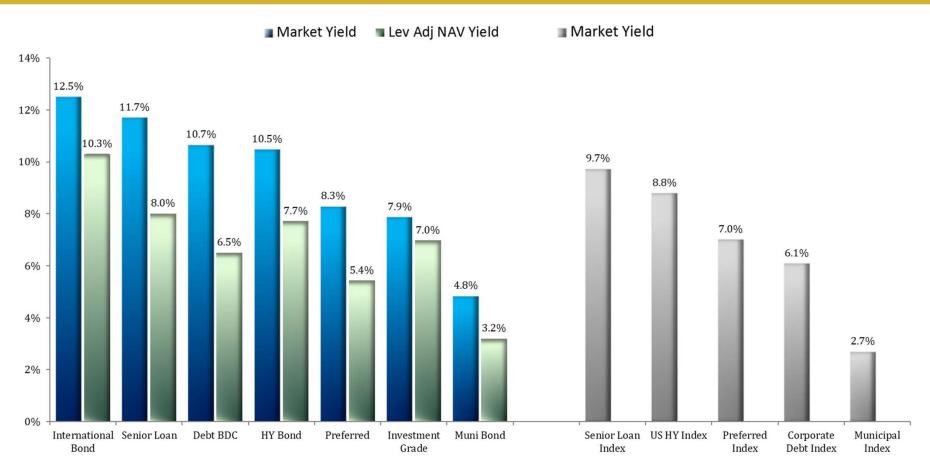
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Data as of 9/30/20223



Debt Sectors: Yield Comparison





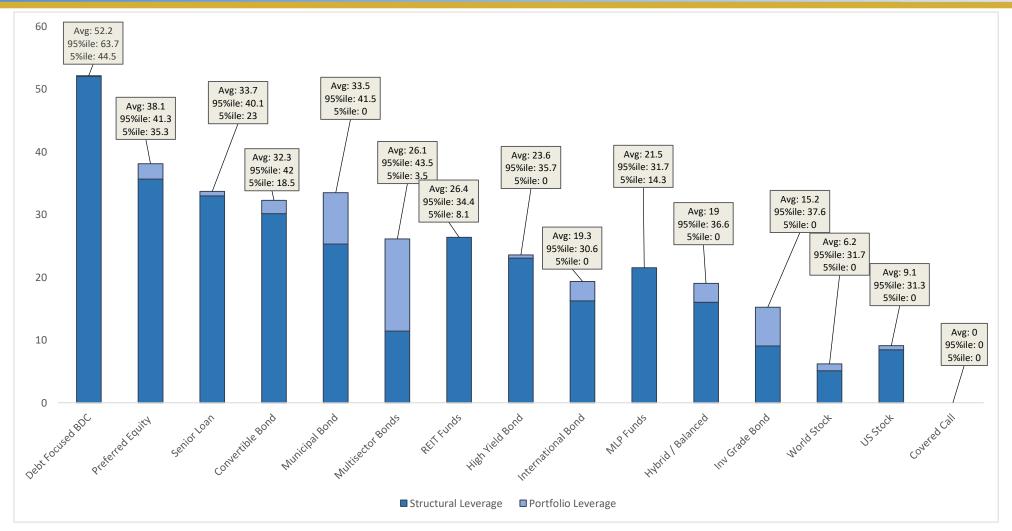
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Data as of 9/30/20223



15 Major Sectors: Leverage (%)

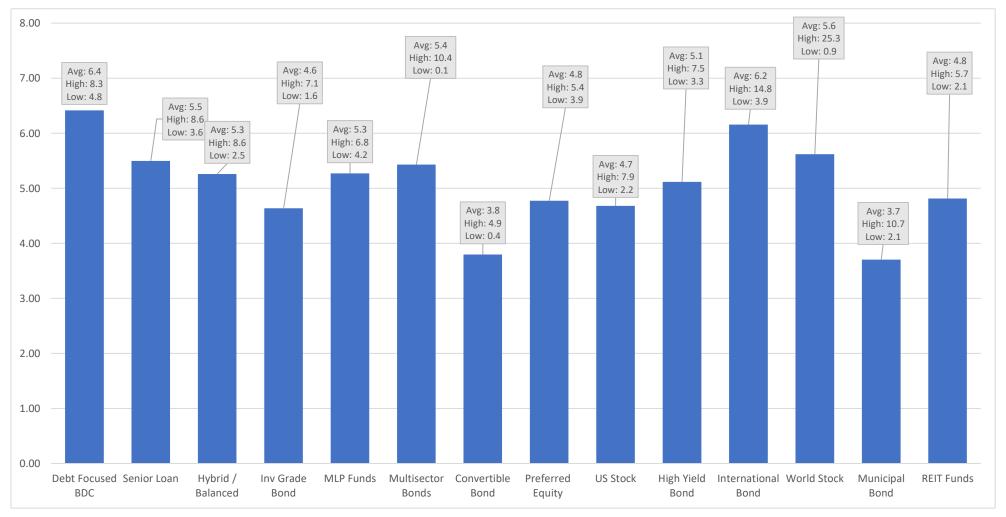






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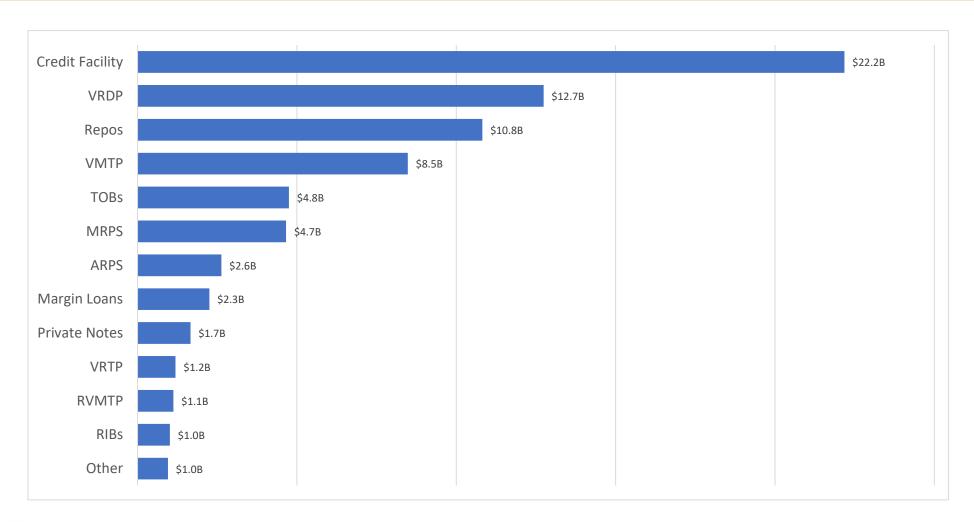






Traditional CEF Leverage By Type



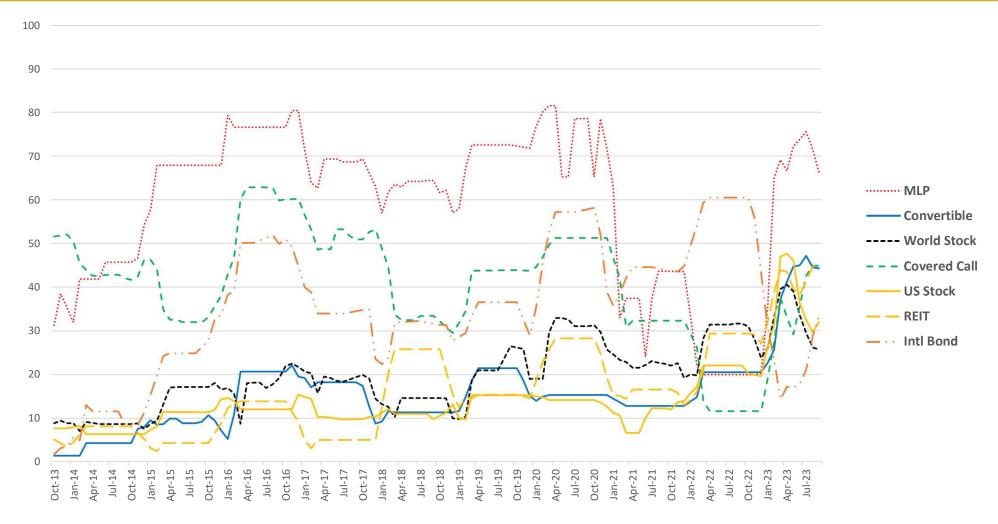




Return of Capital Trends (90 day rolling)



Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023





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Destructive Return of Capital (10YR DRoC)



Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023

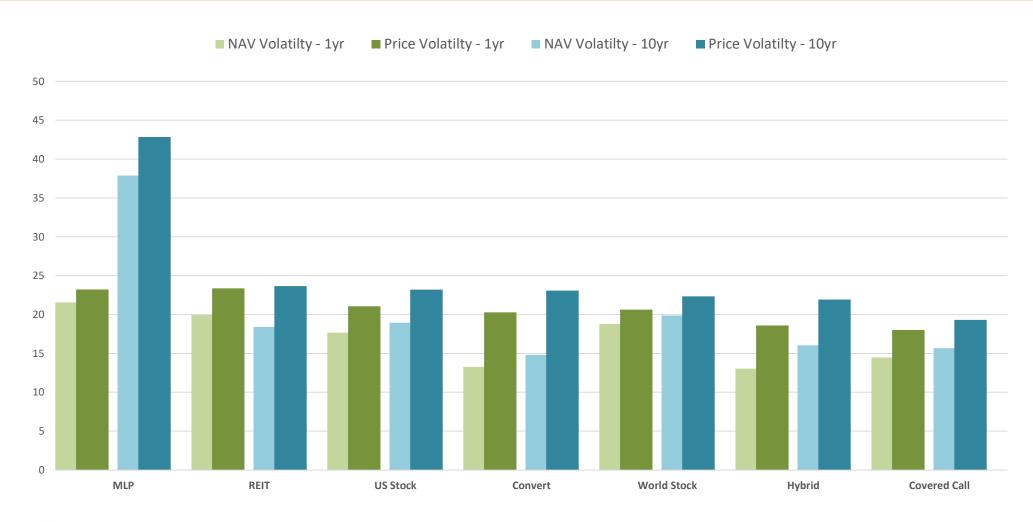
Fund Grouping	RoC%	Funds with De	estructive RoC	Avg Destructive	1Yr NAV TR vs			10Yr NAV TR vs
		#	%	RoC %	NAV Yield	NAV Yield	NAV Yield	NAV Yield
US Equity	33%	4	13%	36%	0.86x	0.41x	-0.22x	-0.05x
Non-US Equity	33%	6	17%	30%	1.53x	-0.41x	-0.68x	-0.47x
Specialty Equity	35%	34	34%	33%	0.14x	0.58x	-0.69x	-0.48x
All Equity CEFs	36%	51	27%	35%	0.48x	0.25x	-0.61x	-0.42x
Taxable Bond	18%	61	46%	14%	-0.16x	-0.80x	-0.80x	-0.67x
National Muni	11%	44	58%	14%	-0.56x	-1.89x	-0.97x	-0.21x
State Muni	9%	19	50%	N/A	-0.53x	-2.22x	-1.05x	-0.22x
All Bond CEFs	15%	124	50%	14%	-0.26x	-1.11x	-0.86x	-0.55x
Average – All CEFs	24%	175	40%	20%	0.07x	-0.52x	-0.75x	-0.49x



NAV vs Market Price Volatility: Equity CEF Sectors



Source: Sept 30, 2023 – CEFData.com



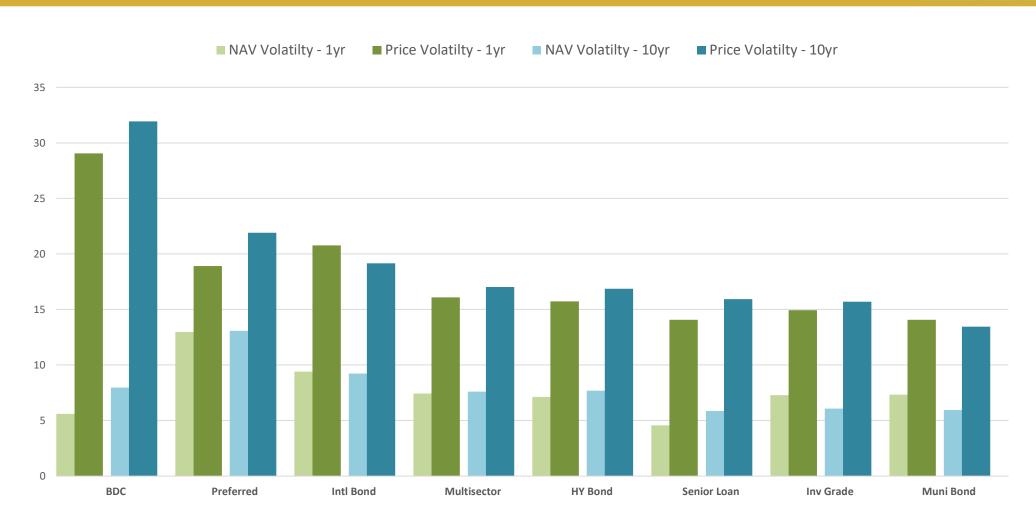


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NAV vs Market Price Volatility: Fixed Income Sectors



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CEF Liquidity Trends (\$ADV 90 days) – 3Q 2023



Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023

Fund Grouping	Avg Liq - 3Q'23	Avg Liq - 2Q'23	% Q/Q Change	Avg Liq - 3Q'22	% Y/Y Change
Convertible	\$882	\$1,063	-17%	\$1,010	-13%
Covered Call	\$1,635	\$1,774	-8%	\$1,724	-5%
High Yield Bond	\$976	\$860	13%	\$777	26%
International Bond	\$866	<i>\$756</i>	15%	\$823	5%
Investment Grade	\$981	\$918	7%	<i>\$788</i>	24%
MLP	\$856	\$964	-11%	\$950	-10%
Municipal Bond	\$918	\$878	5%	\$974	-6%
Preferred Stock	\$1,220	\$1,239	-2%	\$1,182	3%
Real Estate / REIT	\$1,242	\$1,404	-12%	\$1,167	6%
Senior Loan	\$1,365	\$1,124	21%	\$855	60%
Hybrid / Balanced	\$1,169	\$1,256	-7%	\$1,255	-7%
US Stock	\$1,803	\$1,716	5%	\$2,224	-19%
World Stock	\$521	\$520	0%	\$514	1%
Average Equity CEF	\$1,448	\$1,533	-6%	\$1,549	-7%
Average Bond CEF	\$1,148	\$1,049	9%	\$1,043	10%
Average BDC	\$5,490	\$5,290	4%	\$4,124	33%
Average - ALL CEFs	\$1,696	\$1,655	2%	\$1,546	10%



Traditional CEFs: NAV – Market Price Correlation



Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023

Fund Grouping	Correlation 3Q 23	Correlation 2Q 23	Q/Q Chg in Correlation	Correlation 3Q 22	Y/Y Chg in Correlation
US Equity	81.0%	78.6%	2.4%	84.9%	-3.9%
Non-US Equity	88.6%	80.5%	8.1%	94.3%	-5.6%
Specialty Equity	82.2%	81.8%	0.4%	93.0%	-10.8%
Equity CEF Avg	83.4%	80.7%	2.7%	91.9%	-8.5%
Taxable Bond	66.4%	59.1%	7.3%	84.5%	-18.1%
National Muni Bond	92.1%	75.0%	17.1%	94.7%	-2.6%
State Muni Bond	94.1%	76.6%	17.5%	90.2%	3.9%
Bond CEF Avg	78.5%	66.6%	11.9%	88.4%	-9.9%
Average – All CEFs	80.6%	72.6%	8.0%	89.9%	-9.3%

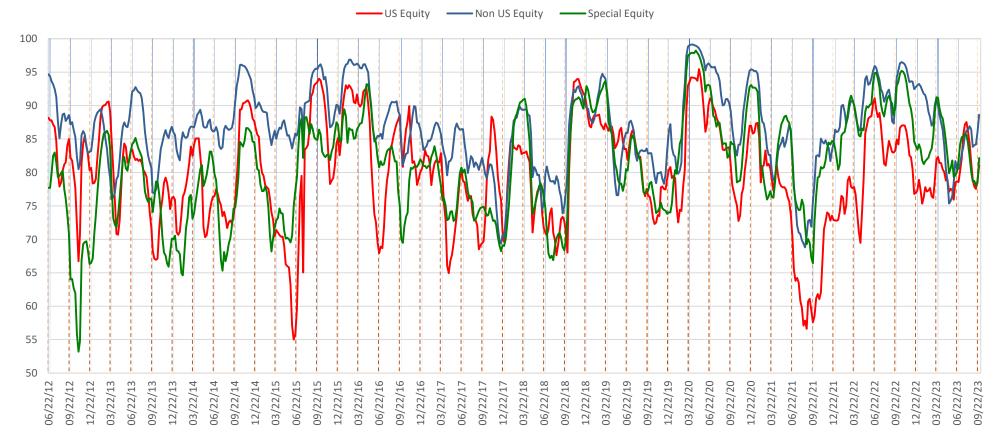


CEF Market Price/NAV Correlation (Rolling 90 Day)



Source: Sept 30, 2023 – CEFData.com

Main Peer Groups - 90 Day NAV/Price Correlation June 2012 - September 2023



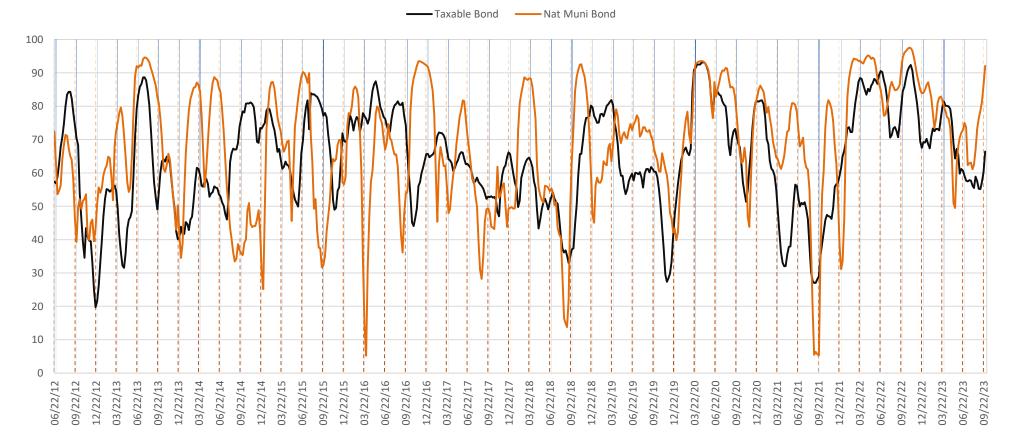


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Main Peer Groups - 90 Day NAV/Price Correlation June 2012 - September 2023





CEF Press Release & SEC Filings Summary (2,120 CEF & BDC PRs in 3Q23)



Source: Fund Press Releases & SEC Filings

Announcement Type	3Q 2023	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	Avg/Q
Rights Issue / Offering	1	7	18	28	11	18	4
Secondary Offering (CEFs)	1	1	3	7	3	1	1
Secondary Offering (BDCs)	3	8	11	6	1	8	2
Tender Offer	11	19	20	41	39	23	7
Distribution Policy Change (CEFs)	6	8	8	12	13	18	3
Distribution Policy Change (BDCs)	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
13D/G Filings (Traditional CEF)	49	191	282	208	575	282	81
13D Filings (Traditional CEF)	23	59	44	47	56	50	13
New N-2 Filings	22	51	49	61	46	37	13
Updated N-2 Filings	73	198	123	171	155	154	42
Director Change	11	29	65	56	34	85	14
Portfolio Manager Change	6	50	23	40	41	47	11
Leverage Amount / Type Change	34	67	78	365	109	70	36



3Q23 CEF & BDC Distribution Increases vs. Decreases



Source: Fund Press Releases & SEC Filings

2.3% of announcements "Big Cuts"

Distribution Announcement	3Q 2023 Number of Announcements	3Q 2023 Average Change	3Q '22 – 2Q '23 Number of Announcements	3Q '22 – 2Q '23 Average Change
Dividend Maintains	989 (87.4%)	N/A	3828 (81.7%)	N/A
Dividend Increases	75 (6.6%)	+11.34%	330 (7%)	+9.03%
Dividend Decreases	68 (6%)	-6.93%	528 (11.3%)	-10.77%
Under 5% Increase	38 (51%)	+2.01%	158 (48%)	+2.37%
5% - 15% Increase	26 (35%)	+9.4%	124 (38%)	+9.08%
Over 15% Increase	11 (15%)	+48.16%	48 (15%)	+30.83%
Under 5% Decrease	42 (62%)	-2.1%	186 (35%)	-2.31%
5% - 15% Decrease	18 (26%)	-7.37%	211 (40%)	-9.6%
Over 15% Decrease	8 (12%)	-31.32%	131 (25%)	-24.66%

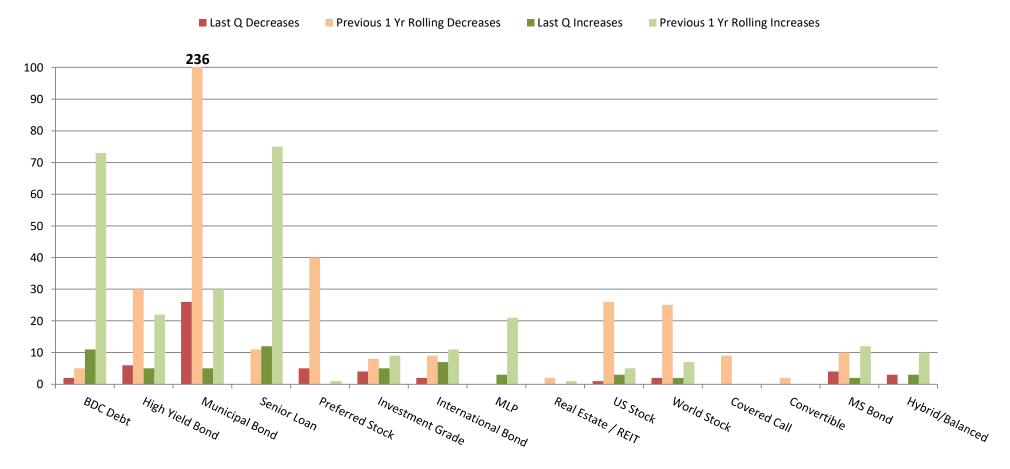


3Q23 CEF & BDC Distribution Changes by Sector



Source: Fund Press Releases

Major CEF Groups: Number of dividend decreases / increases Last Quarter & Previous 1 Year Rolling





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Distribution Growth Rate



Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023

Sector	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
US Stock	-13.2%	12.0%	1.7%	49.8%
World Stock	-15.7%	2.1%	7.0%	24.3%
Covered Call	-16.6%	4.3%	0.7%	-6.4%
MLP CEF	43.5%	151.8%	-51.9%	-66.4%
REIT CEF	-7.6%	-2.9%	-8.6%	6.8%
Hybrid / Balanced	-12.4%	-8.5%	-20.2%	-5.9%
Preferred Equity	-14.9%	-25.5%	-23.4%	-25.9%
Convertible Bond	-20.0%	4.5%	-9.4%	33.1%
Multisector Bond	-11.5%	6.6%	-11.0%	-17.5%
Hight Yield Bond	2.4%	-5.9%	4.6%	-16.9%
Senior Loan	34.3%	46.7%	45.8%	23.9%
Debt BDC	12.1%	18.3%	22.1%	103.5%
Investment Grade	-0.2%	-11.1%	-16.6%	-26.8%
International Bond	15.3%	10.6%	-18.8%	-29.8%
Municipal Bond	-22.3%	-26.6%	-30.1%	-46.1%



CEF Distribution Lookback (Policies NOT Promises)



Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023

3 Year Dividend Growth (2.2: 1 Negative Ratio)

- 195 funds (45%) had negative 3-year growth (average -26%)
- 88 funds (20%) had positive 3-year growth (average +23%)

2 Year Lookback (1.5: 1 Negative Ratio)

- 300 funds changed their dividend policy in the past 2 years (69% of funds)
- 190 cut (44%) an average of -15%, while 110 (25%) raised by an average of 12%
- 174 of these funds have "level" or "managed distributions"
 - 115 of those were cut an average -16%
 - 59 were increased an average of +14%

1 Year Lookback (1.8 : 1 Negative Ratio)

- 116 increases vs 211 decreases
- 42 had <u>BOTH</u> increases and decreases in the past year



CEF & BDC IPOs & Direct Listings – Annual Trend



Source: SEC Filings, Press Releases

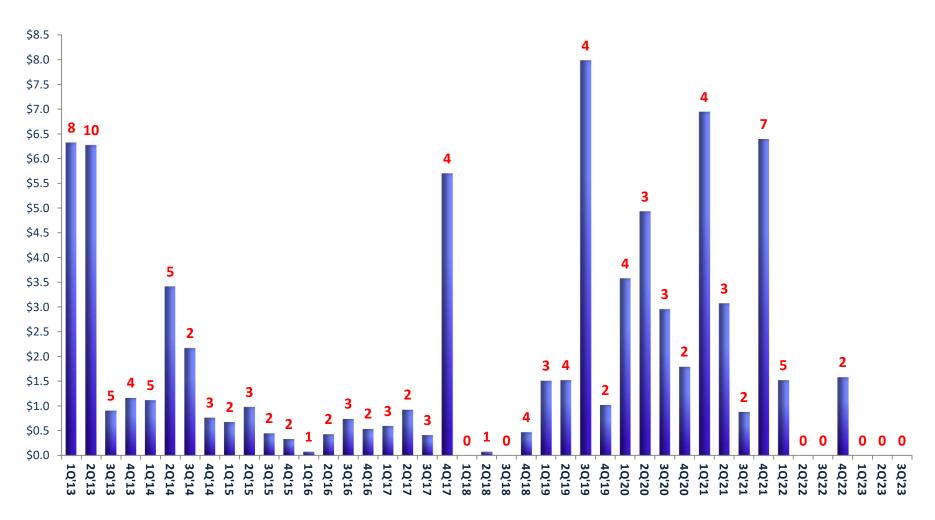
	2023 YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Number of IPOs											
CEF	0	6	12	10	12	4	11	8	8	9	25
BDC	0	1	4	2	1	1	2	0	1	6	2
TOTAL	0	7	16	12	13	5	13	8	9	15	27
Average Assets (\$ Million	ns)										
CEF	\$0	\$504	\$1,253	\$852	\$429	\$80	\$294	\$225	\$291	\$469	\$580
BDC	\$0	\$83	\$561	\$2,368	\$6,890	\$152	\$2,852	\$0	\$120	\$543	\$90
AVERAGE	\$0	\$361	\$1,653	\$1,105	\$926	\$94	\$646	\$225	\$272	\$498	\$543
Total IPO Assets (\$ Millio	ons)										
CEF	\$0	\$3,026	\$15,040	\$8,525	\$5,148	\$319	\$3,239	\$1,799	\$2,327	\$4,218	\$14,488
BDC	\$0	\$83	\$2,245	\$4,736	\$6,890	\$152	\$5,163	\$0	\$120	\$3,257	\$180
TOTAL	\$0	\$3,109	\$17,285	\$13,261	\$12,038	\$471	\$8,402	\$1,799	\$2,447	\$7,475	\$14,668

10 Year Average: 12 funds per year, \$632 MM avg fund assets, \$8.0 B avg raised per year



CEF & BDC IPOs & Direct Listings – Quarterly Trend

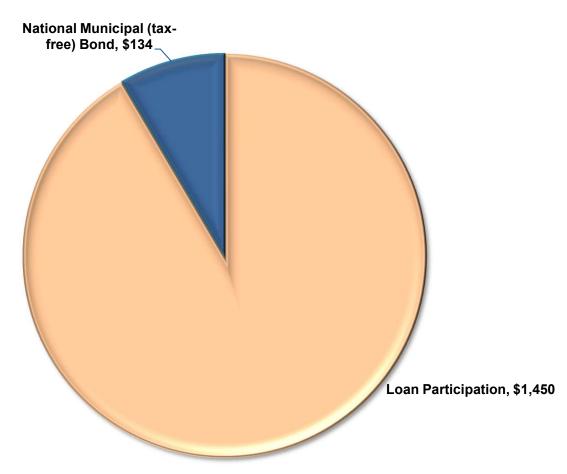






CEF & BDC IPOs & Direct Listings By Investment Strategy (Last 4Qs)





Note: Inception Assets in millions; data as of 9/30/2023, cefdata.com



Recent IPO & Direct Listings - Details (1 of 2)



Source: Fund Press Releases

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

Direct Listed on January 13, 2022

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

Price as of 9/30/23: \$5.98 Disc/Prm as of 9/30/23: -43.16%

PIMCO Access Income Fund (PAXS) - Multisector Bond Funds

IPOed on January 27, 2022

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

Price as of 9/30/23: \$13.88 Disc/Prm as of 9/30/23: -3.88%

RiverNorth Managed Duration Muni Inc. Fund II (RMMZ) - National Municipal (tax-free) Bond

IPOed on February 11, 2022

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

Price as of 9/30/23: \$14.35 Disc/Prm as of 9/30/23: -8.60%



Recent IPO & Direct Listings - Details (2 of 2)



Source: Fund Press Releases

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

IPOed on February 4, 2022

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

Price as of 9/30/23: \$9.68 Disc/Prm as of 9/30/23: -33.20%

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

IPOed on February 24, 2022

IPO Price: \$20.00 IPO Assets: \$305M

Price as of 9/30/23: \$13.05 Disc/Prm as of 9/30/23: -8.68%

BlackRock 2037 Municipal Target Term Trust (BMN) - National Municipal (tax-free) Bond

IPOed on October 26, 2022

IPO Price: \$25.00 IPO Assets: \$134M

Price as of 9/30/23: \$22.75 Disc/Prm as of 9/30/23: -7.26%

FS Credit Opportunities Corp (FSCO) - Loan Participation

Direct Listed on November 14, 2022

IPO Price: \$4.48 IPO Assets: \$1450M

Price as of 9/30/23: \$5.42 Disc/Prm as of 9/30/23: -22.35%



Recent IPOs (last 12 quarters) Current Discount / Premium



Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023

Traditional CEFs

IPO Date	Ticker	Current Disc/Prm	Current Price	IPO Price	Curr vs IPO
40 2020	PTA	-7.86%	\$17.47	\$25.00	69.88%
4Q 2020	SDHY	-13.70%	\$14.49	\$20.00	72.45%
	PDO	-1.33%	\$11.88	\$20.00	59.40%
1Q 2021	RFMZ	-12.87%	\$12.32	\$20.00	61.60%
	BIGZ	-18.31%	\$6.96	\$20.00	34.80%
	NPCT	-16.65%	\$9.16	\$20.00	45.80%
2Q 2021	NBXG	-16.71%	\$10.42	\$20.00	52.10%
	WDI	-11.14%	\$13.24	\$20.00	66.20%
	TBLD	-14.02%	\$14.60	\$20.00	73.00%
3Q 2021	MIO	-16.74%	\$9.55	\$20.00	47.75%
	ECAT	-12.54%	\$14.79	\$20.00	73.95%
	MEGI	-14.26%	\$11.78	\$20.00	58.90%
4Q 2021	GUG	-14.29%	\$13.50	\$20.00	67.50%
	NPFD	-15.02%	\$15.67	\$25.00	62.68%
	DMA	-43.16%	\$5.98	\$12.00	49.83%
1Q 2022	PAXS	-3.88%	\$13.88	\$20.00	69.40%
1Q 2022	RMMZ	-8.60%	\$14.35	\$20.00	71.75%
	RLTY	-8.68%	\$13.05	\$20.00	65.25%
4Q 2022	BMN	-7.26%	\$22.75	\$25.00	91.00%
4Q 2022	FSCO	-22.35%	\$5.42	\$4.48	120.98%

BDCs

IPO Date	Ticker	Current Disc/Prm	Current Price	IPO Price	Curr vs IPO
1Q 2021	TRIN	5.86%	\$13.92	\$14.00	99.43%
	CION	-30.96%	\$10.57	\$11.85	89.20%
3Q 2021	RWAY	-9.53%	\$12.82	\$14.60	87.81%
	BXSL	4.03%	\$27.36	\$26.15	104.63%
1Q 2022	SSIC	-33.20%	\$9.68	\$14.00	69.14%

12 Quarters Avg: 66% of IPO Price & CEFs @ Avg -13.97% Discount

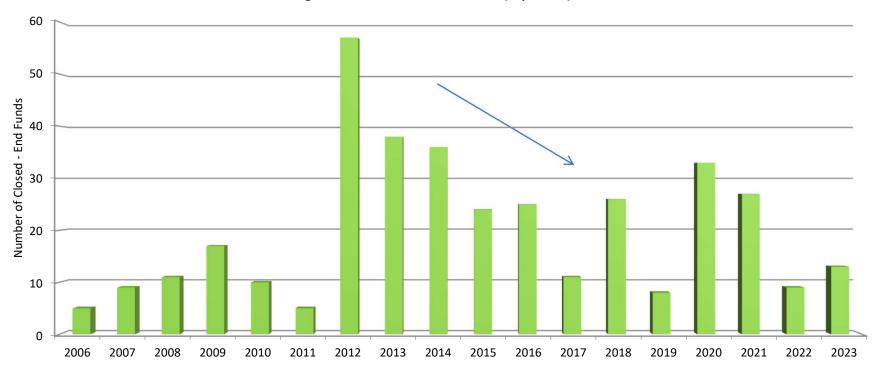
Closed-End Fund Mergers



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

Avg 21 per year

Closed-End Funds Merged into Other Closed-End Funds (Sept 2023)



Note: Based on date announced Source: Fund Press Releases



Closed-End Fund Deaths

Open-Ending, Liquidation & Conversion

Source: Fund Press Releases



CEF Funds Open-Ended, Liquidated or Converted to ETF

Open-ended ■ Liquidated ■ Converted to ETF



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CEF / BDC Index Performance (1 of 2)



Diversified Indexes

Index	Curre	ent(\$)	Previous	Day(%)	1We	ek(%)	1 Moi	nth(%)	3 Mor	nth(%)	6 Mor	nth(%)	1 Ye	ar(%)	3 Ye	ar(%)	5 Yea	ır(%)	10 Ye	ear(%)	MTI	0(%)	QTE	0(%)	YTI	D(%)
Index	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV
1. 15 Major CEF Sectors Index	1,426.11	1,415.88	0.56	0.45	-1.19	-0.52	-3.94	-2.58	-2.36	-1.55	1.72	1.73	13.30	10.73	7.48	5.84	4.02	4.21	5.48	5.26	-3.94	-2.58	-2.36	-1.55	6.00	5.07
2. High Income Index	1,238.85	1,237.60	-0.46	-0.35	-1.38	-1.01	-4.70	-3.04	-2.20	-1.58	1.71	1.32	14.47	10.54	9.90	6.35	0.50	1.21	3.20	3.38	-4.70	-3.04	-2.20	-1.58	8.05	5.56
3. Equity Income Index	1,560.13	1,445.51	0.50	0.38	-0.72	-0.43	-4.69	-3.91	-4.24	-3.31	-1.97	-0.26	11.50	12.65	11.77	9.64	4.46	4.02	5.69	4.90	-4.69	-3.91	-4.24	-3.31	2.84	3.06
4.60/40 Balanced (w/ BDCs) Index	1,523.46	1,474.52	0.68	0.45	-0.41	-0.17	-3.33	-2.69	-2.42	-1.80	1.14	1.67	13.32	12.06	7.66	6.00	4.39	4.40	6.02	5.66	-3.33	-2.69	-2.42	-1.80	6.02	5.46
5. Tax-Advantaged Equity Dividend Index	1,617.41	1,514.06	0.80	1.05	-0.17	0.52	-4.36	-3.44	-4.45	-3.13	-2.64	0.33	9.92	13.58	10.12	7.94	4.48	4.52	7.21	6.07	-4.36	-3.44	-4.45	-3.13	0.67	3.19
6. Tax-Sensitive Income Index	1,202.99	1,193.45	0.26	0.15	-2.46	-1.77	-4.91	-3.76	-4.12	-3.31	-3.56	-1.60	6.63	8.57	12.47	10.33	1.56	1.63	2.84	2.86	-4.91	-3.76	-4.12	-3.31	-0.52	0.37
7. Taxable Bond & BDC Index	1,278.06	1,263.19	1.09	0.75	-1.21	-0.24	-3.08	-1.41	-1.16	-0.40	1.90	1.47	12.93	8.82	2.18	1.17	2.42	2.34	4.27	3.95	-3.08	-1.41	-1.16	-0.40	4.97	3.97
8. Discount CEF/BDC Index	1,634.46	1,193.71	-5.30	-2.31	-7.08	-3.79	-9.11	-5.44	-8.13	-5.96	-4.58	-3.76	6.54	5.40	10.65	2.38	7.84	1.80	7.52	3.43	-9.11	-5.44	-8.13	-5.96	1.98	-0.91
9. Premium CEF/BDC Index	887.69	1,440.01	5.11	-1.79	2.62	-2.62	0.30	-3.42	1.84	-1.64	2.25	0.89	15.61	10.64	-2.17	3.66	-3.68	4.41	-0.41	5.56	0.30	-3.42	1.84	-1.64	1.82	3.78
10. All Sector Equity CEF Index	1,641.87	1,530.50	0.54	0.27	-0.49	-0.33	-4.15	-3.86	-3.76	-3.25	-0.24	0.87	13.35	14.40	9.90	7.92	4.86	4.59	6.36	5.60	-4.15	-3.86	-3.76	-3.25	5.60	5.56
11. Alternative Income Index	1,343.72	1,379.07	0.52	0.61	-0.99	-0.45	-3.62	-2.32	-1.52	-0.96	1.63	1.14	11.44	8.57	8.84	6.62	2.41	3.59	4.89	5.07	-3.62	-2.32	-1.52	-0.96	4.06	2.84

Equity Sector Indexes

Index	Curre	ent(\$)	77	vious v(%)	1 We	ek(%)	1 Mor	nth(%)	3 Mor	nth(%)	6 Mor	nth(%)	1 Ye	ar(%)	3 Yea	ar(%)	5 Yea	ar(%)	10 Ye	ear(%)	МТІ	D(%)	QTD	0(%)	YTC	D(%)
000,000,000	Price	NAV 🏺	Price	NAV	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	1,483.68	1,384.24	1.19	0.84	-0.96	-0.82	-3.77	-3.46	-4.31	-3.63	-2.82	-2.03	21.06	21.30	2.70	1.30	3.57	3.10	3.81	3.30	-3.77	-3.46	-4.31	-3.63	6.84	7.49
2. US Equity Index	1,871.49	1,789.25	0.31	-0.10	-0.08	-0.26	-4.66	-4.52	-3.78	-3.16	2.29	3.50	15.79	17.65	9.37	8.02	6.16	6.43	9.55	8.69	-4.66	-4.52	-3.78	-3.16	8.28	10.12
3. Global Equity Index	1,701.50	1,596.66	0.58	0.16	-0.27	-0.22	-3.61	-3.81	-3.28	-3.18	1.51	2.00	15.19	16.14	8.02	6.20	5.18	5.08	6.87	6.16	-3.61	-3.81	-3.28	-3.18	8.40	8.08
4. Covered Call / Option Funds Index	1,722.11	1,650.57	0.77	0.36	-0.08	-0.07	-4.87	-4.20	-4.60	-2.83	0.88	3.62	15.09	18.80	9.35	7.90	5.06	5.65	8.20	7.24	-4.87	-4.20	-4.60	-2.83	6.92	10.78
5. Global Real Estate, REIT & Real Asset Index	1,233.88	1,159.62	1.14	0.98	-1.95	-1.31	-7.62	-7.30	-6.92	-8.10	-6.73	-5.97	2.36	2.17	3.91	1.96	1.02	0.59	5.08	4.44	-7.62	-7.30	-6.92	-8.10	-4.87	-3.67
6. Utilities / Infrastructure Index	1,473.98	1,340.86	0.92	0.74	-5.65	-4.42	-8.74	-6.15	-10.98	-9.58	-15.41	-10.35	-3.12	1.48	4.07	4.51	4.29	3.30	6.57	5.17	-8.74	-6.15	-10.98	-9.58	-11.57	-9.20
7. Master Limited Partnership (MLP) Fund Index	726.01	705.10	-1.31	-1.21	-2.59	-2.29	-3.85	-2.02	2.97	2.62	10.17	4.96	19.04	15.16	43.11	33.22	-6.23	-6.61	-5.83	-5.51	-3.85	-2.02	2.97	2.62	10.54	4.65
8. Preferred Equity Index	1,152.98	1,238.78	0.77	0.56	-0.63	-0.87	-3.11	-1.41	-2.07	0.88	-2.31	3.61	-0.97	1.22	-3.03	-0.07	0.34	1.64	5.30	5.34	-3.11	-1.41	-2.07	0.88	-4.74	-1.40
9. Hybrid / Balanced Fund Index	1,480.87	1,405.46	1.02	0.37	-1.12	-0.53	-5.12	-3.98	-3.37	-3.66	0.14	-0.21	12.85	11.53	5.42	4.01	2.20	3.21	6.23	5.30	-5.12	-3.98	-3.37	-3.66	6.63	4.78

Note: Returns annualized beyond 1 year



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CEF / BDC Index Performance (pt 2 of 2)



Taxable Bond Sector Indexes

Index	Curre	ent(\$)	Prev Day	rious r(%)	1We	ek <mark>(%)</mark>	1 Mor	nth(%)	3 Moi	nth(%)	6 Mor	nth(%)	1 Yea	ar(%)	3 Ye	ar(%)	5 Yea	ar(%)	10 Ye	ear(%)	МТ	D(%)	QTI	D(%)	YTE	D(%)
	Price	NAV 🍦	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV
1. Debt-Focused Business Development Company (BDC) Index	1,702.54	1,729.29	0.50	0.79	0.64	1.11	0.61	1.48	7.04	2.70	14.77	5.24	34.14	8.83	21.72	13.29	9.49	8.73	6.95	8.18	0.61	1.48	7.04	2.70	19.86	6.38
2. BDC Baby Bond / Debt Index	1,429.38	N/A	-0.02	N/A	-0.06	N/A	0.31	N/A	1.09	N/A	2.60	N/A	6.61	N/A	5.09	N/A	5.30	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.31	N/A	1.09	N/A	5.41	N/A
3. High Yield Bond Index	1,287.89	1,226.57	1.27	0.70	-0.05	-0.10	-1.57	-1.03	1.09	1.17	5.04	3.49	16.16	12.34	3.07	2.08	3.24	1.86	4.14	3.78	-1.57	-1.03	1.09	1.17	8.77	7.30
4. Senior Loan Index	1,286.86	1,288.68	0.16	0.55	-0.65	0.22	1.15	0.72	5.63	3.56	9.83	6.74	17.49	14.15	8.16	5.98	4.08	3.14	4.25	4.10	1.15	0.72	5.63	3.56	14.39	10.65
5. Convertible Bond Index	1,586.34	1,489.01	0.40	0.25	-0.63	0.00	-4.89	-4.07	-5.79	-4.79	-0.03	-0.93	11.74	7.49	1.86	-1.26	3.21	4.04	5.57	4.98	-4.89	-4.07	-5.79	-4.79	5.74	3.84
6. Investment Grade Bond Index	1,139.30	1,128.85	0.70	0.34	-1.23	-1.16	-3.72	-3.14	-2.86	-3.33	-1.51	-2.95	8.10	3.48	-3.25	-2.98	0.43	0.54	3.13	2.62	-3.72	-3.14	-2.86	-3.33	1.84	-0.15
7. Multisector Bond Fund Index	1,250.48	1,266.80	1.36	0.45	-0.27	-0.10	-2.45	-1.00	-3.44	0.03	0.07	1.12	7.96	5.64	0.57	0.78	0.71	1.55	4.74	4.76	-2.45	-1.00	-3.44	0.03	2.93	3.11
8. US Bond Index	1,305.30	1,308.68	0.61	0.66	-0.75	-0.00	-1.24	-0.22	1.89	2.23	5.31	4.35	15.36	12.04	3.64	3.32	2.91	2.97	4.62	4.58	-1.24	-0.22	1.89	2.23	9.28	8.09
9. International Bond Index	1,042.34	969.01	0.49	0.36	-2.26	-1.47	-4.59	-2.97	-1.36	-2.10	2.99	1.13	21.28	16.54	0.13	-2.70	0.15	-1.14	0.95	-0.01	-4.59	-2.97	-1.36	-2.10	7.80	5.16

Tax-Free Bond Sector Indexes

Index	Curre	ent(\$)	Prev Day	11 TO 11	1We	ek(%)	1 Mor	nth(%)	3 Mon	th(%)	6 Mon	th(%)	1 Yea	ar(%)	3 Ye	ar(%)	5 Ye	ar(%)	10 Ye	ar(%)	MTI	D(%)	QTE)(%)	YTE	D(%)
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1. National Municipal Bond Index	973.95	1,065.50	0.22	0.69	-4.51	-2.71	-7.67	-5.33	-10.30	-7.38	-11.89	-6.83	-3.98	2.47	-7.26	-4.79	-1.08	-0.19	2.46	3.11	-7.67	-5.33	-10.30	-7.38	-9.99	-3.49
2. High Yield Municipal Index	963.62	1,054.16	1.22	0.60	-3.16	-2.79	-6.66	-5.45	-8.95	-7.89	-10.49	-7.40	-2.52	1.19	-6.67	-4.37	-2.33	-0.74	2.18	2.99	-6.66	-5.45	-8.95	-7.89	-6.86	-4.11
3. Term Municipal Fund Index	1,004.77	1,038.43	0.79	0.55	-2.67	-2.07	-6.53	-4.04	-6.96	-5.64	-5.99	-5.21	0.10	2.03	-4.58	-3.55	-0.55	-0.23	1.70	1.89	-6.53	-4.04	-6.96	-5.64	-2.30	-2.85
4. California Municipal Index	961.78	1,039.58	-0.15	0.70	-3.84	-2.69	-7.84	-5.42	-10.01	-7.35	-10.92	-7.24	-4.63	2.16	-7.21	-5.67	-0.54	-0.50	2.51	2.87	-7.84	-5.42	-10.01	-7.35	-8.79	-4.37
5. New York Municipal Index	948.18	1,013.47	0.51	0.71	-3.28	-2.76	-6.85	-5.57	-9.62	-8.16	-10.53	-7.45	-0.55	2.23	-6.47	-5.09	-1.14	-0.82	1.79	2.41	-6.85	-5.57	-9.62	-8.16	-6.07	-3.70
6. State Municipal Index (Non NY/CA)	1,017.09	1,042.62	0.20	0.58	-3.59	-2.69	-6.78	-5.32	-9.36	-7.40	-11.12	-7.34	-8.80	1.39	-5.78	-4.99	0.36	-0.32	2.48	2.39	-6.78	-5.32	-9.36	-7.40	-8.20	-4.50

Note: Returns annualized beyond 1 year



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CEF Institutional Holdings Trend (3Q23)

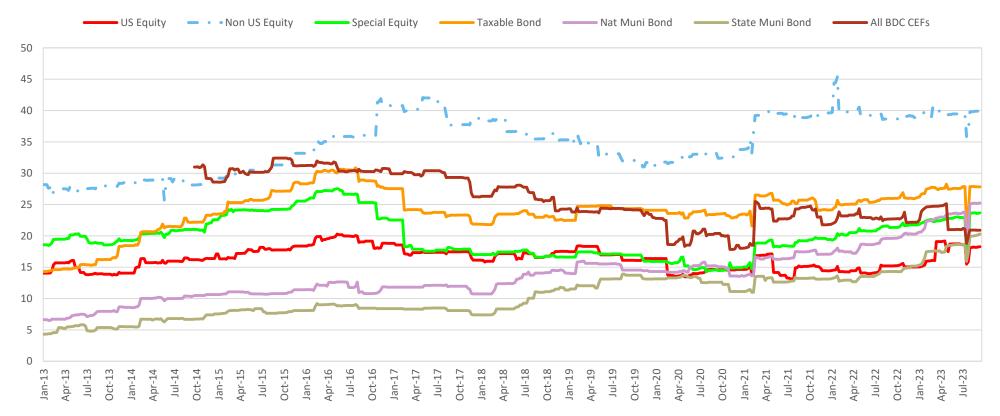


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Institutional Holdings Trends

Increase: 404 funds
Decrease: 28 funds

Shares Owned by Institutions January 2013 - September 2023





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Top 5 % Institutional Ownership (per group)



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U.S	. Equity	Institutions
1	Miller/Howard Hi Incm Eq Fd (HIE)	54.1%
2	GDL Fund (GDL)	42.4%
3	NB Nxt Gen Connectivity Fd (NBXG)	33.8%
4	Spl Opp Fd (SPE)	33.0%
5	General American Invstr (GAM)	31.0%
Nor	n U.S. Equity	Institutions
1	Taiwan Fund (TWN)	85.4%
2	Japan Sml Caplz Fd (JOF)	78.9%
3	MS China A Shr Fd (CAF)	76.2%
4	Korea Fund (KF)	70.3%
5	China Fund (CHN)	65.3%
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Spe 1	ASA Gd & Prcs Mtl (ASA)	Institutions 54.8%
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Nat	tional Muni Bond Funds	Institutions			
1	DWS Muni Incm Tr (KTF)	48.5%			
2	AB Nat Muni Incm Fd (AFB)	47.8%			
3	WA Imd Muni Fd (SBI)	47.4%			
4	BR Muni Incm Fd (MUI)	44.4%			
5	BR MuniVest Fd (MVF)	41.4%			
Sin	gle State Muni Bond Funds	Institutions			
1	EV NY Muni Bnd Fd (ENX)	46.1%			
2	BR CA Muni Incm Tr (BFZ)	39.7%			
3	EV CA Muni Bnd Fd (EVM)	35.3%			
4	NB CA Muni Fd (NBW)	30.0%			
5	NB NY Muni Fd (NBO)	30.0%			
BDCs Institu					
1	Runway Gwth Fin Corp (RWAY)	64.3%			
2	Bain Cap Splty Fin (BCSF)	55.2%			
3	Crescent Capital BDC (CCAP)	49.1%			
4	Barings BDC (BBDC)	48.6%			
5	Sixth St Splty Lending (TSLX)	43.4%			



CEF/BDC Institutional Investors (by AUM \$Ms, 3Q23)



Source: CEFData.com

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	1	Morgan Stanley	\$ 8,294	
	2	Bank Of America Corp.	\$ 2,364	
	3	Saba Capital Management L P	\$ 2,264	
	4	Ubs Group Ag	\$ 1,894	
	5	Karpus Management Inc	\$ 1,847	
	6	Sit Investment Associates Inc	\$ 1,819	
	7	Wells Fargo Company Mn	\$ 1,766	
	8	Rivernorth Capital Management Llc	\$ 1,639	
	9	Royal Bank Of Canada	\$ 1,414	
	10	Allspring Global Investments Holdings, Llc	\$ 1,241	
	11	Lpl Financial Llc	\$ 1,118	
	12	Guggenheim Capital Llc	\$ 1,044	
	13	1607 Capital Partners Llc	\$ 1,011	
\	14	City Of London Investment Management Co Ltd	\$ 990	
	15	Raymond James Associates	\$ 971	
	16	Invesco Ltd	\$ 970	
	17	Van Eck Associates Corp	\$ 814	
	18	Advisor Group Holdings, Inc.	\$ 763	
	19	Raymond James Financial Services Advisors Inc	\$ 752	
	20	Commonwealth Equity Services Llc	\$ 715	
	21	Advisors Asset Management Inc.	\$ 712	
	22	Ameriprise Financial Inc	\$ 620	
	23	Lazard Asset Management Llc	\$ 549	
	24	Bramshill Investments Llc	\$ 487	
	25	Cohen Steers Inc	\$ 460	

26 Stifel Financial Corp	\$ 438
27 Blackrock, Inc.	\$ 429
28 Hennion & Walsh Asset Management, Inc.	\$ 403
29 Cambridge Investment Research Advisors Inc	\$ 402
30 Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Co L P	\$ 378
31 Penserra Capital Management Llc	\$ 363
32 Regents Of The University Of California	\$ 326
33 Hightower Advisors Llc	\$ 322
34 Oaktree Capital Management Lp	\$ 315
35 Legal General Group Plc	\$ 307
36 State Of New Jersey Common Pension Fund E	\$ 305
37 Atlas Wealth Llc	\$ 305
38 Janney Montgomery Scott Llc	\$ 279
39 Rockefeller Capital Management L P	\$ 274
40 Mcgowan Group Asset Management Inc	\$ 271
41 Cetera Advisor Networks Llc	\$ 257
42 Logan Stone Capital, Llc	\$ 251
43 Strs Ohio	\$ 249
44 Ares Management Llc	\$ 246
45 Central Trust Co	\$ 243
46 Cornerstone Advisors Llc	\$ 241
47 Envestnet Asset Management Inc	\$ 240
48 Sound Income Strategies Llc	\$ 234
49 Jpmorgan Chase & Co.	\$ 228
50 Fiera Capital Corp	\$ 224

All 13 Filings = \$66 Billion -- Top 50 = \$44 Billion (66% of total)



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Focused Activists & Institutional Investor Followers



Source: CEFAData.com

Activists:

- 1. Bulldog Investors / SPE
- 2. City of London
- 3. Karpus Investment Management
- 4. Saba Capital Management
- 5. SIT Investment Associates

Followers:

- 1. 1607 Capital Partners LLC
- 2. Bramshill Investments LLC
- 3. Lazard Asset Management
- 4. Punch & Associates
- 5. RiverNorth Capital Management

Total Assets at work 10/15/23 - \$7 Billion Activist // \$11.6 Billion Followers & Activist



CEF Corporate Actions/Activist Update 3Q 2023



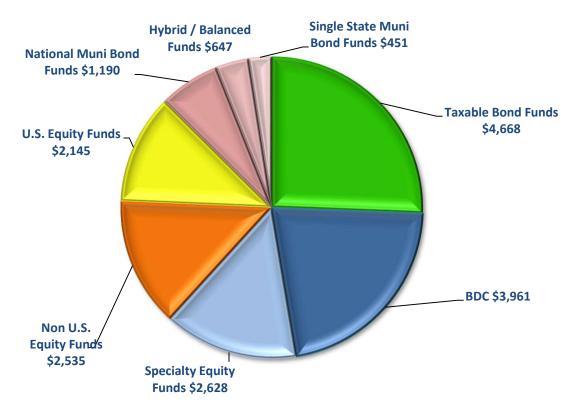
Source: SEC Filings, Press Releases

Month Filed	Filing	Closed-End Fund/BDC	Investor/Who	Notes
Sept	13D/A	Destra Multi-Alt Fd (DMA)	Saba	12% (Inc) Trustee Nomination
Sept	13G/A	Putnam Mstr Imd Incm Tr (PIM)	SIT Investment	40.5% (Inc)
Sept	Proxy	Nuv PA Qlty Muni Incm Fd (NQP)	Saba	Against Proposed Merger
Aug	13D/A	KA NextGen Nrg & Infra (KMF)	Saba	9.7% Standstill Agreement
July	13D/A	MFS Hi Yld Muni Tr (CMU)	Bulldog	7.3% Tender Offer Proposal



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





CEF Activist Ownership \$18,224

Top 5 Peer Groups					
BDC Debt	\$3,842				
General Equity	\$1,987				
Asian Equity	\$1,255				
High Yield Bond	\$1,061				
Nat Muni (tax free)	\$1,008				

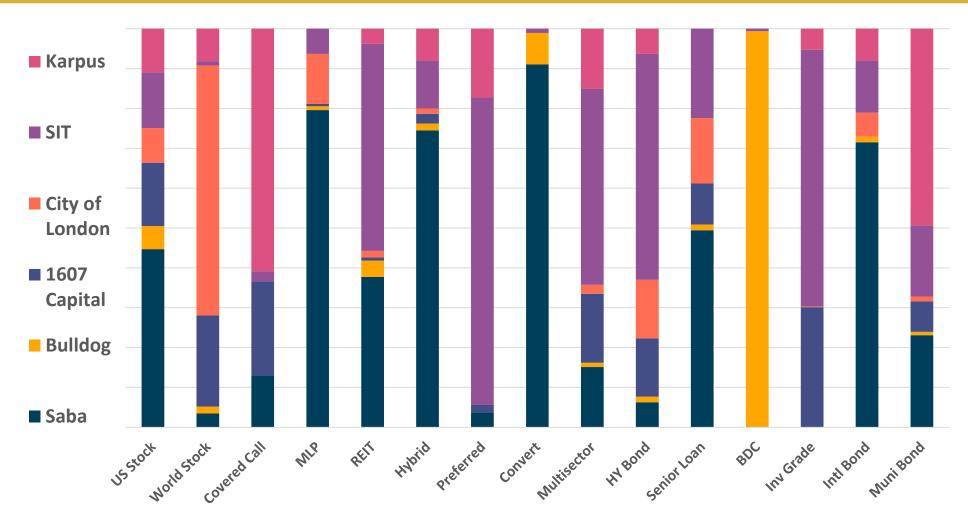
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Top Activists Sector Preferences



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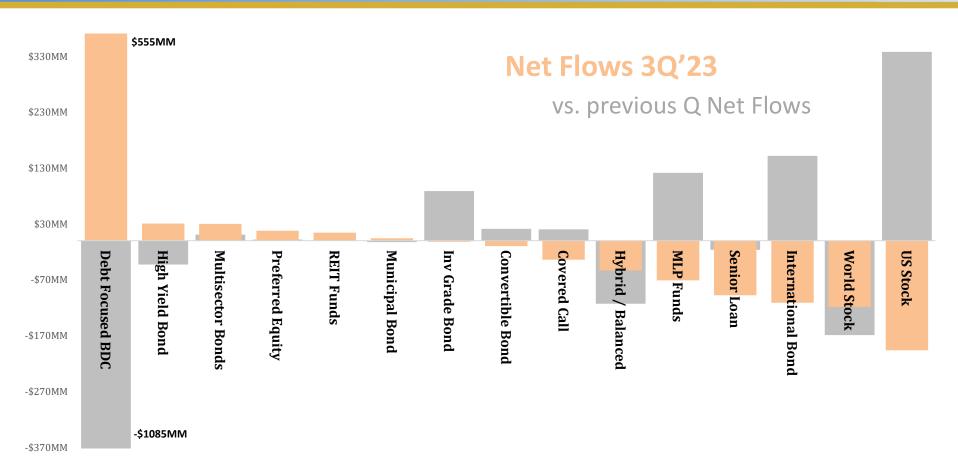




Net Flows from Activists & Followers



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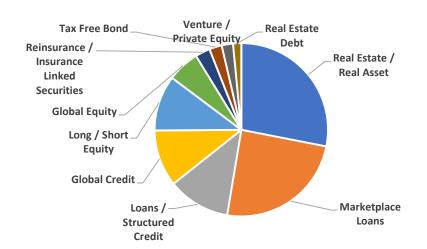
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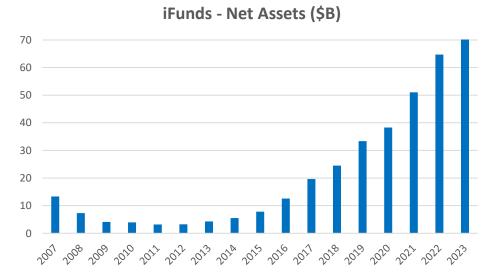


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- Interval funds are growing in popularity as an alternative investment vehicle. Many interval funds can be seen as the best of both worlds. Interval Funds are a small (0.1%) portion of the multitrillion dollar fund industry, but are growing assets quickly, in the ~50% range annually.
 - There are 86 interval funds with \$82B in total AUM as of 9/30/23 (compared to listed CEF AUM of \$314B in 434 funds according to CEFData.com).
- CEFData.com also tracks Tender Offer Funds (a type of non-listed CEF).
 - As of 9/30/23, there were 195 Tender Offer Funds with \$216B in AUM. \$160B in NL/Pvt BDCs

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Interval Closed-Ended Funds

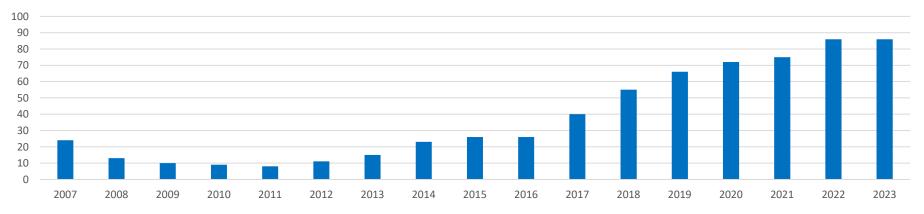


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iFunds - New and Ceased



Interval Funds By Year

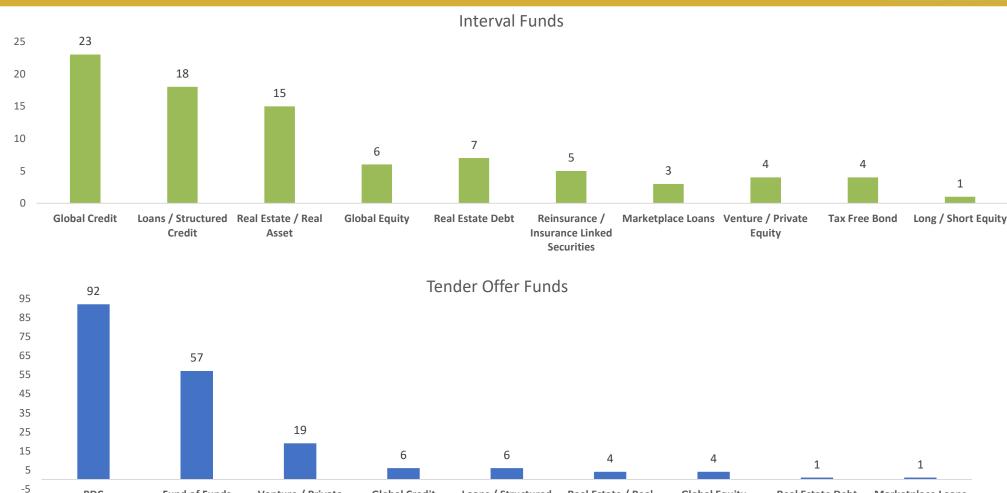




Non-Listed CEFs: Asset Class Breakdown (# Funds)



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BDC

Fund of Funds

Venture / Private

Equity

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Loans / Structured

Credit

Real Estate / Real

Asset

Global Equity

Real Estate Debt

Global Credit

Marketplace Loans

Non-Listed CEFs: Asset Class Breakdown (\$B AUM)



Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023





Non-Listed BDC/CEFs: Sponsors



Source: CEFData.com as of Sept 30, 2023

TOP SPONSORS (AUM)							
Sponsor		Funds	AUM (MM)				
1	Blackstone	2	\$51,975				
2	Blue Owl	6	\$31,496				
3	Cliffwater	2	\$15,200				
4	Partners Group	1	\$14,247				
5	SilverBay Capital	1	\$11,193				
6	Morgan Stanley	8	\$9,890				
7	HPS	1	\$7,318				
8	Bluerock	2	\$7,195				
9	PIMCO	6	\$6,868				
10	Apollo	2	\$5,951				
11	Versus Capital	2	\$5,442				
12	Griffin Capital	1	\$5,410				
13	Franklin Templeton	4	\$4,626				
14	Goldman Sachs	6	\$4,357				
15	Stone Ridge	4	\$4,223				
16	CION Investment	1	\$4,040				
17	Barings	3	\$4,000				
18	New Mountain Capital	3	\$3,608				
19	Oppenheimer	1	\$3,498				
20	Central Park	8	\$3,347				
21	Golub Capital	4	\$3,271				
22	Variant Investments	2	\$2,975				
23	TCW	4	\$2,905				
24	OCP	1	\$2,585				
25	Carlyle	3	\$2,559				



CEFA's Outlook for 4Q and 2024



- US Equity Funds
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- 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 OCTOBER 4, 2023 FROM "CEFA'S CLOSED-END FUND UNIVERSE DATA"

DATA AS OF OCTOBER 4, 2023 FROM "CEF) 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)	Comp NAV TR	Comp Discount
1. CEFA International Opportunity	-12.75	-10.96	-9.52	24.76	9.17	6.92	8.04	1.13	41.5	35.3	14.1	0.91	1.40	16.20	-0.56	48.98	54.24	66.28	31.42	26	1.73	0.77	-4.22	-2.38
2. CEFA Diversified Equity	-17.54	-16.16	-14.69	26.94	7.97	6.26	7.30	0.67	51.3	16.7	9.1	0.61	1.60	20.40	4.75	59.42	71.33	88.74	7.90	23	N/A	0.80	-4.84	-3.67
3. CEFA Diversified Growth	-11.44	-10.79	-9.80	35.00	10.27	7.53	8.66	1.61	48.2	22.6	21.8	2.17	2.16	16.49	6.39	47.82	50.91	62.07	35.35	29	0.85	0.76	-2.37	-1,14
4. CEFA Hybrid (High) Income	-13.15	-12.59	-8.09	32.98	12.44	8.18	10.22	2.22	43.6	30.9	31.9	3.25	2.70	10.62	5.30	68.94	55.18	34.24	63.38	44	2.25	0.67	-1.40	-3.91
4.1 CEFA Hybrid (High) Income - Tax Advantaged	-12.02	-11.97	-7.58	31.71	10.78	7.33	8.97	1.81	44.8	24.5	30.3	2.89	2.46	10.85	6.97	63.57	56.35	38.25	58.85	44	2.00	0.67	-1.33	-2.28
4.2. CEFA Hybrid (High) Income Monthly	-5.59	-2.97	-2.47	32.93	12.58	9.53	10.82	1.76	48.5	32.2	27.4	2.56	2.53	13.28	4.10	82.24	86.47	49.81	47.68	35	1.46	0.67	-1.46	2.71
5. CEFA Discount Opportunity	-20.65	-20.72	-19.11	40.48	9.01	5.97	7.67	1.34	45.9	21.9	21.9	2.68	2.68	15.43	8.06	44.95	51.47	56.87	37.63	37	0.91	0.72	-3.54	-9.87
6. CEFA Alternative Income	-11.11	-11.69	-7.19	34.30	11.43	7.70	9.33	2.10	47.9	24.6	32.1	3.35	2.63	9.84	6.54	67.73	58.56	33.01	64.69	44	1.45	0.63	-0.05	-1.89
6.1 CEFA Alternative Income - Tax Advantaged	-14.01	-13.26	-10.78	29.40	9.68	6.56	8.31	1.37	45.5	23.5	28.3	2.45	2.02	12.07	7.38	56.43	48.86	36.02	60.73	46	3.98	0.76	-0.40	-4.10
7. CEFA Foundation / Balanced	-14.98	-13.86	-11.49	28.47	10.97	7.69	8.42	2.55	44.7	24.7	22.1	1.94	2.02	13.27	6.14	58.24	59.72	51.80	44.87	44	1.05	0.72	-1.19	-4.97
7.1 CEFA Foundation / Balanced - Tax Advantaged	-12.37	-10.27	-7.76	26.83	9.39	6.76	7.69	1.70	53.4	22.3	23.3	1.86	1.85	15.40	7.11	52.41	56.61	60.63	37.31	43	2.74	0.85	-1.23	-2.04
8. CEFA Taxable Bond & BDC	-9.92	-10.14	-7.33	37.87	11.65	7.88	7.87	3.78	23.2	20.2	34.9	3.60	2.82	6.39	3.69	64.33	52.35	6.55	91.31	32	3.16	0.54	-1.28	-2.13
8.1 CEFA Fixed Income - Tax Advantaged	-12.59	-10.25	-7.34	23.87	10.22	6.81	8.13	2.09	35.8	30.4	33.8	2.80	2.52	7.39	-0.57	59.44	44.63	10.00	87.87	43	7.82	0.70	-1.50	-3.86
9. CEFA Dividend Confidence Model	-10.74	-9.79	-8.03	31.61	10.12	7.21	8.42	1.70	39.9	13.4	26.0	2.29	1.97	13.48	6.57	55.95	52.84	52.27	45.71	33	0.94	0.72	-1.04	-1.49
9.1 CEFA Inflation Optimized Tax- Advantaged Income	-8.97	-7.48	-5.36	37.77	12.02	8.34	9.98	2.04	47.1	27.9	31.1	3.18	2.87	12.29	7.48	62.00	48.89	43.87	53.40	47	2.71	0.68	-0.61	-0.52
10. CEFA Diversified Low Beta	-11.54	-10.27	-7.87	31.60	10.09	6.97	8.33	1.76	45.9	20.9	28.1	2.44	2.21	11.85	5.53	58.06	62.82	38.23	60.19	35	1.62	0.65	-1.72	-2.06
11. CEFA Low Correlation	-10.90	-7.92	-6.76	30.10	8.10	5.95	6.63	1.47	22.1	2.5	24.6	2.31	1.91	12.04	7.18	45.42	45.42	45.17	51.42	26	3.22	0.71	-2.44	-1.54
11.2. CEFA Low Correlation - IRA	-7.17	-6.10	-4.93	38.09	9.20	6.94	7.50	1.70	30.0	8.8	24.4	2.38	2.00	13.69	8.43	30.80	33.95	44.57	53.06	23	2.68	0.83	-1.27	1.05
12.1 CEFA Div Tax-Sensitive Income	-13.95	-12.08	-8.14	25.53	9.81	6.60	7.97	1.84	43.3	23.6	28.3	2.39	1.81	12.80	4.56	38.91	41.06	37.22	60.96	40	4.40	0.80	-2.67	-4.00
13. CEFA BDC Select	2.77	0.06	12.91	44.57	11.33	7.50	8.50	2.83	0.0	0.0	53.1	7.72	3.82	4.36	11.95	12.08	12.08	4.79	93.62	10	N/A	0.66	5.80	12.54
13.2. CEFA BDC - Low Beta	-6.89	-8.66	-4.52	52.63	11.11	6.68	8.38	2.73	6.1	8.0	53.6	7.61	4.25	4.83	10.02	15.54	15.54	10.33	84.03	14	N/A	0.58	1.62	2.89
13.3. CEFA BDC Premium	13.44	11.14	20.31	39.86	10.55	7.71	7.93	2.62	1.5	0.0	51.8	6.92	3.65	4.67	12.71	14.73	14.73	7.62	92.04	11	N/A	0.66	5.99	23.21
13.4. CEFA BDC Monthly Income	-9.94	-7.47	-6.37	53.22	11.05	6.47	8.33	2.72	8.8	13.4	53.5	8.65	4.62	5.49	6.58	17.83	17.83	10.72	83.96	8	N/A	0.54	-2.07	-0.17
14. CEFA Select Municipal	-14.01	-12.27	-7.50	11.73	4.51	2.89	4.50	0.01	13.4	8.3	35.5	2.08	1.07	6.11	-4.67	19.36	20.53	0.56	99.04	20	11.69	1.02	-1.42	-1.86
14.1. CEFA Low Duration Municipal	-14.41	-11.16	-7.42	8.83	4.74	2.96	4.69	0.05	8.9	4.3	37.6	1.76	1.16	6.82	-5.54	33.14	31.87	0.00	98.99	3	4.40	1.08	-5.45	-2.43
15. CEFA Select "Six Pack" Income	-8.11	-6.19	-3.56	29.67	10.53	7.62	8.56	1.97	35.2	19.8	28.3	2.68	2.15	11.94	4.19	63.96	60.66	47.95	49.68	35	0.84	0.62	-0.90	-0.75
16. CEFA Non-Profit Foundation Diversified Income	-12.51	-12.34	-10.67	36.09	10.58	7.58	10.58	0.00	37.9	17.4	23.2	1.90	2.15	12.71	7.04	67.41	66.74	44.34	53.23	40	1.24	0.63	-0.26	-3.41

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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.
- 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.
- 3. Diversified Growth: Diversified portfolio focusing on the sectors and funds where we see the best risk-adjusted growth potential. Yield is a byproduct of the model as many CEFs pay at least annual or semi-annual distributions. We expect the model to be 65% to 90% equity exposure based on the fund's reported holdings and seeking to have duration of the portfolio on a "cash weighted" basis around 1 and a Beta to the S&P 500 between 0.70 and 1.0.
- **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).
- 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
- **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 Tax-advantaged version of this model (#6.1).
- 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. 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.



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.
- 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.
- **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 15 Major Sector Index under normal market conditions.



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