

CION Investment Corporation

Fourth Quarter 2024 Earnings Presentation



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Fourth Quarter and Other Highlights – Ended December 31, 2024

- Net investment income and earnings per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2024 were \$0.35 per share and \$0.10 per share, respectively;
- Net asset value per share was \$15.43 as of December 31, 2024, compared to \$15.73 as of September 30, 2024, a decrease of \$0.30 per share, or 1.9%. The decrease was primarily due to mark-to-market price adjustments to the Company's portfolio during the quarter ended December 31, 2024;
- As of December 31, 2024, the Company had \$1.12 billion of total principal amount of debt outstanding, of which 38% was comprised of senior secured bank debt and 62% was comprised of unsecured debt. The Company's net debt-to-equity ratio was 1.27x as of December 31, 2024 compared to 1.18x as of September 30, 2024;
- As of December 31, 2024, the Company had total investments at fair value of \$1.82 billion in 105 portfolio companies across 24 industries. The investment portfolio was comprised of 86.1% senior secured loans, including 86.0% in first lien investments;¹
- During the quarter, the Company funded new investment commitments of \$100 million, funded previously unfunded commitments of \$12 million, and had sales and repayments totaling \$48 million, resulting in a net increase to the Company's funded portfolio of \$64 million;
- As of December 31, 2024, investments on non-accrual status amounted to 1.41% and 3.22% of the total investment portfolio at fair value and amortized cost, respectively, which are down from 1.85% and 3.40%, respectively, as of September 30, 2024;
- During the quarter, the Company repurchased 170,617 shares of its common stock under its 10b5-1 trading plan at an average price of \$11.74 per share for a total repurchase amount of \$2.0 million. Through December 31, 2024, the Company repurchased a total of 3,769,171 shares of its common stock under its 10b5-1 trading plan at an average price of \$10.16 per share for a total repurchase amount of \$38.3 million;
- On October 3, 2024, the Company completed a public baby bond offering in the U.S. pursuant to which the Company issued \$172.5 million of its unsecured 7.50% Notes due 2029, which listed and commenced trading on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "CICB" on October 9, 2024; and
- On February 13, 2025, the Company terminated its existing senior secured repurchase facility with UBS AG ("UBS") and simultaneously entered into a new 3-year, \$125 million senior secured credit facility with UBS, under which the floating interest rate payable by the Company on all advances was reduced by 0.45% per year, from the three-month SOFR plus a credit spread of 3.20% per year to SOFR plus a credit spread of 2.75% per year.

DISTRIBUTIONS

- For the quarter ended December 31, 2024, the Company paid a quarterly base distribution totaling \$19.2 million, or \$0.36 per share, and declared a year-end special distribution totaling \$2.7 million, or \$0.05 per share, which was paid on January 27, 2025 to shareholders of record as of December 30, 2024; and
- On March 10, 2025, the Company's co-chief executive officers declared a first quarter 2025 base distribution of \$0.36 per share payable on April 11, 2025 to shareholders of record as of March 28, 2025.



1. The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments.

Selected Financial Highlights

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2024	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q4 2023
Investment portfolio, at fair value ⁽¹⁾	\$1,820	\$1,753	\$1,823	\$1,741	\$1,841
Total debt outstanding ⁽²⁾	\$1,117	\$1,070	\$1,070	\$1,070	\$1,092
Net assets	\$821	\$839	\$861	\$863	\$880
Debt-to-equity	1.36x	1.28x	1.24x	1.24x	1.24x
Net debt-to-equity	1.27x	1.18x	1.13x	1.03x	1.10x
Total investment income	\$57.9	\$59.6	\$61.4	\$73.6	\$60.0
Net investment income	\$18.7	\$21.6	\$23.0	\$32.6	\$21.8
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains	\$(13.2)	\$(22.0)	\$(0.6)	\$(26.1)	\$29.2
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$5.5	\$(0.4)	\$22.4	\$6.4	\$51.0
Per Share Data					
Net asset value per share	\$15.43	\$15.73	\$16.08	\$16.05	\$16.23
Net investment income per share	\$0.35	\$0.40	\$0.43	\$0.60	\$0.40
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains per share	\$(0.25)	\$(0.41)	\$(0.01)	\$(0.48)	\$0.54
Earnings per share	\$0.10	\$(0.01)	\$0.42	\$0.12	\$0.94
Distributions declared per share ⁽³⁾	\$0.41	\$0.36	\$0.41	\$0.34	\$0.54

^{1.} The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments.

^{3.} Includes supplemental distributions of \$0.05 per share during each quarter ended December 31, 2023 and June 30, 2024 and special year-end distributions of \$0.15 per share and \$0.05 per share during the quarters ended December 31, 2023 and 2024, respectively.



^{2.} Total debt outstanding excludes netting of debt issuance costs. Please refer to page 11 for debt net of issuance costs.

Investment Activity

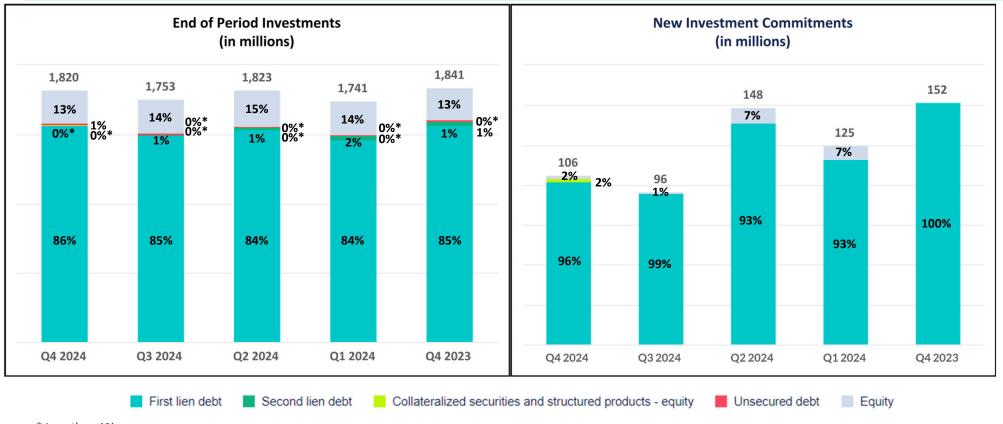
- New investment commitments for the quarter were \$106 million, of which \$100 million were funded and \$6 million were unfunded.
- New investment commitments were made across 5 new and 15 existing portfolio companies.
- Fundings of previously unfunded commitments for the quarter were \$12 million.
- Sales and repayments totaled \$48 million for the quarter, which included the full exit of investments in 2 portfolio companies, all via repayment.¹

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(\$ in millions)	Q4 2024	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q4 2023
New investment commitments	\$106	\$97	\$148	\$125	\$152
Funded	\$100	\$78	\$137	\$107	\$147
Unfunded	\$6	\$19	\$11	\$18	\$5
Fundings of previously unfunded commitments	\$12	\$15	\$10	\$4	\$7
Repayments	\$(47)	\$(129)	\$(77)	\$(190)	\$(83)
Sales	\$(1)	\$(25)	\$0	\$(17)	\$0
Net funded investment activity	\$64	\$(61)	\$70	\$(96)	\$71
Total Portfolio Companies	105	103	107	109	111

Note - The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments. Unfunded commitments are generally subject to borrowers meeting certain criteria such as compliance with covenants and certain operational metrics. These amounts may remain outstanding until the commitment period of an applicable loan expires, which may be shorter than the loan's maturity date.



Portfolio Asset Composition



^{*} Less than 1%.

The discussion of the investment portfolio is at fair value and excludes short term investments.



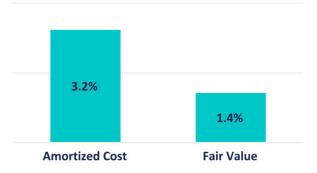
Credit Quality of Investments

INTERNAL INVESTMENT RISK RATINGS(1)

(% of Total Portfolio, Fair Value)

Higher Credit Q4 2024 Q3 2024 Q2 2024 Q1 2024 Q4 2023 Rating Quality 1 2.0% 0.6% 1.3% 0.0%* 5.3% 2 85.8% 85.7% 88.3% 88.5% 87.2% 3 9.0% 10.6% 11.8% 10.4% 6.5% 1.3% 1.5% 1.1% 0.7% 0.6% 5 0.3% 0.4% 0.3% 0.4% 0.4% Lower Credit Quality **Total** 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% * - Less than 1%.





Internal Investment Risk Rating Definitions

Rating Definition

- 1 Indicates the least amount of risk to our initial cost basis.
 - The trends and risk factors for this investment since origination or acquisition are generally favorable, which may include the performance of the portfolio company or a potential exit.
- 2 Indicates a level of risk to our initial cost basis that is similar to the risk to our initial cost basis at the time of origination or acquisition.
 - This portfolio company is generally performing in accordance with our analysis of its business and the full return of principal and interest or dividend is expected.
- Indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the cost of such investment has increased since origination or acquisition, but full return of principal and interest or dividend is expected.

 A portfolio company with an investment rating of 3 requires closer monitoring.
- 4 Indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the cost of such investment has increased significantly since origination or acquisition, including as a result of factors such as declining performance and noncompliance with debt
 - We expect some loss of interest, dividend or capital appreciation, but still expect an overall positive internal rate of return on the investment.
- Indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the cost of such investment has increased materially since origination or acquisition and the portfolio company likely has materially declining performance.

 Loss of interest or dividend and some loss of principal investment is expected, which would result in an overall negative internal rate of return on the investment.
- 1. The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments.



Portfolio Summary

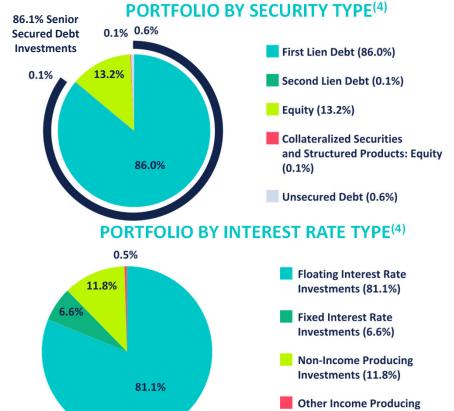
Portfolio Characteristics (as of December 31, 2024) ⁽⁴⁾								
Investment Portfolio								
Total investments and unfunded commitments	\$1,890.6 million							
Unfunded commitments	\$70.7 million							
Investments at fair value	\$1,819.9 million							
Yield on debt and other income producing investments at amortized cost ⁽¹⁾	12.28 %							
Yield on performing loans at amortized cost ⁽¹⁾	12.74 %							
Yield on total investments at amortized cost	10.96 %							

Portfolio Companies

Number of portfolio companies	105
Weighted average leverage (net debt/EBITDA) ⁽²⁾	5.02x
Weighted average interest coverage ⁽²⁾	2.07x
Median EBITDA ⁽³⁾	\$34.2 million

Industry Diversification	ation ⁽⁴⁾
Industry	% of Investment Portfolio
Services: Business	15.7 %
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	11.0 %
Retail	8.8 %
Media: Diversified & Production	7.1 %
Energy: Oil & Gas	6.4 %
Other (≤ 6.2% each)	51.0 %

(1) See endnote 4 in our press release filed with the SEC on March 13, 2025. (2) See endnote 5 in our press release filed with the SEC on March 13, 2025. (3) See endnote 6 in our press release filed with the SEC on March 13, 2025. (4) The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments.





Investments (0.5%)

Quarterly Operating Results

All figures in thousands, except share and per share data		Q4 2024	Q3 2024	_	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	(Q4 2023
Investment income	i	i						
Interest income ⁽¹⁾	į\$	51,364 !	\$ 53,390	\$	53,863	\$ 69,654	\$	56,403
Dividend income	!	653 ¦	434		5,152	27		128
Fee income	i	5,877	5,803		2,342	3,873		3,468
Total investment income	į\$	57,894 į	\$ 59,627	\$	61,357	\$ 73,554	\$	59,999
Expenses	!	!						
Management fees	;\$	6,762	\$ 6,854	\$	6,841	\$ 6,864	\$	6,893
Interest and other debt expenses	į	25,244 i	23,551		23,773	24,302		24,023
Incentive fees	į	3,963 !	4,586		4,871	6,914		4,615
Other operating expenses	!	3,120	3,039		2,905	2,876		2,650
Total expenses before taxes	;\$	39,089	\$ 38,030	\$	38,390	\$ 40,956	\$	38,181
Income tax expense (benefit), including excise tax	į	119 į	(21)		4	5		60
Net investment income after taxes	! \$	18,686 !	\$ 21,618	\$	22,963	\$ 32,593	\$	21,758
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Net realized (loss) gain and unrealized (depreciation) appreciation on investments	i	į						
Net realized (loss) gain	!\$	(2,238)!	\$ 3,938	\$	(20,277)	\$ (9,736)	\$	(351)
Net change in unrealized (depreciation) appreciation	:	(10,990)	(25,935)		19,692	(16,412)		29,585
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains	i\$	(13,228)	\$ (21,997)	\$	(585)	\$ (26,148)	\$	29,234
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	į \$	5,458	\$ (379)	\$	22,378	\$ 6,445	\$	50,992
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Per share data	<u>i</u>	<u> </u>						
Net investment income	į\$	0.35 į	\$ 0.40	\$	0.43	\$ 0.60	\$	0.40
Net realized (loss) gain and unrealized (depreciation) appreciation on investments	:	(0.25)	\$ (0.41)	\$	(0.01)	\$ (0.48)	\$	0.54
Earnings per share	\$	0.10	\$ (0.01)	\$	0.42	\$ 0.12	\$	0.94
Distributions declared per share ⁽²⁾	į\$	0.41	\$ 0.36	\$	0.41	\$ 0.34	\$	0.54
Weighted average shares outstanding	!	53,268,577 !	53,439,316		53,595,624	53,960,698	5	4,292,065
Shares outstanding, end of period	!	53,189,269	53,359,886		53,525,623	53,760,605	5	4,184,636



^{1.} Includes certain prepayment fees, exit fees, accelerated OID and paid-in-kind interest income.

^{2.} Includes supplemental distributions of \$0.05 per share during each quarter ended December 31, 2023 and June 30, 2024 and special year-end distributions of \$0.15 per share and \$0.05 per share during the quarters ended December 31, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Quarterly Balance Sheet

All figures in thousands, except per share data and asset coverage ratio	Q4 2024	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q4 2023
Assets	i i				
Investments, at fair value	!\$ 1,888,688 !	\$ 1,806,229	\$ 1,906,125	\$ 1,870,837	\$ 1,954,270
Cash	7,670	29,765	9,798	48,482	8,415
Interest receivable on investments	45,140	49,446	40,841	36,366	36,724
Receivable due on investments sold	2,965	28,604	2,631	11,452	967
Dividend receivable on investments	! -!	76	129	_	_
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,265	1,501	942	1,137	1,348
Total Assets	\$ 1,945,728	\$ 1,915,621	\$ 1,960,466	\$ 1,968,274	\$ 2,001,724
Liabilities & Net Assets	-				
Financing arrangements (net of debt issuance costs)(1)	\$ 1,099,187	\$ 1,054,919	\$ 1,061,710	\$ 1,060,455	\$ 1,081,701
Payable for investments purchased	1,019	_	11,789	21,041	4,692
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,034	1,316	1,031	743	1,036
Interest payable	8,244	7,201	9,614	8,556	10,231
Accrued management fees	6,761	6,854	6,841	6,864	6,893
Accrued subordinated incentive fee on income	3,964	4,586	4,871	6,914	4,615
Accrued administrative services expense	i 2,006 i	1,515	1,128	642	2,156
Share repurchase payable	. 40 !	40	_	_	_
Shareholder distribution payable	2,663	_	2,676	_	10,837
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,124,918	\$ 1,076,431	\$ 1,099,660	\$ 1,105,215	\$ 1,122,161
Total Net Assets	\$ 820,810	\$ 839,190	\$ 860,806	\$ 863,059	\$ 879,563
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 1,945,728	\$ 1,915,621	\$ 1,960,466	\$ 1,968,274	\$ 2,001,724
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Net Asset Value per share	i\$ 15.43 i	\$ 15.73	\$ 16.08	\$ 16.05	\$ 16.23
Asset coverage ratio ⁽²⁾	! 1.73!	1.78	1.80	1.81	1.81

^{1.} The Company had debt issuance costs of \$18,156 as of December 31, 2024, \$14,925 as of September 30, 2024, \$8,134 as of June 30, 2024, \$9,388 as of March 31, 2024 and \$10,643 as of December 31, 2023.

^{2.} Asset coverage ratio is equal to (i) the sum of (a) net assets at the end of the period and (b) total senior securities outstanding at the end of the period (excluding unfunded commitments), divided by (ii) total senior securities outstanding at the end of the period.



Q4 2024 Net Asset Value Bridge

Per Share Data





2024 Net Asset Value Bridge

Per Share Data





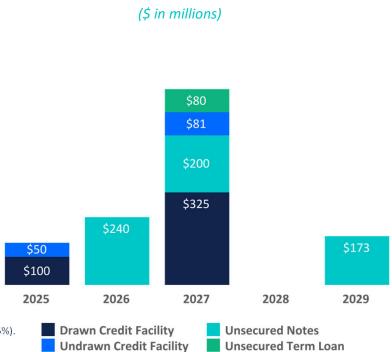
Debt Summary

\$131 million in available capacity within existing senior secured facilities

DEBT SCHEDULE*

(\$ in millions)

	Total Commitment Amount	Principal Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
JPM Credit Facility	\$406	\$325	S + 2.55% ⁽²⁾	6/15/2027
Unsecured Notes, 2029 ⁽¹⁾	173	173	7.50%	12/30/2029
UBS Facility	150	100	S + 3.20%	1/15/2025
Unsecured Notes, 2026 ⁽¹⁾	125	125	4.50%	2/11/2026
Series A Unsecured Notes, 2026 ⁽¹⁾	115	115	S + 3.82%	8/31/2026
Unsecured Notes, Tranche A, 2027 ⁽¹⁾	100	100	S + 4.75%	11/8/2027
Unsecured Notes, Tranche B, 2027 ⁽¹⁾	100	100	S + 3.90%	11/8/2027
2022 Unsecured Term Loan ⁽¹⁾	50	50	S + 3.50%	4/27/2027
2024 Unsecured Term Loan ⁽¹⁾	30	30	S + 3.80%	9/30/2027
Total Debt	\$1,249	\$1,117	7.8%	



DEBT MATURITIES*

^{2.} The Company will pay an annual administrative fee of 0.20% on JPM's total financing commitment.



^{*} As of December 31, 2024. In February 2025, we closed a new 3-year, \$125 million senior secured credit facility with UBS (S + 2.75%).

^{1.} Investment grade credit rating.

Distribution Per Share and Distribution Coverage

		Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Net Investment Income (per sh	nare)	\$0.54	\$0.43	\$0.55	\$0.40	\$0.60	\$0.43	\$0.40	\$0.35
Distribution (per share)	ŕ	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.39(1)	\$0.54(1)	\$0.34	\$0.41(1)	\$0.36	\$0.41(1)
Distribution coverage		1.59x	1.26x	1.41x	0.74x	1.76x	1.05x	1.11x	0.85x
Distribution coverage		1.33%	1.20%	1.71/	0.74%	1.70%	1.05%	1.11/	0.03%
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