

CION Investment Corporation

Fourth Quarter 2022 Earnings Presentation



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Fourth Quarter and Other Highlights – Ended December 31, 2022

- Net investment income and earnings per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 were \$0.43 per share and \$0.17 per share, respectively;
- Net asset value per share was \$15.98 as of December 31, 2022 compared to \$16.26 as of September 30, 2022. The decrease was primarily due to the special year-end distribution of \$0.27 per share and mark-to-market adjustments to our portfolio, which was partially offset by accretion from our 10b5-1 trading plan.
- As of December 31, 2022, the Company had \$958 million of total principal amount of debt outstanding, of which 79% was comprised of senior secured bank debt and 21% was comprised of unsecured debt. The Company's debt-to-equity ratio was 1.08x as of December 31, 2022 compared to 1.05x as of September 30, 2022;
- As of December 31, 2022, the Company had total investments at fair value of \$1,749 million in 113 portfolio companies across 23 industries. The investment portfolio was comprised of 92.5% senior secured loans, including 90.3% in first lien investments;⁽¹⁾
- During the quarter, the Company had new investment commitments of \$92 million, funded new investment commitments of \$83 million, funded previously unfunded commitments of \$16 million, and had sales and repayments totaling \$144 million, resulting in a net decrease to the Company's funded portfolio of \$46 million;
- As of December 31, 2022, investments on non-accrual status amounted to 1.3% and 2.0% of the total investment portfolio at fair value and amortized cost, respectively; and
- During the quarter, the Company repurchased 963,480 shares of its common stock at an average price of \$9.06 per share for a total repurchase amount of \$8.7 million under its 10b5-1 trading plan.

DISTRIBUTIONS

- For the quarter ended December 31, 2022, the Company paid a regular quarterly distribution totaling \$17.6 million, or \$0.31 per share, and declared a special year-end distribution totaling \$14.9 million, or \$0.27 per share, which was paid on January 31, 2023; and
- On March 13, 2023, the Company's co-chief executive officers declared a first quarter 2023 regular distribution of \$0.34 per share payable on March 31, 2023 to shareholders of record as of March 24, 2023, which is an increase of \$0.03 per share, or 9.7%, from the \$0.31 per share regular distribution paid by CION during the fourth quarter of 2022.

SUBSEQUENT EVENT

 On February 28, 2023, the Company completed a public offering in Israel pursuant to which the Company issued approximately \$80.7 million of its unsecured Series A Notes due 2026, which bear interest at a rate equal to SOFR plus a credit spread of 3.82% per year payable quarterly.



Selected Financial Highlights

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022	Q4 2021
Investment portfolio, at fair value ⁽¹⁾	\$1,749	\$1,797	\$1,791	\$1,740	\$1,666
Total debt outstanding ⁽²⁾	\$958	\$958	\$948	\$875	\$830
Net assets	\$884	\$915	\$905	\$922	\$931
Ending debt-to-equity	1.08x	1.05x	1.05x	0.95x	0.89x
Total investment income	\$55.5	\$54.2	\$43.6	\$41.7	\$40.4
Net investment income	\$23.9	\$25.6	\$19.3	\$19.5	\$18.4
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains	(\$14.4)	\$8.4	(\$20.6)	(\$11.6)	(\$2.4)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$9.5	\$34.0	(\$1.3)	\$7.9	\$16.0
Per Share Data					
Net asset value per share	\$15.98	\$16.26	\$15.89	\$16.20	\$16.34
Net investment income per share	\$0.43	\$0.45	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.32
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains per share	(\$0.26)	\$0.15	(\$0.36)	(\$0.20)	(\$0.04)
Earnings per share	\$0.17	\$0.60	(\$0.02)	\$0.14	\$0.28
Distributions declared per share ⁽³⁾	\$0.58	\$0.31	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.46

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

(2) Total debt outstanding excludes netting of debt issuance costs. Please refer to page 10 for debt net of issuance costs.

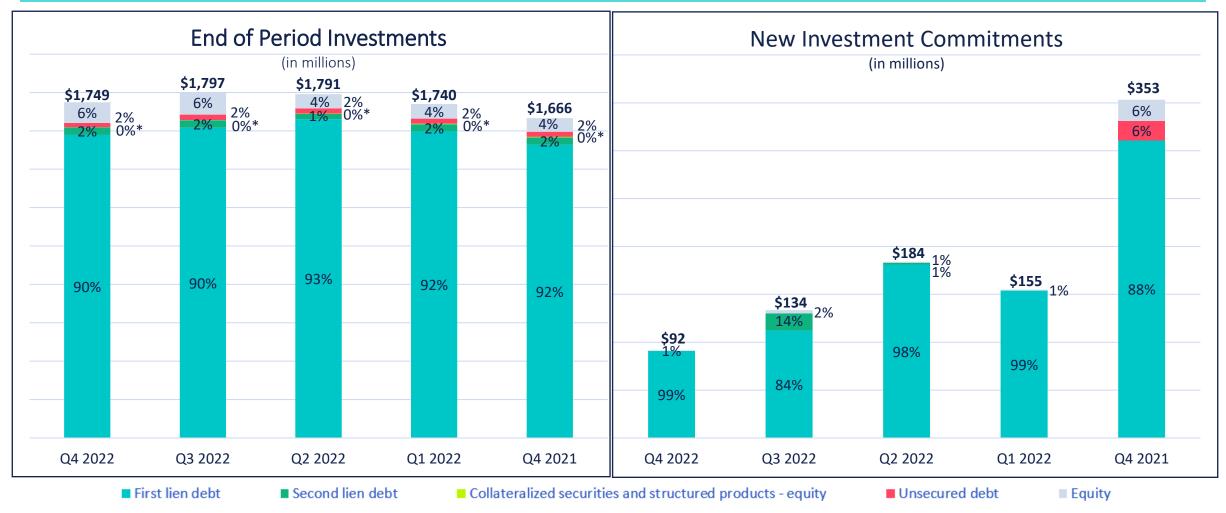
(3) Includes special distributions of \$0.27 per share and \$0.20 per share during the quarters ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

- New investment commitments for the quarter were \$92 million, of which \$83 million were funded and \$9 million were unfunded.
- New investment commitments were made across 3 new portfolio companies and 8 existing portfolio companies.
- Fundings of previously unfunded commitments for the quarter were \$16 million.
- Sales and repayments totaled \$144 million for the quarter primarily driven by the full sale or repayment of investments in 9 portfolio companies.

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022	Q4 2021
New investment commitments	\$92	\$134	\$184	\$155	\$353
Funded	\$83	\$127	\$165	\$123	\$339
Unfunded	\$9	\$7	\$19	\$32	\$14
Fundings of previously unfunded commitments	\$16	\$14	\$8	\$15	\$10
Repayments	(\$102)	(\$143)	(\$103)	(\$59)	(\$107 <mark>)</mark>
Sales	(\$42)	(\$12)	(\$7)	(\$2)	(\$212)
Net funded investment activity	(\$46)	(\$14)	\$63	\$77	\$30
Total Portfolio Companies	113	119	121	115	113

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

	INTE		STMENT RI al Portfolio, Fai	Q4 2022 NON-	ACCRUAL % ⁽¹⁾			
Higher Credit Quality	Rating	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022	Q4 2021		
	1	1.4%	3.5%	7.3%	2.6%	2.8%		
	2	81.5%	84.7%	82.8%	86.2%	82.5%		
	3	14.9%	11.4%	8.4%	10.6%	14.0%	1.96%	
	4	2.2%	0.4%	1.5%	0.4%	0.5%		1.34%
	5	0.0%*	0.0%*	0.0%*	0.2%	0.2%		
Lower Credit Quality	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	* - Less than 1%.							

Internal Investment Risk Rating Definitions

Rating Definition

- 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 covenants.

We expect some loss of interest, dividend or capital appreciation, but still expect an overall positive internal rate of return on the investment.

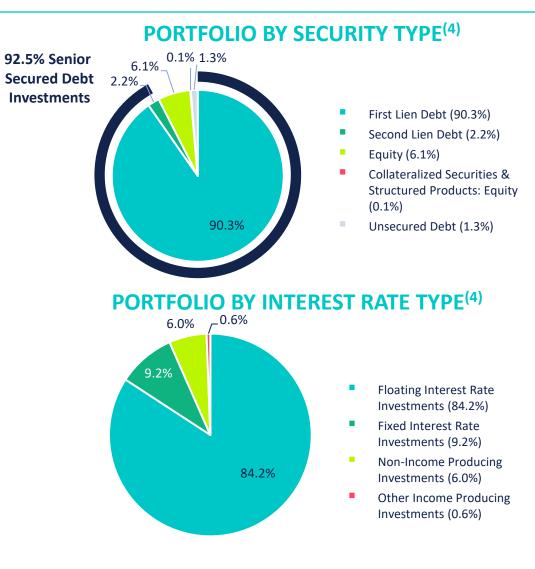
5 Indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the cost of such investment has increased materially since origination or acquisition and the portfolio company likely has materially declining performance. Loss of interest or dividend and some loss of principal investment is expected, which would result 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, 2	.022)
Investment Portfolio	
Total investments and unfunded commitments	\$1,820.6 million
Unfunded commitments	\$71.4 million
Investments at fair value	\$1,749.2 million
Yield on debt and other income producing investments at amortized ${\rm cost}^{(1)}$	12.36%
Yield on performing loans at amortized cost ⁽¹⁾	12.61%
Yield on total investments at amortized cost	11.80%
Portfolio Companies	
Number of portfolio companies	113
Weighted average leverage (net debt/EBITDA) ⁽²⁾	5.30x
Weighted average interest coverage ⁽²⁾	2.31x
Median EBITDA ⁽³⁾	\$35.0 million
Industry Diversification ⁽⁴⁾	
Industry	% of Investment Portfolio
Services: Business	19.2%
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	13.6%
Media: Diversified & Production	7.7%
Services: Consumer	6.6%
Media: Advertising, Printing & Publishing	6.0%
Other (≤5.7% each)	46.9%

(1) See endnote 4 in our press release filed with the SEC on March 16, 2023. (2) See endnote 5 in our press release filed with the SEC on March 16, 2023. (3) See endnote 6 in our press release filed with the SEC on March 16, 2023.(4) The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments.



Quarterly Operating Results

All figures in thousands, except share and per share data	(Q4 2022	(Q3 2022	(22 2022	(21 2022	(24 2021
Investment income										
Interest income ⁽¹⁾	\$	53,238	\$	49,532	\$	40,932	\$	40,195	\$	37,695
Dividend income		1,288		70		53		46		138
Fee income		974		4,561		2,567		1,442		2,571
Total investment income	i \$	55,500	\$	54,163	\$	43,552	\$	41,683	\$	40,404
Expenses	i									
Management fees	\$	6,925	\$	6,942	\$	6,839	\$	6,655	\$	6,674
Interest and other debt expenses	!	16,855		13,469		10,841		8,459		8,256
Incentive fees		5,065		5,421		4,091		4,133		3,942
Other operating expenses		2,431		2,760		2,493		2,942		2,821
Total expenses before taxes	\$	31,276	\$	28,592	\$	24,264	\$	22,189	\$	21,693
Income tax expense, including excise tax		347		14		-		11		301
Net investment income after taxes	\$	23,877	\$	25,557	\$	19,288	\$	19,483	\$	18,410
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Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	i									
Net realized (loss) gain	\$	(15,692)	\$	(17,169)	\$	180	\$	(69)	\$	(15,209
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)		1,350		25,595		(20,734)		(11,525)		12,772
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains	\$	(14,342)	\$	8,426	\$	(20,554)	\$	(11,594)	\$	(2,437
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$	9,535	\$	33,983	\$	(1,266)	\$	7,889	\$	15,973
Per share data										
Net investment income	\$	0.43	\$	0.45	\$	0.34	\$	0.34	\$	0.32
Net realized (loss) gain and unrealized (depreciation) appreciation on investments	\$	(0.26)	\$	0.15	\$	(0.36)	\$	(0.20)	\$	(0.04
Earnings per share	\$	0.17	\$	0.60	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.14	\$	0.28
Distributions declared per share ⁽²⁾	\$	0.58	\$	0.31	\$	0.28	\$	0.28	\$	0.46
Weighted average shares outstanding	5	5,505,248	5	6,816,992	5	6,958,440	5	6,958,440	5	6,958,440
Shares outstanding, end of period	5	5,299,484	5	6,262,964	5	6,958,440	5	6,958,440	5	6,958,440

(1) Includes certain prepayment fees, exit fees and paid-in-kind interest income.

(2) Includes special distributions of \$0.27 per share and \$0.20 per share during the quarters ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Quarterly Balance Sheet

All figures in thousands, except per share data and asset coverage ratio	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022	Q4 2021
Assets					
Investments, at fair value	\$1,760,030	\$1,807,048	\$1,805,452	\$1,755,297	\$1,754,039
Cash	82,739	43,661	42,542	17,500	3,774
Interest receivable on investments	26,526	26,976	21,962	21,298	21,549
Receivable due on investments sold	1,016	7,146	2,713	7,303	2,854
Dividend receivable on investments	1,275	-	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	825	841	2,112	3,618	466
Total Assets	\$1,872,411	\$1,885,672	\$1,874,781	\$1,805,016	\$1,782,682
Liabilities & Net Assets					
Financing arrangements (net of debt issuance costs) ⁽¹⁾	\$951,322	\$950,486	\$939,651	\$867,364	\$822,372
Payable for investments purchased	-	-	11,635	-	11,327
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,012	1,853	1,194	862	1,922
Interest payable	7,820	5,143	5,603	3,173	4,339
Accrued management fees	6,924	6,943	6,839	6,655	6,673
Accrued subordinated incentive fee on income	5,065	5,421	4,091	4,133	3,942
Accrued administrative services expense	1,703	604	530	376	1,595
Share repurchase payable	-	316	-	-	-
Shareholder distribution payable	14,931	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$988,777	\$970,766	\$969,543	\$882,563	\$852,170
Total Net Assets	\$883,634	\$914,906	\$905,238	\$922,453	\$930,512
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,872,411	\$1,885,672	\$1,874,781	\$1,805,016	\$1,782,682
Net Asset Value per share	\$15.98	\$16.26	\$15.89	\$16.20	\$16.34
Asset coverage ratio ⁽²⁾	1.92	1.96	1.96	2.05	2.12

(1) The Company had debt issuance costs of \$6,178 as of December 31, 2022, \$7,014 as of September 30, 2022, \$7,849 as of June 30, 2022, \$7,636 as of March 31, 2022 and \$7,628 as of December 31, 2021.
 (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 2022 Net Asset Value Bridge

Per Share Data



Full Year 2022 Net Asset Value Bridge



(1) Includes a special distribution of \$0.27 per share during the quarter ended December 31, 2022.

INVESTMENTS

Debt Summary

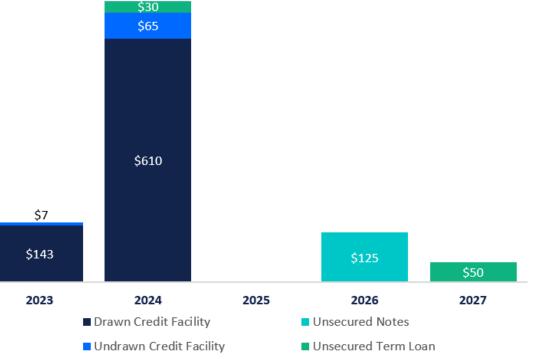
\$72 million in available capacity within existing senior secured facilities

	Total Commitment Amount	Principal Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
JPM Credit Facility	\$675	\$610	L + 3.10% ⁽²⁾	5/15/2024
UBS Facility	150	143	L + 3.375%	11/19/2023
Unsecured Notes, 2026 ⁽¹⁾	125	125	4.50%	2/11/2026
2022 Unsecured Term Loan ⁽¹⁾	50	50	S + 3.50%	4/27/2027
2021 Unsecured Term Loan ⁽¹⁾	30	30	5.20%	9/30/2024
Total Debt	\$1,030	\$958	6.7%	

DEBT SCHEDULE

(\$ in millions)



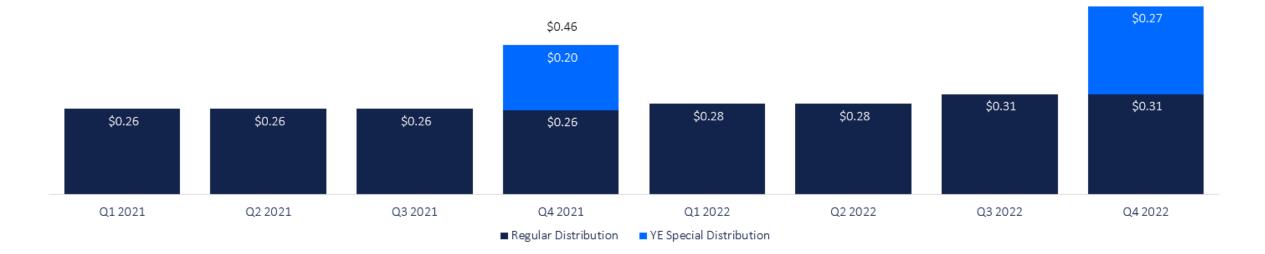


(1) Investment grade credit rating.

(2) \$100 million bears interest at a rate of SOFR + 3.10% and a LIBOR to SOFR credit spread adjustment of 0.15%.

Distribution Per Share and Distribution Coverage

									Fiscal	Year
	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	2021	2022
Net Investment Income (per share)	\$0.31	\$0.33	\$0.35	\$0.32	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.45	\$0.43	\$1.31	\$1.56
Distribution (per share)	\$0.26	\$0.26	\$0.26	\$0.46	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.31	\$0.58	\$1.26	\$1.45
Distribution coverage	1.17x	1.24x	1.32x	0.70x	1.21x	1.21x	1.45x	0.74x	1.04x	1.08x



\$0.58

