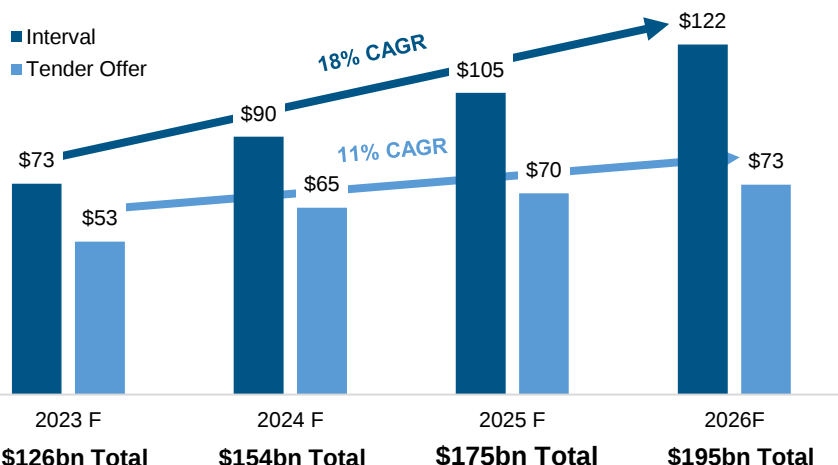


# XA Investments (XAI) Monthly Update on Listed CEF and Interval Fund Market Developments

## XAI Forecast for Interval / Tender Offer Fund Market Net Assets\*

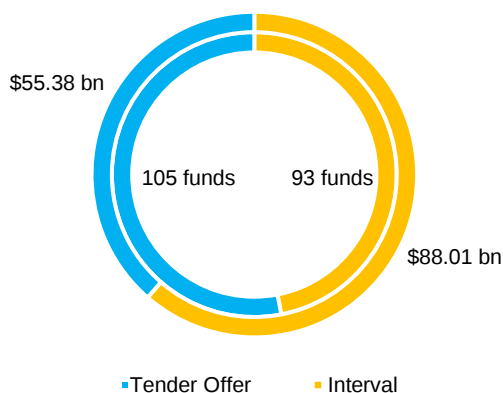


- XAI expects continued growth in interval and tender offer fund net assets, forecasting compound annual growth rates (CAGR) of approximately 18% and 11%, respectively, through 2026.
- XAI anticipates that continued investor demand for alternatives will drive non-listed CEF growth.
- XAI believes strong net inflows, especially in Credit and Private Equity will bolster future asset growth.
- XAI expects tender offer fund growth to be supported by Private Equity and Specialty asset classes. The tender offer fund structure is well-suited for less liquid Private Equity and Specialty strategies.

\*XAI's forecast uses expectations of future net flows, fund launches, and growth in recently launched funds. Net assets represent total managed assets net of any liabilities, including leverage.

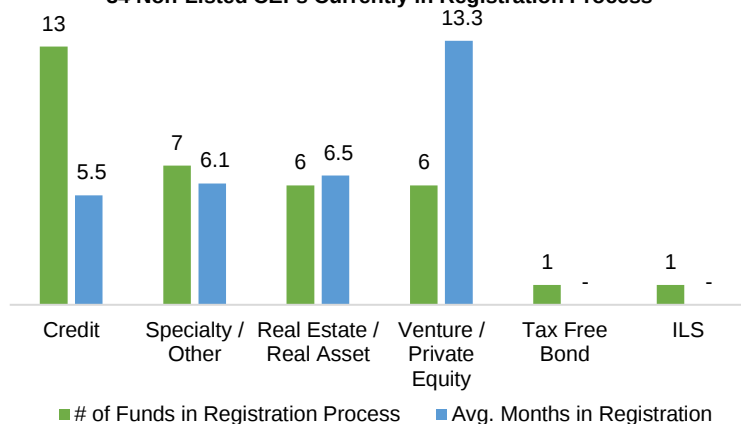
## Current Total Managed Assets and Overview of Fund Registrations

### Non-Listed CEF Market: 198 Funds with \$143bn



Data reflects most recent available as of 10/31/2023. External circle represents total managed assets. Inner circle represents number of funds.

### 34 Non-Listed CEFs Currently in Registration Process



Avg. Months in Registration represents the average time in registration for funds that have gone effective with an initial filing date after 1/1/2022.

## Largest Interval / Tender Offer Funds

| Fund                                     | Type     | Ticker | Asset Class              | Wire Platform   | Net Assets (\$M) <sup>1</sup> | As of     |
|------------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Partners Group Private Equity Fund       | Tender   | N/A    | Venture / Private Equity | ML, MS, WF      | 14,106                        | 6/30/2023 |
| Cliffwater Corporate Lending Fund        | Interval | CCLFX  | Credit                   | -               | 13,900                        | 9/30/2023 |
| ACAP Strategic Fund                      | Interval | XCAPX  | Equity                   | ML, MS, UBS, WF | 7,346                         | 6/30/2023 |
| Bluerock Total Income + Real Estate Fund | Interval | TIPWX  | Real Estate / Real Asset | MS, UBS         | 6,323                         | 6/30/2023 |
| Apollo Diversified Real Estate Fund      | Interval | GRIFX  | Real Estate / Real Asset | MS, UBS         | 5,404                         | 6/30/2023 |
| CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund        | Interval | CADUX  | Credit                   | MS, UBS, WF     | 3,197                         | 8/31/2023 |
| Versus Capital Real Assets Fund          | Interval | VCRRX  | Real Estate / Real Asset | -               | 3,033                         | 9/30/2023 |
| Variant Alternative Income Fund          | Interval | NICHX  | Specialty / Other        | -               | 2,931                         | 8/31/2023 |
| PIMCO Flexible Credit Income Fund        | Interval | PFLEX  | Credit                   | ML, MS, UBS, WF | 2,743                         | 8/31/2023 |
| Ironwood Multi-Strategy Fund             | Tender   | N/A    | Specialty / Other        | ML              | 2,430                         | 7/31/2023 |

1. Net asset data is sourced from regulatory filings and may be delayed due to reporting lags.

Sources: XA Investments; SEC.gov; CEFData.com; CEFConnect.com; Fund Sponsor Websites

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| Developments in Non-Listed CEF Registrations                        |           |                          |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Completed Initial Registration Statement Filings                    | Structure | Asset Class              | Filing Date |
| <a href="#">Voya Enhanced Securitized Income Fund</a>               | Interval  | Credit                   | 10/5/2023   |
| <a href="#">AMG Pantheon Credit Solutions Fund</a>                  | Interval  | Credit                   | 10/5/2023   |
| <a href="#">MainStay MacKay Municipal Income Opportunities Fund</a> | Interval  | Tax Free Bond            | 10/6/2023   |
| <a href="#">Connetic Ventures Fund</a>                              | Interval  | Venture / Private Equity | 10/6/2023   |
| <a href="#">Eagle Point Enhanced Income Trust</a>                   | Tender    | Credit                   | 10/13/2023  |
| <a href="#">KKR US Direct Lending Fund-U</a>                        | Tender    | Credit                   | 10/13/2023  |
| Completed Post-Launch Filings                                       |           |                          |             |
| <a href="#">SEI Alternative Income Fund</a>                         | Interval  | Credit                   | 10/17/2023  |



### Historical Listed CEF Premium/Discount Averages (as of 10/31/2023)

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| <b>Current</b>            | -11.00% |
| <b>9/30/2023</b>          | -9.62%  |
| <b>2023 YTD</b>           | -8.38%  |
| <b>2022</b>               | -5.78%  |
| <b>2021</b>               | -3.13%  |
| <b>2020</b>               | -7.36%  |
| <b>10 Year Historical</b> | -5.79%  |
| <b>10 Year – Munis</b>    | -4.84%  |
| <b>10 Year – Taxable</b>  | -6.14%  |

| Top 10 Current Average Listed CEF Premium/Discount |                    |                        |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Equity / Hybrid                                    | Premium / Discount | Fixed Income           | Premium / Discount |
| Commodities                                        | -2.05%             | Global Income          | -4.18%             |
| Sector Equity                                      | -5.77%             | Taxable Muni           | -4.78%             |
| Covered-Call Funds                                 | -10.02%            | Limited Duration       | -4.93%             |
| Real Estate                                        | -10.12%            | Multi-Sector           | -5.37%             |
| MLP                                                | -12.11%            | Investment Grade       | -5.56%             |
| U.S. Equity                                        | -12.24%            | Convertibles           | -7.02%             |
| U.S. Allocation                                    | -13.82%            | High Yield             | -10.03%            |
| Global Allocation                                  | -14.76%            | Senior Loans           | -10.68%            |
| Global Equity                                      | -15.17%            | Preferreds             | -10.99%            |
| Single-Country Equity                              | -16.42%            | Emerging Market Income | -11.80%            |

| Forward Listed CEF IPO Calendar <sup>1</sup> (IPO Market Currently Closed) |             |                                                              |                     |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| IPO Month                                                                  | Sponsor     | Fund Name                                                    | Initial Filing Date | Strategy        |
| TBD                                                                        | DoubleLine  | <a href="#">DoubleLine Shiller CAPE Enhanced Income Fund</a> | 6/10/2021           | Equity          |
| TBD                                                                        | First Eagle | <a href="#">First Eagle Global Opportunities Fund</a>        | 8/4/2021            | Equity / Debt   |
| TBD                                                                        | PIMCO       | <a href="#">PIMCO Municipal Credit Income Fund</a>           | 10/3/2022           | Municipal Bonds |
| TBD                                                                        | Nuveen      | <a href="#">Nuveen Municipal Opportunities Fund</a>          | 10/4/2022           | Municipal Bonds |
| TBD                                                                        | BlackRock   | <a href="#">BlackRock 2038 Municipal Target Term Trust</a>   | 6/23/2023           | Municipal Bonds |

| CEF Industry News and Upcoming Events |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                                  | Source         | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Nov 13 - 15                           | IPA            | The Institute for Portfolio Alternatives ("IPA") will hold its IPACONnect Conference on November 13-15 <sup>th</sup> in Orlando, Florida. IPACONnect will offer managers the opportunity to showcase their investment opportunities and expand their network with key industry stakeholders. Go to <a href="http://www.ipa.com">www.ipa.com</a> to register.                                                                                |
| Nov 13                                | XA Investments | XA Investments LLC, PINE Advisor Solutions, US Bank, and Faegre Drinker will host a panel discussion and cocktail hour on Monday, November 13 <sup>th</sup> , at the Harvard Club of New York City. As the interval fund market matures, more fund managers are considering launching an interval fund. Panelists will discuss best practices when launching an interval fund and lessons learned through the interval fund launch process. |
| Nov 14                                | ICI            | On November 14 <sup>th</sup> , the Investment Company Institute ("ICI") will host its annual <a href="#">Closed-end Fund Conference</a> . Topics include the future of closed-end funds and insights on emerging industry trends. Connect with industry regulators and experts, network with colleagues, and earn CLE/CPE credit. Go to <a href="http://www.ici.org">www.ici.org</a> to register.                                           |
| Nov 15                                | AICA           | The Active Investment Company Alliance ("AICA"), will host their fall roundtable in New York on November 15 <sup>th</sup> . Go to <a href="http://www.aicalliance.org">www.aicalliance.org</a> to register. Note: the date changed from October 5 <sup>th</sup> to November 15 <sup>th</sup> .                                                                                                                                              |

### CEF Market: Legal & Regulatory Update

On October 16, the SEC's Division of Examinations released its 2024 examination priorities. The priorities were released earlier than in previous years, and only eight months after its 2023 examination priority release. Many of the priorities align with those from 2023, but also underscore the Commission's robust regulatory agenda over previous years. For investment advisers, the Division of Examinations plan to consider (i) firms' marketing practices, including advertisements; (ii) compensation arrangements, with a focus on fiduciary obligations, conflicts and alternative fee revenues; (iii) valuations matters, and for advisers to investment funds, compliance with obligations under Rule 2a-5; (iv) protection of client information; and (v) disclosure assessments and review of filings.

For investment funds, the Division of Examinations will continue to critically assess (i) policies and procedures related to fee calculations, with particular focus on differing fees charged to various share classes or vehicles, along with high fees relative to peers; (ii) derivatives compliance with Rule 18f-4 and relevant policies and procedures; (iii) valuation matters, including the aforementioned 2a-5 and investment adviser roles; and (iv) fund compliance with exemptive order conditions. The Division of Examinations noted that it continues to prioritize examinations of newly registered funds and those that have not yet been examined.

1. Subject to market conditions.

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