

# CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund

## CLASS A CADEX

### FUND OVERVIEW

CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund (CADC) is a diversified, unlisted closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act as an interval fund. The Fund will seek to capitalize on market inefficiencies and relative value opportunities by dynamically allocating a portfolio of directly originated loans, secured floating and fixed rate syndicated loans, corporate bonds, asset-backed securities, commercial real estate loans and other types of credit instruments which, under normal circumstances, will represent at least 80% of the Fund's assets.

### KEY FACTS

CLASS A INCEPTION	1/26/2017
TOTAL MANAGED ASSETS**	~\$1.34B
TOTAL ISSUERS	497
DISTRIBUTIONS <sup>1</sup>	Monthly
CURRENT DISTRIBUTION RATE <sup>2</sup>	5.53
CLASS A SHARPE RATIO (ANNUALIZED) <sup>3</sup>	0.90
CLASS A STANDARD DEVIATION <sup>4</sup>	4.47%

### FUND PERFORMANCE

	MTD	YTD	1 YR	3 YR (Annualized)	Since Inception (Annualized)
CLASS A CADEX	0.87%	1.65%	22.94%	5.44%	5.90%
with sales charge	-4.93%	-4.19%	15.87%	3.38%	4.41%

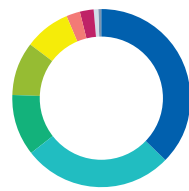
Returns include reinvestment of distributions and reflect fund expenses inclusive of recoupment of previously provided expense support. The estimated net expense ratio, which includes expense support recoupment, is 3.65%. The estimated gross expense ratio, which excludes expense support recoupment, is 3.30%. Expense ratios are annualized and calculated as a percentage of estimated average net assets. The sales charge for Class A is up to 5.75%. Share values will fluctuate, therefore if repurchased, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Current performance may differ and can be obtained at [cioninvestments.com](http://cioninvestments.com).

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS



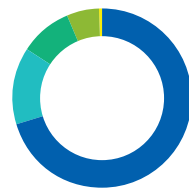
#### FIXED VS. FLOATING RATE\*

● Fixed 12.3% ● Floating Rate 87.7%



#### ALLOCATION BY ASSET TYPE\*\*

● US Direct Lending	38.2%	● CLO Debt	2.7%
● Syndicated Loans	27.8%	● Opportunistic	2.4%
● European Direct Lending	11.2%	● Private Asset-Backed	0.8%
● High Yield Bonds	10.1%	● Real Estate Debt	0.5%
● CLO Equity	8.4%	● Cash	-2.0%



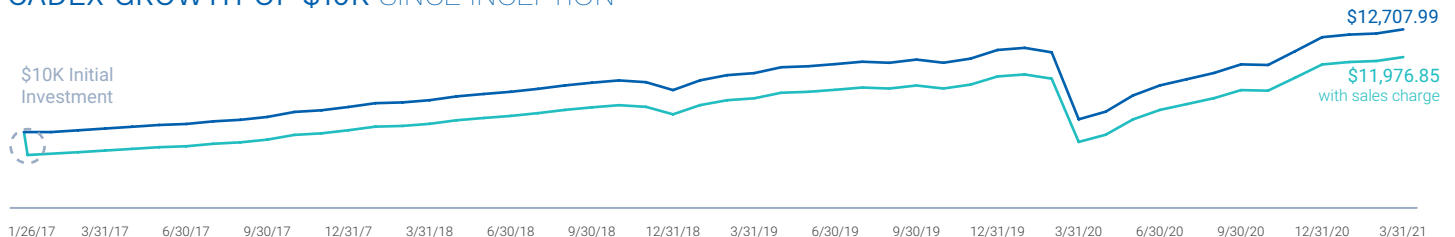
#### ALLOCATION BY GEOGRAPHY\*\*

● United States	71.8%	● Broader Asia	0.3%
● Broader North America	14.0%	● Australia	0.0%
● United Kingdom	9.6%	● Other	0.0%
● Broader Europe	6.2%	● Cash	-2.0%

\* Excludes cash, other net assets and equity instruments.

\*\* Holdings and allocations, unless otherwise indicated, are based on the total managed assets and subject to change without notice. Total managed assets is defined as the total assets (including any assets attributable to financial leverage) minus accrued liabilities (other than debt representing financial leverage). Data shown is for informational purposes only and not a recommendation to buy or sell any security.

### CADEX GROWTH OF \$10K SINCE INCEPTION



This graph illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made in this Fund from the inception date of the product. This is represented as the change in total return at monthly intervals. Total return is a measure of the change in NAV including reinvestment of all distributions and is presented on a net basis reflecting the deduction of fund expenses and applicable fees with expense support provided by CAM. The performance quoted represents past performance, is no guarantee of future results and may not provide an adequate basis for evaluating the performance of the Fund over varying market conditions or economic cycles. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; therefore, you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted.

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS % OF PORTFOLIO

CEP V I 5 Midco Limited (aka Mak System)	1.9%
True Potential Group Limited	1.2%
Commercial Trailer Leasing, Inc.	1.1%
Essential Services Holding Corporation	1.0%
Capstone Logistics	0.9%
GPM Investments, LLC	0.9%
Aston Lark	0.9%
Sophia, L.P. (aka Ellucian)	0.9%
OHALF 2016-1	0.8%
AffiniPay	0.8%

## ALLOCATION BY INDUSTRY % OF PORTFOLIO

Software & Services	17.4%
Structured Products (CLOs & Private ABS)	12.5%
Health Care Equipment & Services	11.0%
Consumer Services	7.0%
Capital Goods	6.9%
Commercial & Professional Services	6.6%
Insurance	6.5%
Diversified Financials	6.1%
Other	27.9%
Cash	-2.0%

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## RISK DISCLOSURES & GLOSSARY

Risks and limitations include, but are not limited to, the following: investment instruments may be susceptible to economic downturns; most of the underlying credit instruments are rated below investment grade and considered speculative; there is no guarantee all shares can be repurchased; the Fund's business and operations may be impacted by fluctuations in the capital markets; the Fund is a diversified, closed-end investment company with limited operating history; diversification does not eliminate the risk of investment losses.

<sup>1</sup> **Monthly Distributions** – There is no assurance monthly distributions paid by the fund will be maintained at the targeted level or paid at all.

<sup>2</sup> **Current Distribution Rate** – Current distribution rate is expressed as a percentage equal to the projected annualized distribution amount (which is calculated by annualizing the current cash distribution per share without compounding), divided by the current net asset value. The current distribution rate shown may be rounded.

<sup>3</sup> **Sharpe Ratio** – a risk-adjusted measure that measures reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the better. The numerator is the difference between a portfolio's return and the return of a risk-free instrument. The denominator is the portfolio's standard deviation. Figures shown here are based on non-loaded daily NAV total returns utilizing data since inception.

<sup>4</sup> **Standard Deviation** – a widely used measure of an investment's performance volatility. Standard deviation shows how much variation from the mean exists with a larger number indicating the data points are more spread out over a larger range of values. Figures shown here are based on non-loaded daily NAV total returns utilizing data since inception.

A portion of distributions may be a direct result of expense support payments provided by CION Ares Management, LLC (CAM), which are subject to repayment by CADC within three years. The purpose of this arrangement is to ensure that CADC bears an appropriate level of expenses. Any such distributions may not be entirely based on investment performance and can only be sustained if positive investment performance is achieved in future periods and/or CAM continues to make such expense support payments. Future repayments will reduce cash otherwise potentially available for distributions. There can be no assurance that such performance will be achieved in order to sustain these distributions. CAM has no obligation to provide expense support payments in future periods.

CADC may fund distributions from unlimited amounts of offering proceeds or borrowings, which may constitute a return of capital, as well as net income from operations, capital and non-capital gains from the sale of assets, dividends or distributions from equity investments and expense support payments from CAM, which are subject to repayment. For the year ending December 31, 2020, distributions were paid from taxable income and did not include a return of capital for tax purposes. It is not anticipated that the current distribution rate will contain a return of capital. If expense support payments from CAM were not provided, some or all of the distributions may have been a return of capital which would reduce the available capital for investment. The sources of distributions may vary periodically. Please refer to the semi-annual or annual reports filed with the SEC for the sources of distributions.

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## MANAGEMENT TEAM

- **Mitch Goldstein**, *Co-Head of Ares Credit Group*  
25 Years of Experience
- **Greg Margolies**, *Head of Markets, Ares Management*  
31 Years of Experience
- CADC's allocation committee consists of an additional 13 members, averaging nearly 25 years of experience.

## ABOUT CION INVESTMENTS

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## ABOUT ARES MANAGEMENT

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