FUND FACT SHEET

As of September 30, 2026

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# CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund

CLASS U-2 CADSX

## 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.

## FUND PERFORMANCE

| | MTD | YTD | 1 YR | 3 YR (Annualized) | 5 YR (Annualized) | Since Inception (Annualized) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CLASS U-2 CADSX | 0.03% | 0.50% | 1.28% | 6.79% | 5.72% | 8.45% |
| with sales charge | -2.47% | -2.02% | -1.25% | 5.89% | 5.19% | 8.02% |

## KEY FACTS

| | |
|---|---|
| INCEPTION | 4/13/20 |
| TOTAL MANAGED ASSETS** | ~$6.8B |
| TOTAL ISSUERS | 925 |
| DISTRIBUTION FREQUENCY[1] | Monthly |
| MONTH-END DISTRIBUTION RATE[2] | 8.15% |
| MONTH-END LEVERAGE[3] | 33.00% |
| SHARPE RATIO (ANNUALIZED)[4] | 1.76 |
| STANDARD DEVIATION[5] | 2.89% |
| ASSET COVERAGE[6] | 4.81 |
| PREFERRED STOCK ASSET COVERAGE[7] | 3.02 |

See Endnotes on page 2

* Excludes cash, other net assets and equity instruments.

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## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

### FIXED RATE VS. FLOATING RATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fixed Rate | 8.2% | Floating Rate | 91.8% |



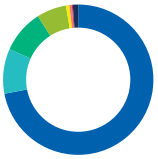
### ALLOCATION BY ASSET TYPE**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| U.S. Direct Lending | 57.8% | CLO Debt | 1.8% |
| European Direct Lending | 11.2% | Infrastructure Debt | 1.8% |
| Syndicated Loans | 10.8% | High Yield Bonds | 1.6% |
| CLO Equity | 6.0% | Real Estate Debt | 0.2% |
| Private Asset-Backed | 4.5% | Cash | 1.2% |
| Opportunistic | 3.1% | | |

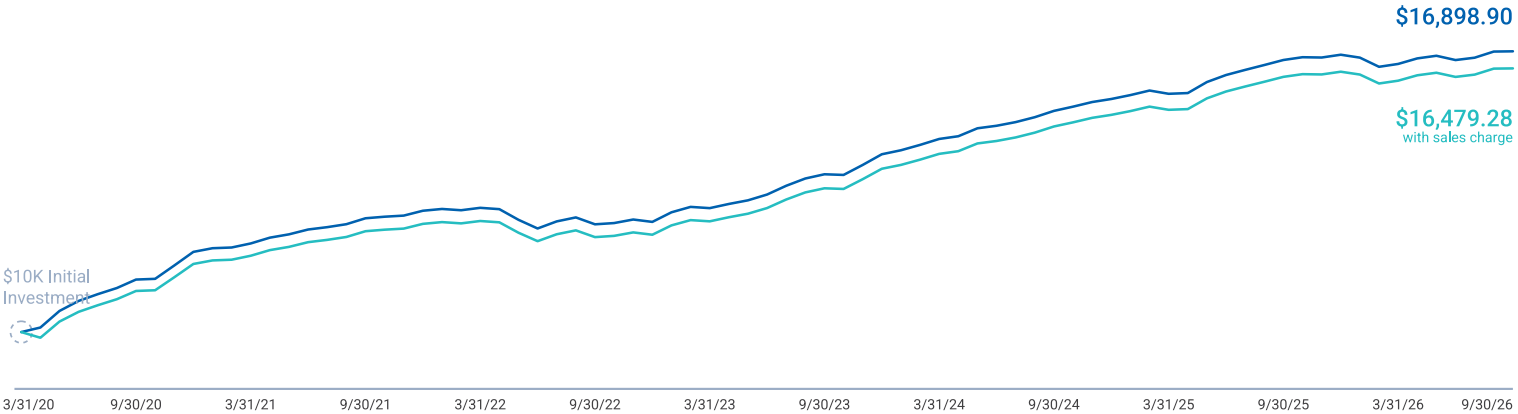


### ALLOCATION BY GEOGRAPHY**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| United States | 72.0% | Australia | 0.7% |
| Broader North America | 9.7% | Other | 0.5% |
| Broader Europe | 9.3% | Broader Asia | 0.2% |
| United Kingdom | 6.4% | Cash | 1.2% |



## CADSX 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. 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.

Returns include reinvestment of distributions and reflect fund expenses. The estimated expense ratio is 4.40% when excluding interest payments on borrowed funds of 3.14%; total estimated gross annual expense ratio is 7.54%. See disclosures for full breakdown of expenses. Expense ratios are annualized and calculated as a percentage of estimated average net assets. The sales charge for Class U-2 is up to 2.50%. The Fund utilizes leverage as part of its investment strategy and currently has borrowings under a credit facility as well as mandatory redeemable preferred shares. There is no assurance that monthly distributions paid by the fund will be maintained at a targeted level or that they will be paid at all. 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.

## TOP HOLDINGS % OF PORTFOLIO

| | |
|---|---|
| FEH Group, LLC | 1.3% |
| Vantage Data Centers North America | 1.2% |
| Banyan Software | 1.1% |
| Rockefeller Capital Management | 1.0% |
| Reddy Ice, LLC | 1.0% |
| Dun & Bradstreet | 1.0% |
| Enviva Partners | 1.0% |
| Pike Corporation | 1.0% |
| EMB Purchaser | 0.9% |
| Nielsen | 0.9% |

## ALLOCATION BY INDUSTRY % OF PORTFOLIO

| | |
|---|---|
| Software & Services | 21.3% |
| Financial Services | 10.5% |
| Health Care Equipment & Services | 10.0% |
| Commercial & Professional Services | 9.4% |
| Structured Products | 8.7% |
| Insurance | 6.9% |
| Capital Goods | 4.6% |
| Consumer Services | 3.8% |
| Other | 23.5% |
| Cash | 1.2% |

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

- **Mitch Goldstein**
  *Co-Head of Ares Credit Group*
  31 Years of Experience
- **Samantha Milner**
  *Partner, Ares Management*
  26 Years of Experience
- **Michael Smith**
  *Co-Head of Ares Credit Group*
  33 Years of Experience
- CADC's allocation committee consists of an additional 13 members, averaging more than 25 years of experience.

## ABOUT CION INVESTMENTS

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## ABOUT ARES MANAGEMENT

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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.

1. **Distribution Frequency** – there is no assurance monthly distributions paid by the Fund will be maintained at the targeted level or paid at all.
2. **Month-End Distribution Rate** –month-end distribution rate is expressed as a percentage 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 month-end distribution rate shown may be rounded.
3. **Month-End Leverage** – as a percentage of total managed assets. The Fund utilizes leverage as part of its investment strategy and currently has borrowings under a credit facility as well as mandatory redeemable preferred shares. The Fund's leverage under the credit facility without the use of mandatory redeemable preferred shares was 20.78%.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Asset coverage** – calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940, is the ratio of the total assets of the Fund, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by total senior securities outstanding of $1,411,666,806.53 as of September 30, 2026. Calculation: Total Assets less other liabilities (excluding secured revolving debt) divided by outstanding secured revolving debt.
7. **Preferred stock asset coverage** – calculated pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940, is the ratio of the total assets of the Fund, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by sum of total outstanding debt and aggregate value of the involuntary liquidation preference of the preferred stock of $2,246,666,806.53 as of September 30, 2026. Calculation: Total Assets less Other Liabilities (excluding secured revolving debt and preferred stock) divided by outstanding secured revolving debt and preferred stock.

Estimated Annual Fund Expenses: Management Fee 1.89%; Incentive Fee 1.39%; Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds 3.14%; Shareholder Servicing Fee 0.25%; Distribution Fee 0.50%; Remaining Other Expenses 0.37%; Total Estimated Gross Annual Expense Ratio is 7.54%. Expenses are annualized and calculated as a percentage of estimated average net assets.

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. For the year ending December 31, 2025 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. 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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