



Kinetics Mutual Funds, Inc.

## MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INCOME FUND

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# Kinetics Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund



**The Kinetics Multi-Disciplinary Income Fund (“KMDNX”, the “Fund”) seeks to generate current income and avoid significant interest rate risks inherent in more traditional fixed income investment strategies.**

- We believe that CLO debt tranches represent an attractive area of investment consistent with the Fund’s approach.

**The target investment portfolio will consist of 20 to 75 investments<sup>1</sup>.**

- As KMDNX is a diversified fund<sup>2</sup>, the target weight of each investment is intended to be below 5.0% (of the total fund size).
- We intend to initially invest in AAA and AA rated CLO debt tranches.
  - The cash yield for recently issued AAA tranches in the primary market was ~5.55% and for AA tranches was ~5.95%<sup>3</sup>.
  - The AA higher yield comes at a minimal increase in credit risk relative to AAA debt.
    - There have been no defaults of a AAA CLO debt tranche, and only one technical default of an AA CLO debt tranche (with no loss of principal or interest due to the AA CLO debt investors), in the ~30-year CLO history.
    - AAA and AA tranches are the “Senior Notes” of a CLO and are not subject to interest diversion or interest deferment.

## **Access for individual investors**

- CLO debt tranches are unregistered securities and can only be purchased by qualified institutional buyers (QIB) per Rule 144a.
  - Our Fund provides access for individual investors to gain exposure to the CLO market.

- 1) The target investment portfolio is subject to change at any time at Horizon Kinetics Asset Management LLC’s sole discretion (subject to the terms of the underlying prospectus). The target investment portfolio is based on the current market environment and may change in the future based on market conditions and the size of the Fund and may vary substantially from the initial target investment portfolio presented above.*
- 2) To be classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, all the positions that are over 5.0% of the total assets, when aggregated together, cannot be greater than 25.0% of the fund’s total assets.*
- 3) Represents CLO transactions with 2-years of call protection and 5-year reinvestment period, as of December 31, 2024.*

# What is a CLO?

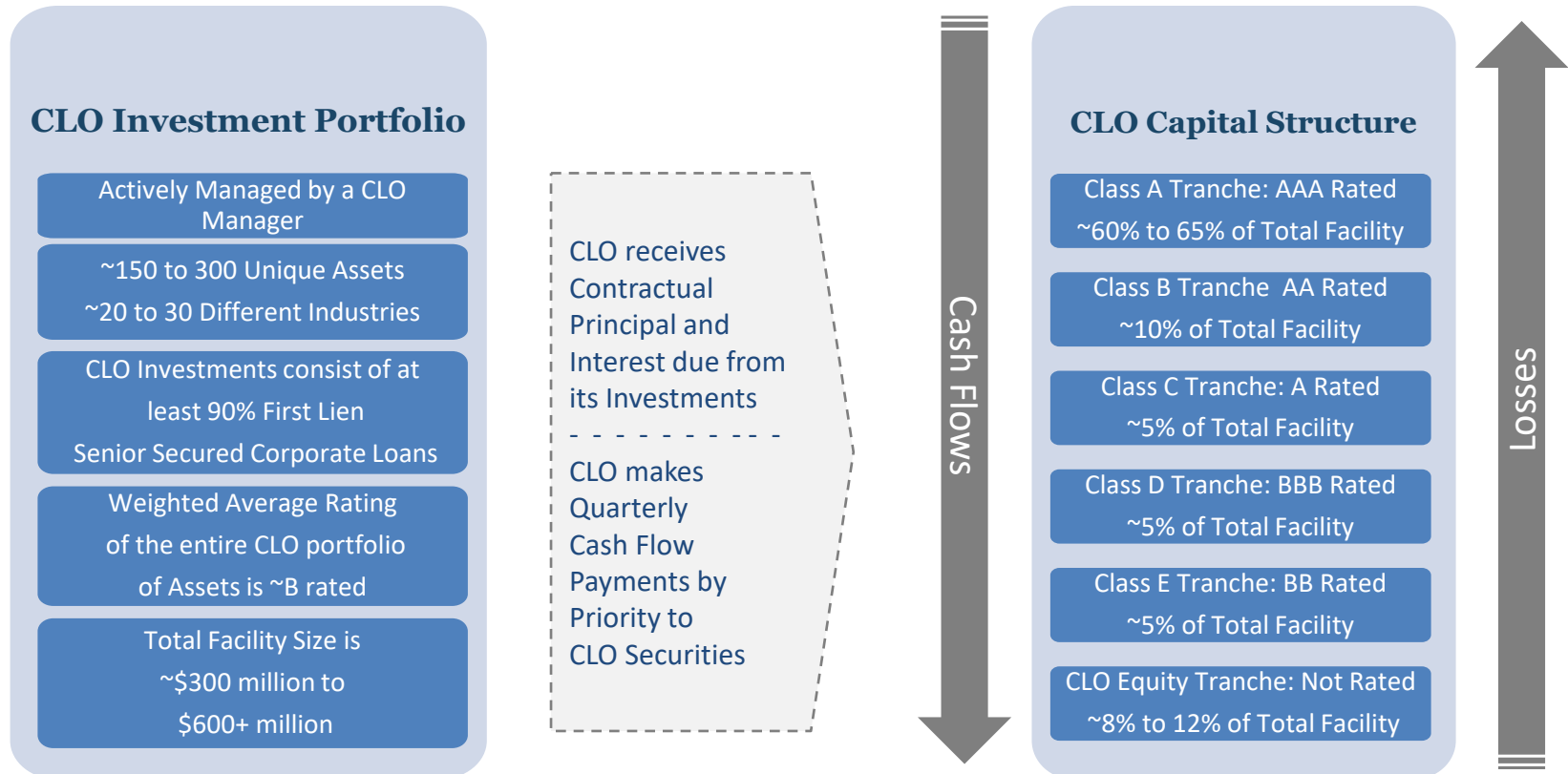


## **A Collateralized Loan Obligation (“CLO”) facility is structured as a securitization vehicle.**

- CLOs are typically \$300 million to \$600+ million in total facility size.
- CLOs invest primarily in floating rate, first lien senior secured corporate loans (required to be at least 90% of the CLO’s assets).
- CLOs raise capital by issuing tranches of debt (which are rated AAA, AA, A, BBB and BB) and an equity tranche.
  - The AAA tranche is ~60% to 65% of the CLO’s capital structure and the AA tranche is ~10% of the CLO’s structure.
  - The proceeds from the debt and equity tranches are used to purchase corporate loans, which are then actively managed by a CLO manager.
  - AAA and AA debt tranches are the “Senior Notes” of a CLO and are not subject to interest diversion/deferment.
- CLO investors are paid quarterly, with the AAA debt tranche having first payment priority, followed by the AA debt tranche and so on.
  - Any CLO losses are incurred in reverse order, with the equity tranche absorbing such losses first, and if such losses exceed the equity tranche outstanding, followed by the BB debt tranche and so on.
    - This self-curing mechanism of CLOs is an important protection measure that benefits the debt tranches, especially the AAA and AA tranches (the Senior Notes) of the CLO.
  - Since the establishment of the CLO market in the 1990’s, no AAA or AA debt tranche investor has suffered a loss of principal or interest due to a credit impairment.
- CLOs normally have a maturity of 12 to 13 years, a reinvestment period of 3 to 5 years and a non-call of 1 to 2 years.

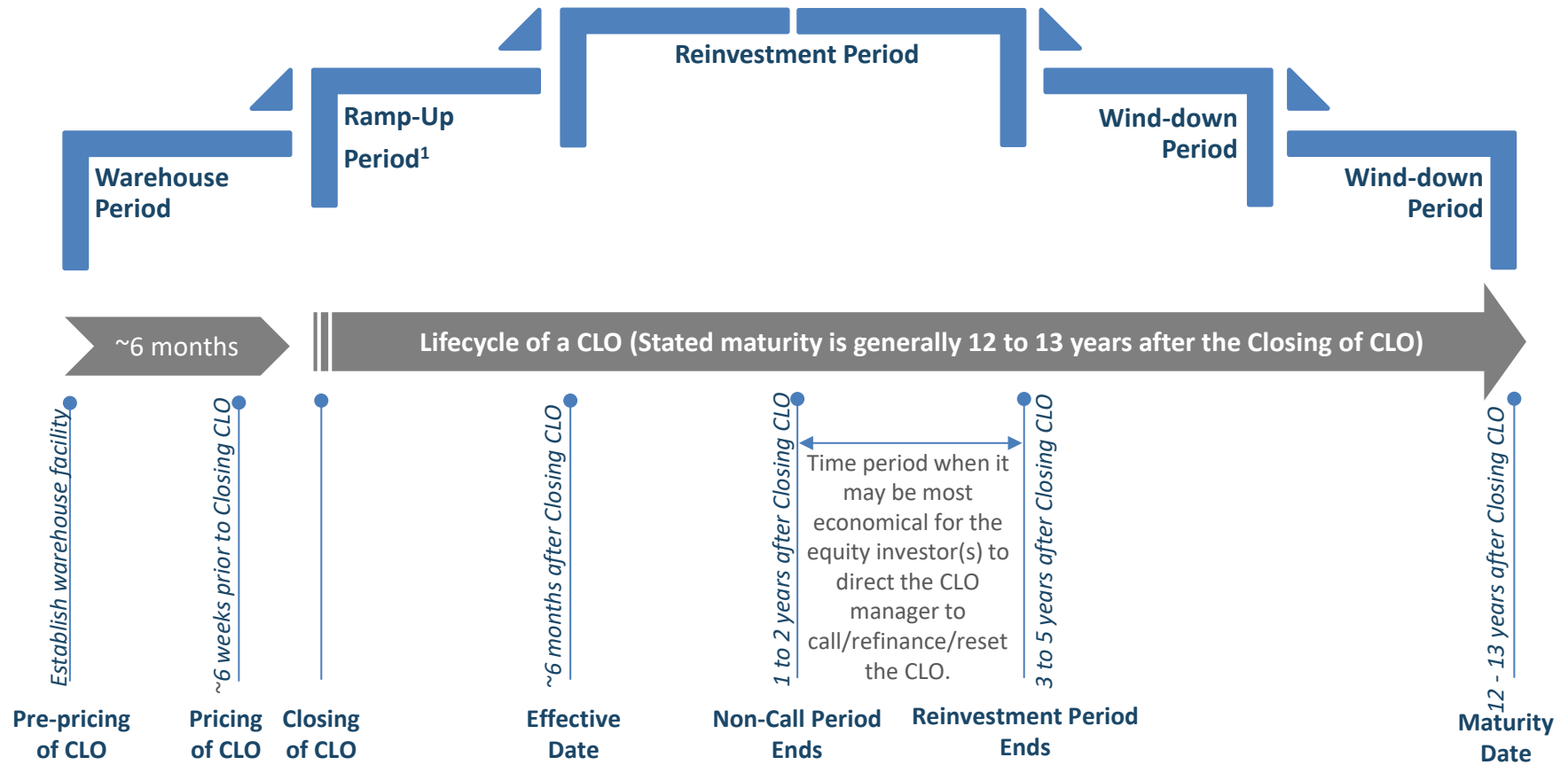
*All references to CLOs in this presentation are intended to be with respect to CLOs which invest in broadly syndicated leveraged loan. CLOs which invest in middle market loans are excluded in this presentation.*

# CLO Investment Portfolio and Capital Structure



The CLO investment portfolio and CLO capital structure are for illustrative purposes only. An actual CLO may vary substantially from the above example.

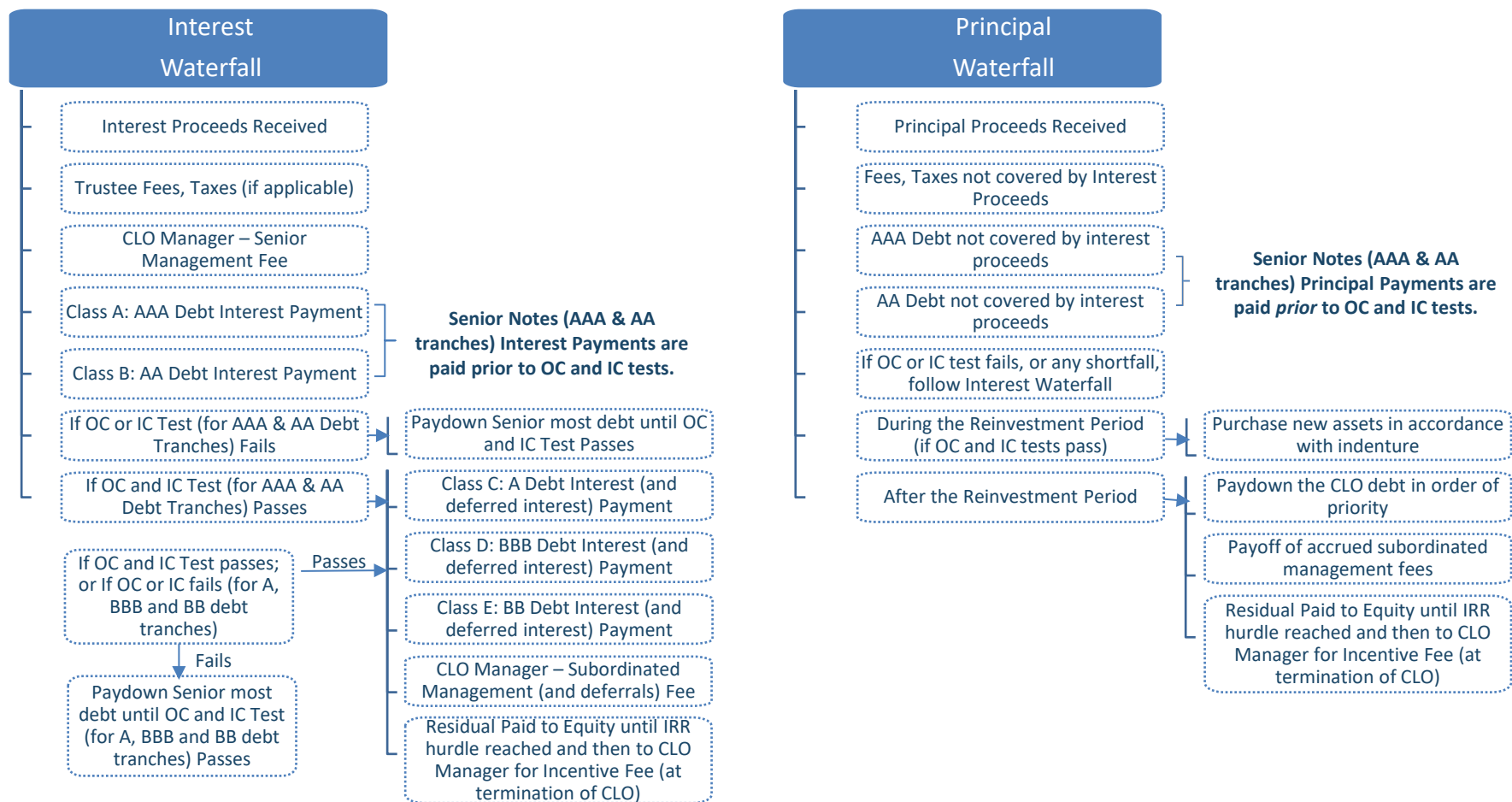
# Lifecycle of a CLO



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1) Prior to the Ramp-up Period, a warehouse facility may be established by the CLO manager to invest in corporate loans which will eventually be sold to the CLO on the Closing Date.

# CLO Priority of Payments – Interest and Principal Waterfalls



The term "waterfall" is used to describe how the cash from an investment flows down to the different parties involved. The top-down nature of the cash flow distributions indicates the relative priority of the parties at different levels. The Interest and Principal waterfalls are for illustrative purposes only. They do not include every expense or payment in an actual CLO waterfall. They do not present every situation which can lead to diversion of payments to the CLO equity or debt tranche investors. OC is the Overcollateralization Test and IC is the Interest Coverage Test. During the reinvestment period only, if the interest diversion test (highest threshold OC test) is not in compliance, the lesser amount of up to 50% (of the available interest proceeds) or the amount needed to cure the interest diversion test is diverted and used to purchase additional collateral, rather than all available interest proceeds being used to paydown debt (per the other OC tests). The IRR hurdle rate is the internal rate of return that must be achieved before the Incentive Fee distributions can be made.

# Why Invest in CLOs?

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- CLO debt tranches have a floating interest rate that provide a hedge against duration/ interest rate risk.
- CLO debt tranches are denominated in U.S. dollars which eliminates foreign currency exposure.
- The default rates for CLO debt tranches are low.
  - There have been no defaults of AAA debt tranches, and only one default of a AA debt tranche (with no loss of principal or interest due to the AA CLO debt investors), in the ~30-year CLO history.
- CLOs invest primarily in senior secured first lien corporate loans (required to be at least 90% of the CLO's assets).
- CLOs are subject to less market volatility<sup>1</sup>.
  - CLOs are structured as cash flow (not market value) structures.
    - Therefore, CLOs are generally not forced sellers of their investments during periods of market volatility.
- CLOs are actively managed and are not index vehicles.
  - CLO managers have the flexibility to buy or sell investments at any time (subject to terms and conditions in the underlying CLO documents).
- There are approximately 150 U.S. CLO managers.
  - Some CLO managers include Blackstone, Octagon Credit Investors, Carlyle, PGIM, Ares Management, Neuberger Berman, Apollo Global Management and KKR.

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1) Market volatility is the frequency and magnitude of price movements, up or down.

# Recent CLO Pricing



- The coupon rate<sup>1</sup> for CLO debt tranches is determined by adding together the 3-month term Secured Overnight Financing Rate<sup>2</sup> (“SOFR”) plus a credit spread.
  - The coupon rate is a floating interest rate that resets every 3-months based on 3-month SOFR.
  - In the primary market, CLO AAA and AA rated debt tranches are priced at 100% of par<sup>3</sup> at closing.

Rating	Credit Spread (bps) <sup>4</sup>	Price at Closing	Coupon Rate
AAA	~125	100% of par	~5.55%
AA	~165	100% of par	~5.95%

- In the secondary market, CLO debt tranches can trade at a premium or discount to par, depending on several factors, including the specific indenture terms, collateral quality, maturity and call dates and credit spread of the CLO debt.

1) The coupon rate is the interest rate on the bond.

2) 3-month term SOFR was 4.31%, as of December 31, 2024. The SOFR is a broad measure of the cost of borrowing cash overnight collateralized by Treasury securities.

3) The par value of a security is the original face value when it is issued.

4) The AAA and AA credit spreads represent the approximate levels for recently priced CLO deals (as of December 31, 2024) in the primary market, with 2-years of call protection and a 5-year reinvestment period. The credit spreads for future CLO deals may vary materially from today's credit spreads, based on the specific CLO terms and other factors including the CLO manager and market conditions at that time.





## Default rates

- Since the establishment of the CLO market in the 1990's through December 31, 2024:
  - No AAA rated CLO tranche issued in the U.S. markets has defaulted.
  - There has been one technical default of a AA rated CLO tranche in 2010 (which was issued in 2002), with no loss of principal or interest due to the AA CLO debt investors.<sup>1</sup>

## Ratings Upgrades and Downgrades from the mid-1990s through year-end 2023<sup>2</sup>:

Debt Rating	Number of CLO Ratings	Upgrades	Downgrades
AAA	5,357	N.A.	2.4%
AA	3,713	22.8%	0.9%

- Since 2012, no AAA rated CLO tranche has been downgraded.<sup>2</sup>

1) The one default of a CLO AA tranche (Landmark II CDO Ltd.) which occurred in 2010, had its ratings lowered from AA to D by S&P Global Ratings in 2010. The default occurred when the CLO's trustee escrowed the AA debt tranche's interest payments (causing a missed interest payment), after the trustee filed an interpleader action with U.S. courts. The AA debt investors did not suffer any economic loss as the ratings were subsequently upgraded from D to AA in 2011, after AA debt investors received all interest owed as well as interest on interest. The principal due on the AA debt tranche was paid off in full shortly thereafter.

2) Based on the ratings issued by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

# CLO Prices during Market Dislocations



- The most significant market price dislocation during the past 20 years started during the Great Financial Crisis (“GFC”) in 2008 and lasted for the longest period of time (~3 ½ years).
  - By early/mid 2009, AAA CLO tranche pricing was ~65% to 70% of par and AA CLO tranche pricing was ~20% to 25% of par, respectively.
  - By early 2010, AAA and AA tranche pricing had recovered to ~90% of par and ~75% of par, respectively.
  - By the 2H 2012, both AAA and AA tranche pricing was at 99%+ of par (equivalent to pre-GFC levels).

**There was no loss of principal or interest due to the AAA and AA CLO debt investors during the GFC.**

- The most recent market dislocation occurred during the Covid-19 pandemic (“Covid”) in 2020.
  - The recovery time was far shorter and price impact less significant than the GFC.

Debt Rating	Date of Market Low	Market Low Price	Months to Recover / (Market Price after Recovery)
AAA	3/24/2020	92.26% of par	~5 months / (99.0%+ of par)
AA	3/24/2020	86.02% of par	~6 months / (99.0%+ of par)

**There was no loss of principal or interest due to AAA and AA CLO debt investors during the Covid pandemic.**



- The CLO market is expected to continue to become more liquid, have better pricing information, and grow in dollar amount and number of CLO deals.
- The U.S. CLO market had grown from ~\$600 billion five years ago to ~\$1.0 trillion as of year-end 2023.
- The anticipated growth of the U.S. leveraged corporate loan market (~\$1.4 trillion as of 12/31/2023), should result in a corresponding increase in CLOs.
  - CLOs represent the largest investor group (~70%) in the leveraged loan market.
- Institutional and retail investor interest is expected to continue to expand given the risk adjusted returns of CLO debt and equity tranches.

# Important Risk Disclosures

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