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Item 1. Report to Stockholders.

# Ares Dynamic Credit Allocation Fund, Inc. (NYSE: ARDC)

**Annual Report** 

October 31, 2016

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### Letter to Shareholders

October 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

#### Dear Shareholders,

We would like to start by thanking you for your interest and participation in the Ares Dynamic Credit Allocation Fund, Inc. ("ARDC" or the "Fund"). We appreciate the trust and confidence that you have demonstrated in Ares through your investment in ARDC.

### Economic Conditions and Leveraged Finance Market Update

2016 thus far through October has been a strong year for credit with the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index ("CSLLI") and Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index ("H0A0") posting gains of 8.28% and 15.68%, respectively, compared to gains of 5.87% for the S&P 500. The year began with a continued collapse in oil prices, concerns about China's currency devaluation pace, and U.S. recession fears. Through February 11, the S&P 500 had traded down by as much as 5.7%, oil traded down to a low of \$26.21 a barrel and the sell-off in high yield bonds gathered momentum, putting high yield securities squarely in oversold territory. Around mid-February, improvements across a number of global issues provided a more constructive macro backdrop for non-investment grade credit markets. The European Central Bank ("ECB") provided a larger expansion of monetary policy than anticipated, China gave more reassurance on foreign exchange rates, OPEC and non-OPEC members held talks regarding the possibility of putting a floor under oil prices, U.S. recession concerns faded amidst better economic data and the Federal Reserve ("Fed") narrative remained dovish. Following the momentum gained in late February, capital markets firmly advanced through the spring as a more traditional risk rally took hold amid improving investor sentiment and accommodative central bank action and rhetoric. Through June 30, U.S. credit markets posted strong returns, led by lower rated assets and cyclical sectors. Following a brief disruption at the end of June surrounding the surprising vote by the British populous to leave the European Union ("Brexit"), credit markets rallied throughout the Summer and early Fall as market participants continued their search for yield owing to negative sovereign rates persistent across the globe. The strong risk rally within credit that prevailed for much of the year began to show indications of waning in October amid the increased probability of a December rate hike, renewed concern over potential OPEC agreements and rising Treasury yields. Following Donald Trump's unexpected victory in the U.S. presidential election, high yield bonds came under pressure amid the sharpest sell-off in Treasuries since the "Taper Tantrum" in May 2013 while leveraged loans held up relatively well. Rate concerns are now heightened amid prospects for firmer global economic conditions, higher deficits, a rise in inflation expectations, and possibly an even more active Fed under a Trump White House. At this stage uncertainty abounds, in particular regarding the detailed policies, posture, and makeup of the forthcoming administration. Continued volatility is likely, and drawing conclusions or making macroeconomic forecasts in such a fluid environment remains difficult.

October saw generally positive economic data releases offset rising concerns surrounding the political landscape, a potential rate hike in December and renewed weakness in commodities. The U.S. Department of Commerce released the advance estimate of U.S. GDP in late October, reporting the economy expanded at a 2.9% annual rate during the third quarter of 2016, marking the strongest quarter of growth in two years. Estimates for real GDP exceeded expectations this quarter largely due to strength in business investment, consumer spending and a better performance in global trade. Specific to payrolls, the U.S. Labor Department reported that 161,000 jobs were added during the month of October, which was fewer than expected but still a healthy gain. Importantly, the unemployment rate fell back down to 4.9% and average hourly earnings rose 2.8% year-over-year, the fastest pace of wage growth since the financial recession. The October employment report marked the 73rd consecutive month of job gains for the U.S. economy and may be enough to clear the path for the Fed to raise interest rates at its next meeting in December.

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Nonetheless, the market's focus in October centered around the U.S. Presidential election which took place on November 8 after almost two years of contentious and unpredictable campaigning. In the days leading up to the election, the polls and political pundits gave Republican Donald Trump little chance of winning and were projecting that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton would likely be elected. However, in a historic upset, the American people chose Mr. Trump to be the 45th President of the United States. This outcome was widely unexpected and while equity futures plunged late Tuesday night after Mr. Trump claimed victories in several key battleground states, U.S. stocks rebounded the following day led by large gains in the healthcare, financials, and industrials sectors. The market's initial reaction was generally positive but a great deal of fiscal, monetary, political and economic uncertainty remains. We believe it will take time for investors to consider the implications of a Trump presidency and act accordingly. Therefore, in the more immediate term we expect the market to re-focus on important events between now and year-end including the November 30 OPEC meeting and the ECB, Bank of Japan, and Fed meetings taking place in December. According to pricing in federal funds futures, the probability of a rate hike in December now stands at 84%, but the odds could fluctuate between now and then given the unexpected outcome of the Presidential election, concerns about low inflation, moderate economic growth and continued turmoil abroad.

### Letter to Shareholders (continued)

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Continued signs of a modestly recovering EU were provided in the form of Eurozone factory activity, as data released by Markit pointed to their most active month in nearly three years. The Eurozone factory purchasing managers index rose to 53.5, its highest level since 2014. Additionally, manufacturers reported hiring has picked up and that they had raised their selling prices as well, a boost to the ECB who has been intently focused on increasing inflation through its various QE initiatives. Although inflation still remains doggedly low, green shoots have started to appear. These improvements have led to speculation that the ECB may look to taper its current bond purchasing program as early as December. The scarcity of eligible bonds and the artificial effects the stimulative program has had on the credit markets in general may prompt the ECB to scale back its current efforts to drive inflation and economic recovery. This would certainly increase the probability for increased volatility within the region at a time where concerns are mounting regarding the growth prospects for 2017. Elections in Germany and France could provide surprise results much like the Brexit vote or the recent U.S Presidential election. Additional volatility could be experienced with the UK set to begin its negotiations to separate from the EU in early 2017 as well.

Improved market tone and strong demand technicals in both the loan and CLO debt markets has led to a rally in credit and CLOs. Surpassing September's \$8.2 billion of new issuance, October was the strongest month for primary CLO issuance in the U.S. with ~\$8.4 billion across 17 deals. As of October 31, year-to-date 2016 primary issuance totals ~\$55.9 billion exceeding certain CLO analyst forecasts of \$55 billion for the full year. With the U.S. risk retention deadline a few short weeks away, we expect November to be another busy month as CLO managers race to get deals done in advance of the deadline. In Europe, primary issuance is on track to set a new post-crisis high with €1.7 billion across four deals in October bringing the year-to-date 2016 total to €14.3 billion as of October month-end, <sup>2, 3, 4</sup> In the primary market, spreads continue to tighten as international demand remains strong. In Europe, new issue AAA spreads reached a post-crisis low of 98bps in October. Senior spread tightening has lowered the average cost of funding for primary Euro CLOs, even despite widening lower in the capital stack. Single-B tranches priced in the mid to high 900s, up from the low to mid 800s at the end of 2015. In the U.S., primary AAA spreads ranged from 143-159bps while BB spreads ranged from 725-875bps. With elevated supply in the primary, new issue AAA spreads have yet to break 140bps in the U.S.<sup>5</sup> The trailing twelve month default rate for the S&P Leveraged Loan Index remained flat at 1.95% in October. With no new defaults, the amount of defaulted collateral in post-crisis CLOs continues to decline. However, in light of the outlook for the loan market in October,<sup>3</sup> we believe the quantum of fundamental risks have increased slightly as our pipeline of watch list credits continues to grow.

The CLO market had a muted reaction to the election of Donald Trump both the U.S. and European CLO markets were virtually unchanged. It appears market participants were positioned with a "buy the dip / opportunistic" posture similar to what occurred after Brexit though so far that buying opportunity has been limited. Against an uncertain background and expected further volatility, we seek to manage our portfolios with caution and pragmatism but stand ready to hunt for value. Despite having to endure market volatility and the resultant impact on short-term returns, these are the kinds of markets where we believe our process, team and technology platform can really shine. For additional information about the instruments in which ARDC invests, please refer to the Fund's shareholder report.

#### Ares Dynamic Credit Allocation Fund, Inc.

ARDC is a closed-end fund that trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ARDC" and is externally managed by Ares Capital Management II LLC (the "Advisor"), a subsidiary of Ares Management, L.P. ("Ares") ARDC's investment objective is to provide an attractive risk adjusted level of total return, primarily through current income and, secondarily, through capital appreciation by investing in a broad, dynamically-managed portfolio of

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below investment grade senior secured loans, high yield corporate bonds and collateralized loan obligation securities.

#### **Portfolio Performance and Positioning**

For the calendar year-to-date period through October 31, 2016, ARDC has returned 16.6% based on Net Asset Value ("NAV"), which compares to 8.3% for the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index ("CSLLI") and 15.7% for the Bank of America Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index ("H0A0"). On a last twelve months basis through October 31, 2016, ARDC has returned 9.0% based on NAV, which compares to 6.3% for the CSLLI and 10.2% for the H0A0. For the period ended October 31, 2016, ARDC Market Price returns were 18.9% for the calendar year-to-date and 12.5% for the last twelve months basis, respectively. However, it is important to note that given its flexible mandate and focus on senior secured bank loans, high yield bonds and CLOs, we believe there is no single established benchmark that reasonably lends itself to comparison with ARDC.

# Letter to Shareholders (continued)

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Over the past year, ARDC increased its allocation to CLO debt and equity to 25.1% as of October 31, 2016 from 20.7% as of October 31, 2015, as those assets were relatively dislocated toward the end of 2015/beginning of 2016 which allowed us to source investments at attractive valuations. In addition, ARDC slightly increased its allocation to bank loans while slightly reducing exposure to high yield bonds and holding very low cash balances throughout the year. From an industry perspective, over the last twelve months we meaningfully increased exposure to Metals & Mining to 4.9% from 0.5% and modestly increased exposure to Energy to 7.7% from 6.6% as those industries have been experiencing a recovery, while reducing exposure to Broadcasting to 4.4% from 7.2%.

On November 6, 2015, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of ARDC authorized the repurchase of shares of common stock of the Fund (the "Common Shares") on the open market when the Common Shares are trading on the New York Stock Exchange at a discount of 10% or more (or such other percentage as the Board may determine from time to time) from the net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares. The Fund may repurchase its outstanding Common Shares in open-market transactions at the Fund management's discretion. The Fund is not required to effect share repurchases. Any future purchases of Common Shares may not materially impact the discount of the market price of the Common Shares relative to their NAV and any narrowing of this discount that does result may not be maintained. Since inception of the program through October 31, 2016, the Fund has repurchased 489,383 shares at an average price of \$12.97, representing an average discount of -15.3%.

In conclusion, we maintain strong conviction in the ARDC portfolio and believe the Fund continues to be well positioned to take advantage of buying opportunities in the new issue and secondary markets. We continue to believe that the ability to dynamically allocate is critical to successfully navigating an evolving market environment with headline and interest rate driven volatility. Thank you again for your continued support of ARDC. If you have any questions about the Fund, please call 1-877-855-3434, or visit the Fund's website at www.arespublicfunds.com.

Best Regards,

Ares Capital Management II LLC

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<sup>1</sup> Source: S&P Capital IQ LCD. "Global Databank," October 31, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Source: J.P. Morgan. "Salt n Pepa: Seasoning of CLO Asset Portfolios," November 4, 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Deutsche Bank. "The Outlook: MBS and Securitized Products," November 9, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> Source: Goldman Sachs. "GS CLO Secondary: October 2016 Month End Recap and Thoughts "Tourbillon," November 8, 2016.

<sup>5</sup> Source: S&P Capital IQ LCD. "Global CLO Roundup: European AAA Spreads Reach Post-Crisis Low," October 31, 2016.

# Fund Profile & Financial Data

October 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

# Portfolio Characteristics as of 10.31.16

| Weighted Average Floating Coupon <sup>1</sup> | 5.79%    |
|---|----------|
| Weighted Average Bond Coupon <sup>2</sup>     | 7.95%    |
| Current Distribution Rate <sup>3</sup>        | 8.37%    |
| Dividend Per Share                            | \$0.1025 |
|   |          |

1 The weighted-average gross interest rate on the pool of loans as of October 31, 2016.

2 The weighted-average gross interest rate on the pool of bonds at the time the securities were issued.

3 October 2016 dividend per share annualized and divided by the October 31, 2016 market price per share. The Fund's October 2016 distributions were comprised of net investment income and short-term capital gains. The distribution rate alone is not indicative of Fund performance. To the extent that any portion of the current distributions were estimated to be sourced from something other than income, such as return of capital, the source would have been disclosed in a Section 19(a) Notice located under the "Investor Information" section of the Fund's website. Please note that the distribution classifications are preliminary and certain distributions may be re-classified at year end. Please refer to year-end tax documents for the final classifications of the Fund's distributions for a given year.

# Top 10 Holdings<sup>4</sup> as of 10.31.16

| Rite Aid Corp                   | 1.53% |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Cablevision Systems Corp        | 1.27% |
| Guala Closures S.P.A.           | 1.25% |
| Alinta Energy Ltd               | 1.18% |
| Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority | 1.17% |
| Tegna Inc.                      | 1.15% |
| TMF Group Holdings BV           | 1.14% |
| AerCap Holdings N.V.            | 1.12% |
| Builders FirstSource, Inc.      | 1.09% |
| Numericable Group               | 1.09% |

4 Market value percentage may represent multiple instruments by the named issuer and/or multiple issuers being consolidated to the extent they are owned by the same parent company. These values may be different than the issuer concentrations in certain regulatory filings.

#### Performance as of 10.31.16

|  | Market          | NAV    |
|--|-----------------|--------|
| 1 Month                                | -0.32%          | 0.90%  |
| Year to Date                           | 18.90%          | 16.55% |
| 3 Years (annualized)                   | 1.95%           | 3.37%  |
| Since Inception**                      | 0.43%           | 4.60%  |
| ** Cines Incention of fund (11/07/001) | 0) and annuali- |        |

\*\*Since Inception of fund (11/27/2012) and annualized.

Source: Morningstar

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Since Inception returns assume a purchase of common shares at the initial offering price of \$20.00 per share for market price returns or initial net asset value (NAV) of \$19.10 per share for NAV returns. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. All distributions are assumed to be reinvested either in accordance with the dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP) for market price returns or NAV for NAV returns.

#### Portfolio Composition as of 10.31.16

#### Fixed vs. Floating Rate as of 10.31.16

#### Industry Allocation<sup>5</sup> as of 10.31.16

5 Merrill Lynch industry classifications weighted by market value. These values may be different than industry classifications in certain regulatory filings.

This data is subject to change on a daily basis. As of 10.31.16, the Fund held a negative traded cash balance of -3.41%.

# Schedule of Investments

October 31, 2016

# Floating Rate Term Loans 47.0%<sup>(b)</sup>

|  | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Aerospace and Defense 2.0%                           |                     |                      |
| Doncasters U.S., LLC,                                |                     |                      |
| Term Loan 2nd Lien,                                  |                     |                      |
| 9.50%, 10/09/2020                                    | \$1,500,000         | \$ 1,410,000         |
| Engility Corporation,                                |                     |                      |
| Term B-2 Loan,                                       |                     |                      |
| 5.75%, 08/12/2023                                    | 1,411,765           | 1,428,240            |
| Square Holding Germany GmbH,                         |                     |                      |
| Term Loan B, (Denmark),                              |                     |                      |
| L+ 5.00%, 05/31/2023 <sup>(c)</sup>                  | €,000,000           | 2,229,592            |
| TransDigm, Inc.,                                     |                     |                      |
| Tranche F Term Loan,                                 |                     |                      |
| 3.75%, 06/09/2023                                    | \$2,793,000         | 2,780,795            |
|  |                     | 7,848,627            |
| Automotive 1.0%                                      |                     |                      |
| Gates Global, LLC,                                   |                     |                      |
| USD Term Loan,                                       |                     |                      |
| 4.25%, 07/06/2021                                    | 2,493,546           | 2,456,392            |
| KAR Auction Services, Inc.,                          |                     |                      |
| Tranche B-3 Term Loan,                               |                     |                      |
| 4.38%, 03/09/2023                                    | 1,343,250           | 1,357,099            |
|  |                     | 3,813,491            |
| Banking, Finance, Insurance & Re                     | al Estate 3.1%      |                      |
| Asurion, LLC,  |                     |                      |
| 2nd Lien Term Loan,                                  | 0.000.000           | 0.001.040            |
| 8.50%, 03/03/2021                                    | 3,000,000           | 3,021,240            |
| Asurion, LLC,  |                     |                      |
| B-5 Term Loan B,<br>1 + 2 = 75% = 10/31/(2002)(c)(d) | 2,000,000           | 2,000,000            |
| L+ 3.75%, 10/31/2023 <sup>(c)(d)</sup>               | 2,000,000           | 2,000,000            |
| Gulf Finance, LLC,<br>Tranche B Term Loan,           |                     |                      |
|  | 2 272 206           | 0.019.407            |
| 6.25%, 08/25/2023<br>Headwaters, Inc.,               | 2,272,396           | 2,218,427            |
| Term B-1 Loan,                                       |                     |                      |
| 4.00%, 03/24/2022                                    | 997,475             | 1,002,153            |
| Jeld-Wen, Inc.,                                      | 331,415             | 1,002,100            |
| Term B-1 Loan,                                       |                     |                      |
| 4.75%, 07/01/2022                                    | 3,960,000           | 3,983,087            |
|  | 0,000,000           | 12,224,907           |
|  |                     | 12,227,007           |

| Beverage, Food and Tobacco 1.5% |           |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Albertson's, LLC,               |           |           |
| 2016-1 Term B-4 Loan,           |           |           |
| 4.50%, 08/25/2021               | 3,813,377 | 3,840,376 |
| Candy Intermediate Holdings,    |           |           |
| Inc.,                           |           |           |
| Initial Term Loan 1st Lien,     |           |           |
| 5.50%, 06/15/2023               | 2,019,296 | 2,033,188 |
|                                 |           | 5,873,564 |

|   | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Chemicals, Plastics & Rubber 2.4%                     |                     |                      |
| Allnex Sarl,  |                     |                      |
| Tranche B-1 Term Loan,                                |                     |                      |
| (Luxembourg),   |                     |                      |
| 5.00%, 09/13/2023                                     | € 392,266           | \$ 436,113           |
| HII Holding Corporation,                              |                     |                      |
| Term Loan 2nd Lien,                                   |                     |                      |
| 9.75%, 12/21/2020                                     | \$1,500,000         | 1,477,500            |
| HII Holding Corporation,                              |                     |                      |
| U.S. Term Loan 1st Lien,                              |                     |                      |
| 4.25%, 12/20/2019                                     | 999,522             | 999,522              |
| Inovyn Finance PLC,                                   |                     |                      |
| Initial Tranche B Euro Term                           |                     |                      |
| Loan,   |                     |                      |
| (Great Britain),                                      |                     |                      |
| 6.25%, 05/15/2021                                     | €,571,063           | 1,743,902            |
| Kraton Polymers, LLC,                                 |                     |                      |
| Initial Term Loan,                                    |                     |                      |
| 6.00%, 01/06/2022                                     | \$3,500,000         | 3,519,250            |
| PQ Corporation,                                       |                     |                      |
| Tranche B-1 Term Loan,                                |                     |                      |
| 5.75%, 11/04/2022                                     | 1,243,781           | 1,242,226            |
|   |                     | 9,418,513            |
| Consumer Goods: Durable 0.6%                          |                     |                      |
| NBTY, Inc.,   |                     |                      |
| USD Term B Loan,                                      | 0 174 550           | 0 100 407            |
| 5.00%, 05/05/2023<br>Consumer Goods: Non-Durable 0.5% | 2,174,550           | 2,180,487            |
| G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.,                            |                     |                      |
| Term Loan B,  |                     |                      |
| L+ 5.25%, 10/05/2022 <sup>(c)</sup>                   | 2,068,966           | 2.056.024            |
| Containers, Packaging & Glass 0.6%                    | 2,000,900           | 2,056,034            |
| Fort Dearborn Company,                                |                     |                      |
| 2nd Lien Term Loan,                                   |                     |                      |
| 9.50%, 10/07/2024                                     | 625,000             | 631,250              |
| Fort Dearborn Holding Company,                        | 1,875,000           | 1,883,213            |
| Inc.,   | 1,070,000           | 1,000,210            |
| Initial Term Loan 1st Lien,                           |                     |                      |
|   |                     |                      |

| 5.00%, 10/19/2023                   |                    |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
|                                     |                    | 2,514,463 |
| Energy: Electricity 0.4%            |                    |           |
| Cortes NP Acquisition Corp.,        |                    |           |
| Term Loan B,                        |                    |           |
| L+ 5.00%, 09/29/2023 <sup>(c)</sup> | 1,650,000          | 1,639,687 |
| Energy: Oil & Gas 2.8%              |                    |           |
| California Resources                |                    |           |
| Corporation,                        |                    |           |
| Initial Loan,                       |                    |           |
| 11.38%, 12/31/2021                  | 1,925,000          | 2,066,969 |
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#### Schedule of Investments (continued)

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|  | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup>                    |
|--|---------------------|---|
| Chesapeake Energy Corp.,   |                     |   |
| Class A Term Loan,   |                     |   |
| 8.50%, 08/23/2021  | \$3,500,000         | \$ 3,738,455                            |
| Energy & Exploration Partners,   |                     |   |
| LLC,   |                     |   |
| 2nd Lien Term Loan,  |                     |   |
| 5.00%, 05/13/2022 <sup>(d)</sup>   | 156,403             | 105,572                                 |
| Energy & Exploration Partners,   |                     |   |
| LLC,<br>Transha A Torm Loop 1st Liop                                       |                     |   |
| Tranche A Term Loan 1st Lien,<br>13.00%, 11/12/2021 <sup>(d)</sup>         | 280,535             | 284,742                                 |
| Energy & Exploration Partners,   | 200,000             | 204,742                                 |
| LLC,   |                     |   |
| Tranche B Term Loan,   |                     |   |
| 13.00%, 11/12/2021 <sup>(d)(e)</sup>                                       | 107,898             | 1,618                                   |
| MEG Energy Corp.,  | 107,000             | .,                                      |
| Initial Term Loan,   |                     |   |
| L+ 2.75%, 03/31/2020 <sup>(c)</sup>  | 1,000,000           | 942,030                                 |
| Western Refining, Inc.,  | , ,                 |   |
| 2016 Incremental Term Loan,  |                     |   |
| 5.50%, 06/23/2023  | 3,715,688           | 3,708,739                               |
|  |                     | 10,848,125                              |
| Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals 2.6%  |                     |   |
| DJO Finance, LLC,  |                     |   |
| Initial Term Loan,   |                     |   |
| L+ 3.25%, 06/08/2020 <sup>(c)</sup>  | 1,042,120           | 1,030,397                               |
| Envigo Holdings, Inc.,   |                     |   |
| Term Loan,   | 1 150 040           | 1 100 500                               |
| L+ 8.50%, 10/28/2021 <sup>(c)(d)</sup><br>Envision Healthcare Corporation, | 1,153,846           | 1,136,538                               |
| Tranche B-2 Term Loan,   |                     |   |
| 4.50%, 10/28/2022  | 1,983,756           | 1,989,965                               |
| Financiere Verdi I S.A.S,  | 1,303,730           | 1,303,305                               |
| Facility B, (France),  |                     |   |
| 5.00%, 06/21/2023  | €,615,385           | 1,791,081                               |
| Immucor, Inc.,   | 4,0.0,000           | .,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| Term B-2 Loan,   |                     |   |
| L+ 3.75%, 08/17/2018 <sup>(c)</sup>  | \$ 300,000          | 292,800                                 |
| Kinetic Concepts, Inc.,  | 997,494             | 1,004,357                               |
| USD Term F Loan,   |                     |   |

| 5.00%, 11/04/2020                   |           |            |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Lantheus Medical Imaging, Inc.,     |           |            |
| Initial Term Loan,                  |           |            |
| L+ 6.00%, 06/30/2022 <sup>(c)</sup> | 706,284   | 692,158    |
| Press Ganey Holdings, Inc.,         |           |            |
| Initial Loan 2nd Lien,              |           |            |
| L+ 7.25%, 10/21/2024 <sup>(c)</sup> | 555,556   | 562,500    |
| Press Ganey Holdings, Inc.,         |           |            |
| Initial Term Loan,                  |           |            |
| L+ 3.25%, 10/21/2023 <sup>(c)</sup> | 1,750,000 | 1,750,000  |
|                                     |           | 10,249,796 |

|                                      | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| High Tech Industries 3.9%            |                     |                      |
| Applied Systems, Inc.,               |                     |                      |
| 2nd Lien Term Loan,                  |                     |                      |
| L+ 6.50%, 01/24/2022 <sup>(c)</sup>  | \$2,000,000         | \$ 2,011,880         |
| Dell International, LLC,             |                     |                      |
| Term B Loan,                         |                     |                      |
| 4.00%, 09/07/2023                    | 2,180,328           | 2,195,219            |
| Diebold, Inc.,                       |                     |                      |
| USD Term B Loan,                     |                     |                      |
| 5.25%, 11/06/2023                    | 1,790,000           | 1,808,652            |
| ON Semiconductor Corp.,              |                     |                      |
| 2016 Incremental Term Loan,          |                     | 0 000 0 40           |
| 3.78%, 03/31/2023                    | 3,080,000           | 3,096,940            |
| Rocket Software, Inc., Loan,         |                     | 007 170              |
| L+ 9.50%, 10/11/2024 <sup>(c)</sup>  | 665,514             | 667,178              |
| Rocket Software, Inc.,<br>Term Loan, |                     |                      |
| L+ 4.25%, 10/14/2023 <sup>(c)</sup>  | 1,255,931           | 1,261,168            |
| Veritas US, Inc.,                    | 1,200,901           | 1,201,100            |
| Initial USD Term B-1 Loan,           |                     |                      |
| 6.63%, 01/27/2023                    | 2,655,416           | 2,472,033            |
| Western Digital Corporation,         | 2,000,410           | 2,472,000            |
| USD Term B Loan,                     |                     |                      |
| 4.50%, 04/29/2023                    | 1,847,370           | 1,867,155            |
|                                      | .,,                 | 15,380,225           |
| Hotel, Gaming & Leisure 1.6%         |                     |                      |
| Affinity Gaming,                     |                     |                      |
| Term Loan 2nd Lien,                  |                     |                      |
| L+ 8.25%, 09/23/2024 <sup>(c)</sup>  | 2,000,000           | 1,957,500            |
| Mohegan Tribal Gaming                |                     |                      |
| Authority,                           |                     |                      |
| Term B Loan,                         |                     |                      |
| L+ 4.50%, 10/13/2023 <sup>(c)</sup>  | 4,230,769           | 4,213,592            |
|                                      |                     | 6,171,092            |
| Media: Advertising, Printing & Publ  | •                   |                      |
|                                      | 2,635,176           | 2,108,141            |

| F&W Media, Inc.,<br>Initial Term Loan,<br>10.75%, 06/30/2019 |                    |           |
|--|--------------------|-----------|
| Lee Enterprises, Inc.,                                       |                    |           |
| Term Loan,   |                    |           |
| 7.25%, 03/31/2019  | 525,532            | 525,532   |
| LSC Communications, Inc.,                                    |                    |           |
| Term B Loan,   |                    |           |
| 7.00%, 09/30/2022  | 1,000,000          | 990,000   |
| Tribune Publishing Company,                                  |                    |           |
| Initial Term Loan,   |                    |           |
| 5.75%, 08/04/2021  | 1,440,000          | 1,400,400 |
|  |                    | 5,024,073 |
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|   | Principal<br>Amount  | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Media: Broadcasting & Subscription 1                              | 1.4%                 |                      |
| Cumulus Media Holdings, Inc.,                                     |                      |                      |
| Term Loan,  |                      |                      |
| 4.25%, 12/23/2020   | \$3,600,000          | \$<br>2,475,000      |
| Intelsat Jackson Holdings S.A.,                                   |                      |                      |
| Tranche B-2 Term Loan,  |                      |                      |
| (Luxembourg),   | 0.000.000            | 0.005.000            |
| 3.75%, 06/30/2019   | 3,000,000            | 2,865,330            |
| RCN Corporation,<br>Commitment Bridge Loan,                       |                      |                      |
| $L+ 6.75\%, 10/18/2017^{(c)(d)(e)}$                               | 3,500,000            |                      |
|   | 3,300,000            | 5,340,330            |
| Media: Diversified & Production 1.8%                              |                      | 0,010,000            |
| Delta 2 (LUX) Sarl,   |                      |                      |
| Facility B-3 USD, (Luxembourg),                                   |                      |                      |
| 4.75%, 07/30/2021   | 1,500,000            | 1,502,085            |
| Delta 2 (LUX) Sarl,   |                      |                      |
| Term Loan 2nd Lien,   |                      |                      |
| (Luxembourg),   |                      |                      |
| 7.75%, 07/29/2022   | 1,000,000            | 1,006,670            |
| Equinox Holdings, Inc.,   |                      |                      |
| 2nd Lien Term Loan,   | 1 075 000            | 4 070 004            |
| L+ 8.50%, 07/31/2020 <sup>(c)</sup>                               | 1,375,000            | 1,373,281            |
| Equinox Holdings, Inc.,<br>Initial Term Loan,                     |                      |                      |
| 5.00%, 01/31/2020   | 3,220,174            | 3,238,304            |
|   | 0,220,171            | 7,120,340            |
| Metals & Mining 1.7%  |                      | - , ,                |
| Freeport-McMoran Copper &   |                      |                      |
| Gold, Inc.,   |                      |                      |
| Term Loan A,  |                      |                      |
| 3.29%, 05/31/2018   | 599,732              | 597,111              |
| Freeport-McMoran, Inc.,   |                      |                      |
| 2020 Loan,  |                      |                      |
| 3.29%, 02/28/2020   | 1,500,000            | 1,447,500            |
| Murray Energy Corporation,  |                      |                      |
| Term Loan B-2,<br>1 + 7.25% = 0.4(16)(2020)(c)                    | 1 102 010            | 4 107 072            |
| L+ 7.25%, 04/16/2020 <sup>(c)</sup><br>Zekelman Industries, Inc., | 4,493,219<br>598,500 | 4,107,072<br>602,240 |
| Term Loan,  | 550,500              | 002,240              |
|   |                      |                      |

6.00%, 06/14/2021 6,753,923 Printing and Publishing 0.5% Dex Media, Inc., Closing Date Loan, L+ 10.00%, 07/29/2021<sup>(c)</sup> 2,109,696 2,049,928 Floating Rate Term Loans<sup>(b)</sup> (continued) Principal Amount Value<sup>(a)</sup> Retail 6.3% Academy, Ltd., Initial Term Loan, L+ 4.00%, 07/01/2022<sup>(c)</sup> \$1,875,000 1,816,988 \$ GOBP Holdings, Inc., 1st Lien Term Loan, 5.00%, 10/21/2021 3.223.318 3,217,677 GOBP Holdings, Inc., 2nd Lien Term Loan, 9.25%, 10/21/2022 1,750,000 1,744,173 Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., Initial Loan 2nd Lien, 4.14%, 08/19/2023 3,692,977 3,717,203 J.C. Penney Corp., Inc., Initial Loan. 5.25%, 06/23/2023 2,484,375 2,498,660 Petco Animal Supplies, Inc., Tranche B-1 Term Loan, 5.00%, 01/26/2023 2,481,250 2,501,026 Rite Aid Corporation, 2nd Priority Tranche 1 Term Loan. 5.75%, 08/21/2020 4,170,000 4,181,718 Rite Aid Corporation, Tranche 2 Term Loan, 4.88%, 06/21/2021 3,575,000 3,585,439 True Religion Apparel, Inc., Initial Term Loan, 5.88%, 07/30/2019 4,342,500 1,116,630 True Religion Apparel, Inc., Initial Term Loan 2nd Lien, 11.00%, 01/30/2020<sup>(d)</sup> 1.369.565 241,687 24,621,201 Services: Business 5.2% Cypress Semiconductor Corp., 2016 Incremental Term Loan Facility. 6.50%, 07/05/2021 2,468,750 2,498,079 Micron Technology, Inc., Term Loan.

1,745,625

4.29%, 04/26/2022

1,755,453

| Solera, LLC,<br>USD Term Loan,      |                    |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 5.75%, 03/03/2023                   | 1,492,500          | 1,508,126 |
| Syncreon Global Finance (US),       |                    |           |
| Inc.,                               |                    |           |
| Term Loan,                          |                    |           |
| 5.25%, 10/28/2020                   | 3,968,773          | 3,547,091 |
| TMF Group Holding B.V.,             |                    |           |
| Term Loan B, (Netherlands),         |                    |           |
| L+ 4.00%, 09/29/2023 <sup>(c)</sup> | €,211,599          | 1,346,580 |
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|  | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| TMF Group Holding B.V.,<br>Term Loan B-2, (Netherlands), |                     |                      |
| $L+ 4.00\%, 09/29/202^{(c)}$                             | € 538,401           | \$ 590,465           |
| Travelport Finance Sarl,                                 |                     |                      |
| Term B Loan, (Luxembourg),<br>5.00%, 09/02/2021          | ¢ 5 006 716         | E 0E0 760            |
| VWR Funding, Inc.,                                       | \$5,826,716         | 5,858,763            |
| Tranche B Term Loan,                                     |                     |                      |
| 4.00%, 01/15/2022  | €,977,500           | 3,300,137            |
| Services: Consumer 0.4%                                  |                     | 20,404,694           |
| Weight Watchers International,                           |                     |                      |
| Inc.,  |                     |                      |
| Initial Tranche B-2 Term Loan,                           | <b>A</b> 4 00 4 570 | 4 500 000            |
| 4.10%, 04/02/2020<br>Technology 0.8%                     | \$1,984,576         | 1,506,293            |
| Allflex Holdings III, Inc., (U.S.),                      |                     |                      |
| Initial Term Loan 2nd Lien,                              |                     |                      |
| 8.00%, 07/19/2021  | 3,000,000           | 3,000,000            |
| Telecommunications 1.3%<br>Rackspace Hosting, Inc.,      |                     |                      |
| Term Loan,   |                     |                      |
| L+ 4.25%, 10/26/2023 <sup>(c)</sup>                      | 2,200,000           | 2,211,352            |
| Windstream Services, LLC,                                |                     |                      |
| Tranche B-6 Term Loan,<br>4.75%, 03/29/2021              | 3,000,000           | 3,006,870            |
|  | 0,000,000           | 5,218,222            |
| Transportation: Consumer 1.0%                            |                     |                      |
| Air Medical Group Holdings, Inc.,<br>Initial Term Loan,  |                     |                      |
| 4.25%, 04/28/2022  | 3,950,000           | 3,912,988            |
| Utilities: Electric 0.6%                                 | -,,                 | -,,                  |
| TEX Operations Company, LLC,                             |                     |                      |
| Term C Loan,<br>5.00%, 08/04/2023                        | 456,609             | 460,604              |
| TEX Operations Company, LLC,                             | +00,003             | +00,004              |
| Term Loan,   |                     |                      |
| 5.00%, 08/04/2023  | 2,002,053           | 2,019,571            |
| Utilities: Oil & Gas 1.7%                                |                     | 2,480,175            |
|  |                     |                      |

| Alinta Energy Finance Pty, Ltd.,<br>Delayed Draw Term Loan,<br>(Australia),<br>6.38%, 08/13/2018 | 408,794     | 407,568                          |  |
|--|-------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Floating Rate Term Loans <sup>(b)</sup> (continued)  | Principal   |                                  |  |
|  | Amount      | Value <sup>(a)</sup>             |  |
| Alinta Energy Finance Pty, Ltd.,<br>Term B Loan, (Australia),<br>6.38%, 08/13/2019               | \$6,159,323 | \$ 6,140,844<br><b>6,548,412</b> |  |
| Total Floating Rate Term Loans   |             |                                  |  |
| (Cost: \$188,151,056)  |             | 184,199,590                      |  |
| Corporate Bonds 61.8%  |             |                                  |  |
| Asymptotic and Defenses 1.10/  |             |                                  |  |
| Aerospace and Defense 1.1%   |             |                                  |  |
| Engility Corp., 144A,<br>8.88%, 09/01/2024   | 1,600,000   | 1,632,000                        |  |
| Leidos, Inc.,  | 1,000,000   | 1,032,000                        |  |
| 7.13%, 07/01/2032  | 2,500,000   | 2,581,688                        |  |
| 1.1070, 01701/2002   | 2,000,000   | 4,213,688                        |  |
| Automotive 0.4%  |             | -,,                              |  |
| Dana Financing Luxembourg  |             |                                  |  |
| Sarl,  |             |                                  |  |
| 144A, (Luxembourg),  |             |                                  |  |
| 6.50%, 06/01/2026  | 1,500,000   | 1,595,625                        |  |
| Banking, Finance, Insurance & Real Es  | tate 1.9%   |                                  |  |
| Builders FirstSource, Inc., 144A,  |             |                                  |  |
| 10.75%, 08/15/2023   | 5,270,000   | 6,060,500                        |  |
| Hillman Group, Inc., 144A,   |             |                                  |  |
| 6.38%, 07/15/2022  | 1,500,000   | 1,391,250                        |  |
|  |             | 7,451,750                        |  |
| Beverage, Food and Tobacco 0.8%  |             |                                  |  |
| Albertsons Cos, LLC, 144A,   | 000.000     | 000 400                          |  |
| 5.75%, 03/15/2025  | 820,000     | 809,496                          |  |
| Albertsons Cos, LLC, 144A,<br>6.63%, 06/15/2024  | 610,000     | 632,875                          |  |
| Iceland Bondco PLC,  | 010,000     | 032,075                          |  |
| (Great Britain),   |             |                                  |  |
| 6.25%, 07/15/2021  | £1,500,000  | 1,762,703                        |  |
|  |             | 3,205,074                        |  |
| Chemicals, Plastics & Rubber 2.4%  |             | , ,                              |  |
| GCP Applied Technologies,  |             |                                  |  |
| 144A,  |             |                                  |  |
| 9.50%, 02/01/2023  | \$5,250,000 | 5,945,625                        |  |
| Kraton Polymers, LLC, 144A,  |             |                                  |  |
| 10.50%, 04/15/2023   | 1,000,000   | 1,120,000                        |  |
| PQ Corp., 144A,  |             |                                  |  |
| 6.75%, 11/15/2022  | 2,000,000   | 2,157,500                        |  |
|  |             | 9,223,125                        |  |

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|                                    | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Construction & Building 1.6%       |                     |                      |
| Aer Cap Global Aviation Trust,     |                     |                      |
| 8.75%, 03/15/2017                  | \$4,000,000         | \$ 4,099,360         |
| Aer Cap Global Aviation Trust,     | . , ,               |                      |
| 8.88%, 09/01/2017                  | 2,000,000           | 2,107,500            |
|                                    |                     | 6,206,860            |
| Consumer Goods: Durable 0.6%       |                     | <i>, ,</i>           |
| NBTY, Inc., 144A,                  |                     |                      |
| 7.63%, 05/15/2021                  | 2,500,000           | 2,443,750            |
| Containers, Packaging & Glass 5.3% | , ,                 | · ·                  |
| Albea Beauty Holdings S.A.,        |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Luxembourg),                |                     |                      |
| 8.38%, 11/01/2019                  | 5,365,000           | 5,579,600            |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC,      | , ,                 |                      |
| 144A, (Ireland),                   |                     |                      |
| 7.25%, 05/15/2024                  | 3,000,000           | 3,165,000            |
| Crown Cork & Seal Co., Inc.,       | , ,                 |                      |
| 7.38%, 12/15/2026                  | 3,350,000           | 3,760,375            |
| GCL Holdings S.C.A.,               |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Luxembourg),                |                     |                      |
| 9.38%, 04/15/2018                  | €,500,000           | 6,182,649            |
| Guala Closures S.p.A.,             |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Italy),                     |                     |                      |
| 5.08%, 11/15/2019 <sup>(f)</sup>   | 695,000             | 762,588              |
| Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc.,       |                     |                      |
| 9.88%, 08/15/2019                  | \$ 662,000          | 678,550              |
| Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc.,       |                     |                      |
| 144A,                              |                     |                      |
| 7.00%, 07/15/2024                  | 695,000             | 742,781              |
|                                    |                     | 20,871,543           |
| Energy: Oil & Gas 6.6%             |                     |                      |
| Concho Resources, Inc.,            |                     |                      |
| 5.50%, 04/01/2023                  | 430,000             | 439,890              |
| Concho Resources, Inc.,            |                     |                      |
| 6.50%, 01/15/2022                  | 1,000,000           | 1,035,000            |
| Continental Resources, Inc.,       |                     |                      |
| 7.38%, 10/01/2020                  | 2,000,000           | 2,051,400            |
| Denbury Resources, Inc., 144A,     |                     |                      |
| 9.00%, 05/15/2021                  | 3,000,000           | 3,090,000            |
|                                    | 2,000,000           | 1,570,000            |

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|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| EP Energy, LLC,                   |  |                      |
| 9.38%, 05/01/2020                 |  |                      |
| Extraction Oil & Gas Holdings,    |  |                      |
| LLC, 144A,                        |  |                      |
| 7.88%, 07/15/2021                 | 3,000,000                                      | 3,172,500            |
| Gibson Energy, Inc.,              |  |                      |
| 144A, (Canada),                   |  |                      |
| 6.75%, 07/15/2021                 | 3,316,000                                      | 3,407,190            |
| Corporate Bonds (continued)       |  |                      |
|                                   |  |                      |
|                                   | Principal                                      |                      |
|                                   | Amount   | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
| MEG Energy Corp.,                 |  |                      |
| 144A, (Canada),                   | <b>*</b> ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | <b>A 1 7 6 6 6 6</b> |
| 6.50%, 03/15/2021                 | \$2,000,000                                    | \$ 1,725,000         |
| MEG Energy Corp.,                 |  |                      |
| 144A, (Canada),                   | 1 000 000                                      | 800 500              |
| 7.00%, 03/31/2024                 | 1,000,000                                      | 832,500              |
| Midstates Petroleum Company,      |  |                      |
| Inc.,                             | 0 500 000                                      | 25,000               |
| 9.25%, 06/01/2021 <sup>(g)</sup>  | 3,500,000                                      | 35,000               |
| Midstates Petroleum Company,      |  |                      |
| Inc.,                             | 0 000 000                                      | 20,000               |
| 10.75%, 10/01/2020 <sup>(g)</sup> | 2,000,000                                      | 20,000               |
| Newfield Exploration Co,          | 0 500 000                                      | 2 600 000            |
| 5.63%, 07/01/2024                 | 2,500,000                                      | 2,600,000            |
| ONEOK, Inc.,<br>7.50%, 09/01/2023 | 1,700,000                                      | 1,946,500            |
| Targa Resources Partners LP,      | 1,700,000                                      | 1,940,500            |
| 6.75%, 03/15/2024                 | 2,250,000                                      | 2,407,500            |
| Whiting Petroleum Corp.,          | 2,230,000                                      | 2,407,300            |
| 5.00%, 03/15/2019                 | 1,750,000                                      | 1,662,500            |
| 5.00 %, 00/13/2013                | 1,750,000                                      | 25,994,980           |
| Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals 3.8% |  | 20,004,000           |
| BioScrip, Inc.,                   |  |                      |
| 8.88%, 02/15/2021                 | 1,665,000                                      | 1,540,125            |
| DJO Finance, LLC, 144A,           | 1,000,000                                      | .,                   |
| 8.13%, 06/15/2021                 | 2,000,000                                      | 1,835,000            |
| Greatbatch, Ltd., 144A,           | _,,  | .,,                  |
| 9.13%, 11/01/2023                 | 2,145,000                                      | 2,059,200            |
| HCA, Inc.,                        | _, ,   | _,,                  |
| 5.25%, 04/15/2025                 | 1,500,000                                      | 1,571,250            |
| HCA, Inc.,                        | , ,  | , , ,                |
| 8.00%, 10/01/2018                 | 1,500,000                                      | 1,663,125            |
| IASIS Healthcare, LLC,            | , , -  |                      |
| 8.38%, 05/15/2019                 | 3,000,000                                      | 2,857,500            |
| Kinetic Concepts, Inc., 144A,     | . , -  | , , ,                |
| 7.88%, 02/15/2021                 | 1,000,000                                      | 1,077,500            |
| Kinetic Concepts, Inc., 144A,     | . ,  |                      |
| 9.63%, 10/01/2021                 | 2,500,000                                      | 2,415,625            |
|                                   |  | 15,019,325           |
|                                   |  | , ,                  |

# Edgar Filing: Ares Dynamic Credit Allocation Fund, Inc. - Form N-CSR

| High Tech Industries 1.7%   |                    |           |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Diebold, Inc., 144A,        |                    |           |
| 8.50%, 04/15/2024           | 1,100,000          | 1,165,725 |
| Syniverse Holdings, Inc.,   |                    |           |
| 9.13%, 01/15/2019           | 3,500,000          | 2,800,000 |
| TIBCO Software, Inc., 144A, |                    |           |
| 11.38%, 12/01/2021          | 1,000,000          | 965,000   |
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|  | Principal<br>Amount                   | Value <sup>(a)</sup>             |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Western Digital Corp., 144A,<br>10.50%, 04/01/2024               | \$1,500,000                           | \$ 1,732,500<br><b>6,663,225</b> |
| Hotel, Gaming & Leisure 2.4%                                     |                                       | 0,000,0                          |
| Gala Group Finance, PLC,   |                                       |                                  |
| 144A, (Great Britain),   |                                       |                                  |
| 8.88%, 09/01/2018  | £ 293,920                             | 367,703                          |
| Gala Group Finance, PLC,   |                                       |                                  |
| 144A, (Great Britain),<br>11.50%, 06/01/2019 <sup>(d)</sup>      | 2,704,546                             | 3,418,626                        |
| MGM Resorts International,                                       | 2,704,540                             | 5,410,020                        |
| 8.63%, 02/01/2019  | \$1,000,000                           | 1,121,875                        |
| MGM Resorts International,                                       | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | .,                               |
| 11.38%, 03/01/2018   | 2,000,000                             | 2,235,000                        |
| Mohegan Tribal Gaming  |                                       |                                  |
| Authority, 144A,   |                                       |                                  |
| 7.88%, 10/15/2024  | 2,222,000                             | 2,255,330                        |
| Modio: Advortiging Drinting & Duk                                | aliahing 1 59/                        | 9,398,534                        |
| Media: Advertising, Printing & Pul<br>EMI Music Publishing Group | bisning 1.5%                          |                                  |
| North America Holdings, Inc.,                                    |                                       |                                  |
| 144A,  |                                       |                                  |
| 7.63%, 06/15/2024  | 1,400,000                             | 1,512,000                        |
| Lee Enterprises, Inc., 144A,                                     |                                       |                                  |
| 9.50%, 03/15/2022  | 4,275,000                             | 4,403,250                        |
|  |                                       | 5,915,250                        |
| Media: Broadcasting & Subscription                               | on 14.5%                              |                                  |
| Altice Financing S.A.,<br>144A, (Luxembourg),                    |                                       |                                  |
| 6.63%, 02/15/2023  | 1,000,000                             | 1,030,000                        |
| Altice Financing S.A.,   | 1,000,000                             | 1,000,000                        |
| 144A, (Luxembourg),  |                                       |                                  |
| 7.50%, 05/15/2026  | 2,000,000                             | 2,060,000                        |
| Altice Financing S.A.,   |                                       |                                  |
| 144A, (Luxembourg),  |                                       |                                  |
| 9.88%, 12/15/2020  | 2,500,000                             | 2,646,875                        |
| Belo Corp.,  | 4 500 000                             | 1 750 750                        |
| 7.25%, 09/15/2027<br>Block Communications, Inc.,                 | 4,500,000<br>1,177,000                | 4,758,750<br>1,203,482           |
| 144A,  | 1,177,000                             | 1,200,402                        |
| ·····,   |                                       |                                  |

| 7.25%, 02/01/2020                                 |            |                      |
|---|------------|----------------------|
| Cablevision Systems Corp.,                        |            |                      |
| 8.63%, 09/15/2017                                 | 4,619,000  | 4,826,855            |
| CSC Holdings, LLC,                                | 0 000 000  |                      |
| 8.63%, 02/15/2019                                 | 2,000,000  | 2,220,000            |
| Lamar Media Corp.,                                | 0.000.000  | 0 105 000            |
| 5.38%, 01/15/2024                                 | 2,000,000  | 2,105,000            |
| Corporate Bonds (continued)                       |            |                      |
|   | Principal  |                      |
|   | Amount     | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
| LIN Television Corp.,                             |            |                      |
| 6.38%, 01/15/2021                                 | \$ 895,000 | \$ 922,969           |
| Midcontinent Communications,                      |            |                      |
| 144A,   |            |                      |
| 6.88%, 08/15/2023                                 | 1,750,000  | 1,863,750            |
| Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc.,                       |            |                      |
| 6.88%, 11/15/2020                                 | 2,875,000  | 2,979,219            |
| Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc.,                       |            |                      |
| 144A,   | 4 000 000  |                      |
| 6.13%, 02/15/2022                                 | 1,000,000  | 1,025,000            |
| RCN Telecom Services, LLC,                        |            |                      |
| 144A,   | 1 000 000  | 1 065 625            |
| 8.50%, 08/15/2020<br>SFR Group SA,                | 1,000,000  | 1,065,625            |
| 144A, (France),                                   |            |                      |
| 6.25%, 05/15/2024                                 | 1,000,000  | 999,370              |
| SFR Group SA,                                     | 1,000,000  | 333,070              |
| 144A, (France),                                   |            |                      |
| 7.38%, 05/01/2026                                 | 5,000,000  | 5,050,000            |
| Sinclair Television Group, Inc.,                  | , ,        | , ,                  |
| 6.13%, 10/01/2022                                 | 2,000,000  | 2,112,580            |
| Sinclair Television Group, Inc.,                  |            |                      |
| 144A,   |            |                      |
| 5.63%, 08/01/2024                                 | 500,000    | 506,250              |
| Sirius XM Radio, Inc., 144A,                      |            |                      |
| 5.38%, 04/15/2025                                 | 1,500,000  | 1,529,850            |
| TEGNA, Inc.,                                      |            |                      |
| 6.38%, 10/15/2023                                 | 1,500,000  | 1,586,250            |
| Tribune Media Co,                                 | 0.000.000  |                      |
| 5.88%, 07/15/2022                                 | 3,000,000  | 3,000,000            |
| Univision Communications, Inc.,                   |            |                      |
| 144A,<br>8 50% 05/15/2021                         | 1,963,000  | 2,022,915            |
| 8.50%, 05/15/2021<br>Virgin Media Secured Finance | 1,903,000  | 2,022,913            |
| PLC,  |            |                      |
| 144A, (Great Britain),                            |            |                      |
| 5.25%, 01/15/2026                                 | 3,500,000  | 3,463,950            |
| WaveDivision Holdings, LLC,                       | -,         | 0,100,000            |
| 144A,   |            |                      |
| 8.13%, 09/01/2020                                 | 2,185,000  | 2,277,862            |
|   |            |                      |

| WideOpenWest Finance, LLC,           |                    |            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 10.25%, 07/15/2019                   | 5,327,000          | 5,593,350  |
|                                      |                    | 56,849,902 |
| Media: Diversified & Production 2.4% |                    |            |
| ClubCorp Club Operations, Inc.,      |                    |            |
| 144A,                                |                    |            |
| 8.25%, 12/15/2023                    | 2,500,000          | 2,662,500  |
| Life Time Fitness, Inc., 144A,       |                    |            |
| 8.50%, 06/15/2023                    | 2,000,000          | 2,035,000  |
| Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.,     |                    |            |
| 144A,                                |                    |            |
| 7.00%, 09/01/2020                    | 4,500,000          | 4,671,900  |
|                                      |                    | 9,369,400  |
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|   | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Metals & Mining 6.0%                                  |                     |                      |
| Alcoa Nederland Holding B.V.,                         |                     |                      |
| 144A,   |                     |                      |
| 6.75%, 09/30/2024                                     | \$1,000,000         | \$ 1,035,000         |
| Anglo American Capital PLC,                           |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Great Britian),                                |                     |                      |
| 9.38%, 04/08/2019                                     | 4,750,000           | 5,438,750            |
| Constellium NV,                                       |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Netherlands),                                  |                     |                      |
| 8.00%, 01/15/2023                                     | 250,000             | 243,750              |
| First Quantum Minerals, Ltd.,                         |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Canada),                                       |                     |                      |
| 7.00%, 02/15/2021                                     | 1,000,000           | 949,375              |
| First Quantum Minerals, Ltd.,                         |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Canada),                                       |                     |                      |
| 7.25%, 10/15/2019                                     | 250,000             | 246,563              |
| First Quantum Minerals, Ltd.,                         |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Canada),                                       |                     |                      |
| 7.25%, 05/15/2022                                     | 2,600,000           | 2,460,250            |
| FMG Resources August 2006                             |                     |                      |
| Pty, Ltd.,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Australia),                                    | 0.500.000           | 4 000 000            |
| 9.75%, 03/01/2022                                     | 3,500,000           | 4,060,000            |
| Freeport-McMoran Copper &                             |                     |                      |
| Gold, Inc.,   | 1 500 000           | 1 501 075            |
| 6.50%, 11/15/2020                                     | 1,500,000           | 1,531,875            |
| Freeport-McMoran Copper &                             |                     |                      |
| Gold, Inc.,   | 750,000             | 779 105              |
| 6.88%, 02/15/2023                                     | 750,000             | 778,125              |
| HudBay Minerals, Inc., (Canada),                      | 4 000 000           | 1 100 000            |
| 9.50%, 10/01/2020<br>United States Steel Corp., 144A, | 4,000,000           | 4,100,000            |
| 8.38%, 07/01/2021                                     | 2,000,000           | 2 125 000            |
| Zekelman Industries, Inc., 144A,                      | 2,000,000           | 2,125,000            |
| 9.88%, 06/15/2023                                     | 500,000             | 526,250              |
| 0.00/0, 00/10/2020                                    | 500,000             | 23,494,938           |
| Retail 2.4%   |                     | 20,737,300           |
| JC Penney Corporation, Inc.,                          |                     |                      |
| 8.13%, 10/01/2019                                     | 2,782,000           | 3,028,902            |
|   | 1,025,000           | 1,088,038            |
|   | 1,020,000           | 1,000,000            |

| L Brands, Inc.,   |                     |                      |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| 6.75%, 07/01/2036   |                     |                      |
| L Brands, Inc.,   | 4 000 000           | 4 650 000            |
| 8.50%, 06/15/2019<br>Rite Aid Corp., 144A,                                | 4,000,000           | 4,650,000            |
| 6.13%, 04/01/2023   | 690,000             | 727,950              |
| 0.1070, 01/01/2020  | 000,000             | 9,494,890            |
| Services: Business 2.9%   |                     | , ,                  |
| Ashtead Capital, Inc., 144A,  |                     |                      |
| 6.50%, 07/15/2022   | 2,000,000           | 2,097,500            |
| Corporate Bonds (continued)   |                     |                      |
|   | Dringing            |                      |
|   | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
| Ceridian HCM Holding, Inc.,   | Amount              | Value                |
| 144A,   |                     |                      |
| 11.00%, 03/15/2021  | \$1,000,000         | \$ 1,052,500         |
| Hertz Corp., 144A,  |                     |                      |
| 5.50%, 10/15/2024   | 1,200,000           | 1,165,080            |
| Solera, LLC, 144A,  | 0 500 000           | 0 704 550            |
| 10.50%, 03/01/2024  | 2,500,000           | 2,794,550            |
| TMF Group Holding B.V.,<br>144A, (Netherlands),                           |                     |                      |
| 9.88%, 12/01/2019   | €,750,000           | 4,359,384            |
| 0.0070, 12/01/2010  | 0,700,000           | 11,469,014           |
| Telecommunications 2.5%   |                     |                      |
| Digicel Group, Ltd.,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Bermuda),  |                     |                      |
| 8.25%, 09/30/2020   | \$2,750,000         | 2,433,750            |
| Frontier Communications Corp.,  | 2 250 000           | 2 202 775            |
| 11.00%, 09/15/2025<br>Sprint Communications, Inc.,                        | 2,250,000           | 2,303,775            |
| 9.13%, 03/01/2017   | 2,000,000           | 2,040,000            |
| T-Mobile USA, Inc.,   | _,,                 | _,_ ,_ ,_ ,_ ,_ ,    |
| 6.63%, 04/28/2021   | 3,000,000           | 3,146,250            |
|   |                     | 9,923,775            |
| Utilities: Electric 0.8%  |                     |                      |
| Dynegy, Inc.,   |                     | 1 100 075            |
| 7.63%, 11/01/2024<br>Dynegy, Inc., 144A,                                  | 1,250,000           | 1,196,875            |
| 8.00%, 01/15/2025   | 1,500,000           | 1,447,500            |
| NRG Energy, Inc.,   | 1,500,000           | 1,447,500            |
| 7.88%, 05/15/2021   | 275,000             | 287,375              |
| NRG Energy, Inc., 144A,   |                     |                      |
| 7.25%, 05/15/2026   | 375,000             | 368,966              |
|   |                     | 3,300,716            |
| Total Corporate Bonds   |                     | 040 405 004          |
| (Cost: \$248,164,458)   |                     | 242,105,364          |
| Collateralized Loan Obligations/<br>Collateralized Debt Obligations 35.5% |                     |                      |
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| AMMC CLO XIII, Ltd.,             |                    |           |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |                    |           |
| 5.68%, 01/26/2026 <sup>(f)</sup> | 3,000,000          | 2,703,396 |
| AMMC CLO XIV, Ltd.,              |                    |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |                    |           |
| 5.68%, 07/27/2026 <sup>(f)</sup> | 1,500,000          | 1,278,690 |
| Apidos CLO XII,                  |                    |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |                    |           |
| 5.08%, 04/15/2025 <sup>(f)</sup> | 2,000,000          | 1,790,846 |
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#### Collateralized Loan Obligations/ Collateralized Debt Obligations (continued)

|  | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Apidos CLO XVI,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),  |                     |                      |
| 5.38%, 01/19/2025 <sup>(f)</sup>                                     | \$2,000,000         | \$ 1,720,212         |
| Atlas Senior Loan Fund III, Ltd.,                                    |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),  |                     | 004.040              |
| 08/18/2025   | 1,500,000           | 834,642              |
| Atlas Senior Loan Fund IV, Ltd.,                                     |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),<br>5.52%, 02/17/2026 <sup>(f)</sup>          | 2,000,000           | 1,695,042            |
| Atlas Senior Loan Fund VI, Ltd.,                                     | 2,000,000           | 1,090,042            |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),  |                     |                      |
| 6.08%, 10/15/2026 <sup>(f)</sup>                                     | 1,000,000           | 865,798              |
| Atrium CLO VII,  | .,,                 |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),  |                     |                      |
| 11/16/2022   | 1,600,000           | 1,203,794            |
| Atrium XI,   |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),  |                     |                      |
| 5.98%, 10/23/2025 <sup>(f)</sup>                                     | 5,590,000           | 4,978,856            |
| Babson CLO, Ltd., 2013-II,   |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands), $5.28\%$ 01/18/2025(f)                       | 2,000,000           | 1 701 500            |
| 5.38%, 01/18/2025 <sup>(f)</sup><br>Canyon Capital CLO 2015-1, Ltd., | 2,000,000           | 1,721,522            |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),  |                     |                      |
| 6.33%, 04/15/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                                     | 1,500,000           | 1,321,577            |
| Carlyle Global Market Strategies                                     | .,,                 | .,                   |
| CLO 2013-4, Ltd.,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),  |                     |                      |
| 10/15/2025   | 1,259,000           | 694,531              |
| Carlyle Global Market Strategies                                     |                     |                      |
| CLO 2014-1, Ltd.,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands), $5.000(-0.1)$                                | F 000 000           |                      |
| 5.33%, 04/17/2025 <sup>(f)</sup>                                     | 5,000,000           | 4,341,540            |
| Cedar Funding IV CLO, Ltd.,<br>144A, (Cayman Islands),               |                     |                      |
| 10/23/2026   | 4,000,000           | 3,344,772            |
| Cedar Funding VI CLO, Ltd.,  | 7,000,000           | 0,077,772            |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),  |                     |                      |
| 10/20/2028 <sup>(d)</sup>  | 2,000,000           | 1,757,500            |
|  | 3,000,000           | 2,584,221            |
|  |                     |                      |

| Cent CLO XVIII, Ltd.,            |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |           |           |
| 5.48%, 07/23/2025 <sup>(f)</sup> |           |           |
| Cent CLO XXIII, Ltd.,            |           |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |           |           |
| 6.28%, 04/17/2026 <sup>(f)</sup> | 2,750,000 | 2,404,803 |
| Clear Creek CLO, Ltd.,           |           |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |           |           |
| 6.63%, 04/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup> | 1,000,000 | 920,380   |
| Collateralized Loan Obligations/ |           |           |

Collateralized Debt Obligations (continued)

|   | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Denali Capital CLO XI, Ltd.,                                |                     |                      |
| 2015-1A D,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 6.33%, 04/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | \$1,000,000         | \$ 886,342           |
| Denali Capital CLO XI, Ltd.,                                |                     |                      |
| 2015-1A E,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 6.83%, 04/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,000,000           | 1,529,238            |
| Denali Capital CLO XI, Ltd.,                                |                     |                      |
| 2015-1X D,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     | 400.000             |                      |
| 6.15%, 04/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 460,000             | 407,717              |
| Denali Capital CLO XII, Ltd.,                               |                     |                      |
| 2016-1A E,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),<br>8.63%, 04/15/2028 <sup>(f)</sup> | 5,000,000           | E 020 180            |
| Dorchester Park CLO, Ltd.,                                  | 5,000,000           | 5,020,180            |
| 144A, (Ireland),  |                     |                      |
| 6.13%, 01/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 625,000             | 590,433              |
| Dorchester Park CLO, Ltd.,                                  | 020,000             | 000,100              |
| 144A, (Ireland),  |                     |                      |
| 7.13%, 01/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 4,000,000           | 3,315,180            |
| Dryden XXV Senior Loan Fund,                                | , ,                 | , ,                  |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 01/15/2025  | 250,000             | 129,947              |
| Dryden XXXVI Senior Loan Fund,                              |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 5.99%, 11/09/2025 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 4,370,000           | 3,898,783            |
| Dryden XXXVII Senior Loan Fund,                             |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 6.28%, 04/15/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 1,250,000           | 1,113,958            |
| Dryden XLII Senior Loan Fund,                               |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 8.13%, 07/15/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 1,500,000           | 1,490,121            |
| Flatiron CLO 2013-1, Ltd.,                                  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     | 4 750 000           | 4 407 070            |
| 5.78%, 01/17/2026 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 1,750,000           | 1,487,073            |

| Galaxy XIX CLO, Ltd.,             |                    |           |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),           |                    |           |
| 5.98%, 01/24/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>  | 800,000            | 709,135   |
| Galaxy XX CLO, Ltd.,              |                    |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),           |                    |           |
| 6.38%, 07/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>  | 3,500,000          | 3,116,764 |
| Goldentree Loan Opportunities VI, |                    |           |
| Ltd.,                             |                    |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),           |                    |           |
| 04/17/2022                        | 1,500,000          | 280,556   |
| Goldentree Loan Opportunities X,  |                    |           |
| Ltd.,                             |                    |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),           |                    |           |
| 5.90%, 07/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>  | 1,500,000          | 1,312,107 |
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|   | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Goldentree Loan Opportunities XI,                           |                     |                      |
| Ltd.,   |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 6.43%, 04/18/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | \$1,000,000         | \$ 899,821           |
| Greywolf CLO II, Ltd.,                                      |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 5.38%, 04/15/2025 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 1,500,000           | 1,350,848            |
| Halcyon Loan Advisors                                       |                     |                      |
| Funding 2013-1, Ltd.,                                       |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),<br>4.38%, 04/15/2025 <sup>(f)</sup> | 4,000,000           | 3,445,984            |
| Halcyon Loan Advisors                                       | 4,000,000           | 5,445,964            |
| Funding 2015-1, Ltd.,                                       |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 6.53%, 04/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 750,000             | 606,297              |
| Halcyon Loan Advisors                                       | 700,000             | 000,207              |
| Funding 2015-3, Ltd.,                                       |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 6.83%, 10/18/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,500,000           | 2,072,342            |
| Jamestown CLO IV, Ltd.,                                     |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 5.88%, 07/15/2026 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,000,000           | 1,567,860            |
| Jamestown CLO VI, Ltd.,                                     |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 5.56%, 02/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 900,000             | 736,025              |
| LCM XII, L.P.,  |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     | 577 400              |
| 10/19/2022  | 1,000,000           | 577,428              |
| LCM XIII, L.P.,   |                     |                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),<br>01/19/2023                       | 1,775,000           | 1,011,913            |
| LCM XV, L.P.,   | 1,775,000           | 1,011,913            |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 08/25/2024  | 5,875,000           | 3,056,909            |
| Madison Park Funding IV, Ltd.,                              | 0,070,000           | 0,000,000            |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |                      |
| 03/22/2021  | 3,700,000           | 4,878,498            |
| Madison Park Funding XII, Ltd.,                             | 4,000,000           | 2,943,340            |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     | · · · ·              |

| 07/20/2026                       |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Madison Park Funding XIII, Ltd., |           |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |           |           |
| 5.88%, 01/19/2025 <sup>(f)</sup> | 5,250,000 | 4,770,139 |
| Madison Park Funding XIV, Ltd.,  |           |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |           |           |
| 5.63%, 07/20/2026 <sup>(f)</sup> | 2,750,000 | 2,453,278 |
| Magnetite XIV, Ltd.,             |           |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |           |           |
| 7.38%, 07/18/2028 <sup>(f)</sup> | 4,000,000 | 3,280,180 |
| Collateralized Loan Obligations/ |           |           |

Collateralized Debt Obligations (continued)

|   | Principal<br>Amount                            | Value <sup>(a)</sup>                         |
|---|--|--|
| Mountain Hawk III CLO, Ltd.,                                |  |  |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     | <b>*</b> ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | <b>•</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • |
| 5.73%, 04/18/2025 <sup>(f)</sup><br>Nautique Funding, Ltd., | \$2,000,000                                    | \$ 1,504,388                                 |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |  |  |
| 04/15/2020  | 1,300,000                                      | 575,699                                      |
| Northwoods Capital X, Ltd.,                                 | 1,000,000                                      | 010,000                                      |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |  |  |
| 5.37%, 11/04/2025 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,000,000                                      | 1,703,624                                    |
| Northwoods Capital XI, Ltd.,                                |  |  |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     | 0 500 000                                      | 0.070.407                                    |
| 4.33%, 04/15/2025 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,500,000                                      | 2,279,167                                    |
| Oaktree CLO, Ltd. 2015-1A,<br>144A, (Cayman Islands),       |  |  |
| 10/20/2027  | 4,000,000                                      | 3,048,800                                    |
| Octagon Investment  | 4,000,000                                      | 0,040,000                                    |
| Partners XVIII, Ltd.,                                       |  |  |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |  |  |
| 6.07%, 12/16/2024 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,600,000                                      | 2,418,991                                    |
| OHA Credit Partners VI, Ltd.,                               |  |  |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     | 750.000  | 000.000                                      |
| 4.93%, 05/15/2023 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 750,000  | 692,929                                      |
| OHA Loan Funding 2013-1, Ltd.,<br>144A, (Cayman Islands),   |  |  |
| 07/23/2025  | 3,000,000                                      | 1,996,644                                    |
| OZLM Funding V, Ltd.,                                       | 0,000,000                                      | 1,000,011                                    |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |  |  |
| 5.63%, 01/17/2026 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,900,000                                      | 2,639,302                                    |
| OZLM VII, Ltd.,   |  |  |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |  |  |
| 5.88%, 07/17/2026 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,750,000                                      | 2,389,728                                    |
| OZLM XI, Ltd.,<br>144A, (Cayman Islands),                   |  |  |
| 6.29%, 01/30/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,000,000                                      | 1,776,098                                    |
| OZLM XIV, Ltd.,   | 4,500,000                                      | 4,236,304                                    |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     | ,  | , ,  |

| 7.03%, 01/15/2029 <sup>(f)</sup> |                    |           |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Steele Creek CLO 2014-1, Ltd.,   |                    |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |                    |           |
| 4.21%, 08/21/2026 <sup>(f)</sup> | 2,450,000          | 2,263,327 |
| THL Credit Wind River            |                    |           |
| 2015-2 CLO, Ltd.,                |                    |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |                    |           |
| 6.58%, 10/15/2027 <sup>(f)</sup> | 4,000,000          | 3,619,904 |
| THL Credit Wind River            |                    |           |
| 2016-1 CLO, Ltd.,                |                    |           |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),          |                    |           |
| 8.22%, 07/15/2028 <sup>(f)</sup> | 3,500,000          | 3,488,817 |
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# Schedule of Investments (continued)

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## Collateralized Loan Obligations/ Collateralized Debt Obligations (continued)

|   | Principal<br>Amount | Value <sup>(a)</sup>                    |
|---|---------------------|---|
| TICP CLO III, Ltd,  |                     |   |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     | <b>*</b> 4 000 000  | <b>*</b> • • • • • • • •                |
| 6.43%, 01/20/2027 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | \$4,000,000         | \$ 3,413,148                            |
| Venture XIII CLO, Ltd.,                                     |                     |   |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),<br>6.15%, 06/10/2025 <sup>(f)</sup> | 1,500,000           | 1,327,589                               |
| West CLO 2013-1, Ltd.,                                      | 1,000,000           | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |   |
| 11/07/2025  | 500,000             | 176,635                                 |
| West CLO 2013-1, Ltd.,                                      |                     |   |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |   |
| 4.44%, 11/07/2025 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 3,000,000           | 2,603,775                               |
| WhiteHorse VII, Ltd.,                                       |                     |   |
| 144A, (Cayman Islands),                                     |                     |   |
| 4.53%, 11/24/2025 <sup>(f)</sup>                            | 2,000,000           | 1,857,298                               |
| Total Collateralized Loan                                   |                     |   |
| Obligations/  |                     |   |
| Collateralized Debt Obligations                             |                     |   |
| (Cost: \$136,341,385)                                       |                     | 139,112,685                             |
| Common Stocks 1 9% <sup>(h)</sup>                           |                     |   |

#### Common Stocks 1.9%<sup>(h)</sup>

|                                | Shares  | Value <sup>(a)</sup> |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Energy: Oil & Gas 1.5%         |         |                      |
| Energy & Exploration Partners, |         |                      |
| LLC <sup>(d)</sup>             | 402     | \$ 153,564           |
| Halcon Resources Corp.         | 292,519 | 2,618,045            |
| Templar Energy, LLC,           |         |                      |
| New Class A Common Equity      | 145,457 | 872,741              |
| Templar Energy, LLC,           |         |                      |
| New Preferred Equity           | 212,182 | 2,280,956            |
|                                |         | 5,925,306            |
| Printing and Publishing 0.2%   |         |                      |
| Dex Media, Inc.                | 266,744 | 586,837              |
| Services: Business 0.2%        |         |                      |
| Affinion Group Holdings, Inc.  | 110,400 | 828,000              |
| Total Common Stocks            |         |                      |
| (Cost: \$16,550,471)           |         | 7,340,143            |
|                                |         | \$ 572,757,782       |

Total Investments146.2%(Cost: \$589,207,370)Liabilities in Excess ofOther Assets(46.2%)Net Assets100.0%Footnotes:

(180,970,731) \$ 391,787,051

(a) Investment holdings in foreign currencies are converted to U.S. Dollars using period end spot rates. All investments are in United States enterprises unless otherwise noted.

(b) Interest rates on floating rate term loans adjust periodically based upon a predetermined schedule. Stated interest rates in this schedule represents the "all-in" rate as of October 31, 2016.

(c) This position or a portion of this position represents an unsettled loan purchase. The interest rate will be determined at the time of settlement and will be based upon the London-Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR" or "L") or the applicable LIBOR floor plus a spread which was determined at the time of purchase.

(d) Security valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by or under the direction of the board of directors.

(e) Reported net of unfunded commitments, reduced by any upfront payments received if purchased at a discount, see Note 2.

- (f) Variable rate coupon rate shown as of October 31, 2016.
- (g) See Note 4 regarding defaulted securities.
- (h) Non-income producing security.

As of October 31, 2016, the aggregate cost of securities for Federal income tax purposes was \$589,426,950.

Unrealized appreciation and depreciation on investments for Federal income tax purposes were as follows:

| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$ 15,924,667      |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (32,593,835)       |  |  |
| Net unrealized depreciation   | \$(16,669,168)     |  |  |
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# Schedule of Investments (continued)

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# Abbreviations:

144A Certain conditions for public sale may exist. Unless otherwise noted, these securities are deemed to be liquid.

CLO Collateralized Loan Obligation

## **Currencies:**

- € Euro Currency
- £ British Pounds
- \$ U.S. Dollars

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

October 31, 2016

| Assets:  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Investments, at value (cost \$589,207,370)           | \$572,757,782  |
| Cash   | 8,287,049      |
| Cash denominated in foreign currency, at value (cost |                |
| \$359,424)   | 358,796        |
| Receivable for securities sold                       | 6,362,728      |
| Interest and principal receivable                    | 6,210,565      |
| Deferred debt issuance costs                         | 113,069        |
| Total assets   | 594,089,989    |
| Liabilities:   |                |
| Line of credit outstanding                           | 168,027,371    |
| Payable for securities purchased                     | 33,335,502     |
| Payable for investment advisory fees                 | 480,391        |
| Payable for interest expense                         | 177,675        |
| Payable for commitment fee                           | 51,549         |
| Payable for investor support fees                    | 48,044         |
| Payable for administration, custodian, and transfer  |                |
| agent fees   | 4,843          |
| Accrued expenses and other payables                  | 177,563        |
| Total liabilities                                    | 202,302,938    |
| Net assets   | \$ 391,787,051 |
| Net assets consist of:                               |                |
| Paid-in capital                                      | \$445,066,437  |
| Distributions in excess of net investment income     | (222,899)      |
| Accumulated net realized losses on investments and   |                |
| foreign currency                                     | (38,680,505)   |
| Net unrealized depreciation on investments and       |                |
| foreign currency                                     | (14,375,982)   |
| Net assets   | \$ 391,787,051 |
| Common shares:                                       |                |
| Shares outstanding (authorized 1 billion shares of   |                |
| each Fund of \$0.001 par value)                      | 22,991,775     |
| Net asset value per share                            | \$17.04        |
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# **Statement of Operations**

For the year ended October 31, 2016

| Investment income:   |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Interest   | \$ 39,450,462       |
| Expenses:  |                     |
| Investment advisory fees (Note 6)  | 5,348,639           |
| Interest expense (Note 5)  | 2,049,876           |
| Administrative services of the adviser (Note 6)  | 910,555             |
| Legal fees   | 558,143             |
| Investor support fees (Note 6)   | 534,864             |
| Administration, custodian and transfer agent fees  |                     |
| (Note 6)   | 420,017             |
| Insurance expense  | 311,001             |
| Amortization of debt issuance cost (Note 5)  | 261,354             |
| Audit fees   | 157,772             |
| Directors fees   | 152,692             |
| Commitment fee (Note 5)  | 104,359             |
| Printing expense   | 95,176              |
| Other expenses   | 80,292              |
| Total expenses   | 10,984,740          |
| Net investment income  | 28,465,722          |
| Net realized and net change in unrealized gain (loss) on investigation of the second sec | stments and foreign |
| currency   |                     |
| Net realized loss on investments   | (32,491,932)        |
| Net realized gain on foreign currency  | 5,486,956           |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)   |                     |
| on investments   | 32,452,035          |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)   |                     |
| on foreign currency  | (3,652,603)         |
| Net realized and net change in unrealized gain on  |                     |
| investments and foreign currency   | 1,794,456           |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from  |                     |
| operations   | \$ 30,260,178       |
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# **Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

|  | Year Ended<br>October 31, 2016 | Year Ended<br>October 31, 2015 |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations: |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| Net investment income                              | \$ 28,465,722                  | \$ 21,316,206                  |  |  |  |
| Net realized loss on investments and               |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| foreign currency                                   | (27,004,976)                   | (9,724,463)                    |  |  |  |
| Net change in unrealized                           |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| appreciation (depreciation) on                     |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| investments and foreign currency                   | 28,799,432                     | (18,733,928)                   |  |  |  |
| Net increase (decrease) in net                     |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| assets resulting from operations                   | 30,260,178                     | (7,142,185)                    |  |  |  |
| Distributions to shareholders from:                |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| Net investment income                              | (28,847,985)                   | (24,213,323)                   |  |  |  |
| Net realized gains                                 |                                | (1,309,683)                    |  |  |  |
| Return of capital                                  | (1,305,942)                    | (55,818)                       |  |  |  |
| Total distributions                                | (30,153,927)                   | (25,578,824)                   |  |  |  |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets                  |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| from operations and distributions                  | 106,251                        | (32,721,009)                   |  |  |  |
| Share transactions:                                |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| Proceeds of shares issued in                       |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| connection with fund merger                        |                                | 109,397,217                    |  |  |  |
| Cost of shares repurchased (Note 4)                | (6,363,294)                    |                                |  |  |  |
| Net increase (decrease) from share                 |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| transactions                                       | (6,363,294)                    | 109,397,217                    |  |  |  |
| Total increase (decrease) in net                   |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| assets   | (6,257,043)                    | 76,676,208                     |  |  |  |
| Net Assets, beginning of period                    | 398,044,094                    | 321,367,886                    |  |  |  |
| Net Assets, end of period                          | \$ 391,787,051                 | \$ 398,044,094                 |  |  |  |
| Distributions in excess of net                     |                                |                                |  |  |  |
| investment income                                  | \$ (222,899)                   | \$ (250,896)                   |  |  |  |
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# **Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended October 31, 2016

| Operating activities:                          |                          |         |                        |
|--|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Increase in net assets resulting from operatio |                          |         | 0,260,178              |
| Adjustments to reconcile increase in net asse  | ts resulting from operat | ions to | o net cash             |
| provided by                                    |                          |         |                        |
| operating activities:                          |                          |         |                        |
| Purchases of investments                       |                          | (55     | 1,282,115)             |
| Proceeds from the sale of investments          |                          | 56      | 1,872,573              |
| Amortization and accretion of discounts and    |                          |         |                        |
| premiums, net                                  |                          |         | 457,636                |
| Net realized loss on investments               |                          | 32      | 2,491,932              |
| Net realized gain on foreign currency          |                          | (!      | 5,486,956)             |
| Net change in unrealized (appreciation)        |                          |         |                        |
| depreciation on investments                    |                          | (32     | 2,452,035)             |
| Net change in unrealized (appreciation)        |                          |         |                        |
| depreciation on foreign currency               |                          | (       | 3,652,603              |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:   |                          |         |                        |
| Interest and principal receivable              |                          | -       | 1,008,887              |
| Prepaid expenses                               |                          |         | 33,147                 |
| Deferred debt issuance costs                   |                          |         | 83,351                 |
| Payable for investment advisory fees           |                          |         | (3,801)                |
| Payable for interest expense                   |                          |         | 17,550                 |
| Payable for investor support fees              |                          |         | (380)                  |
| Payable for commitment fee                     |                          |         | 46,284                 |
| Payable for administration, custodian and trai | nsfer                    |         | ,                      |
| agent fees                                     |                          |         | (17,656)               |
| Accrued expenses and other payables            |                          |         | (99,202)               |
| Net cash provided by operating activities      |                          | 4(      | 0,581,996              |
| Financing activities:                          |                          |         | - , ,                  |
| Borrowings on line of credit                   |                          | 15      | 1,788,371              |
| Paydowns of line of credit                     |                          |         | 2,745,093)             |
| Cost of shares redeemed                        |                          | •       | 6,363,294)             |
| Distributions paid to common shareholders      |                          |         | 0,153,927)             |
| Net cash used in financing activities          |                          | •       | 7,473,943)             |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash        |                          | •       | 1,834,353              |
| Net increase in cash                           |                          |         | 4,942,406              |
| Cash:  |                          | *       | ·,- · <b>_</b> , · • • |
| Beginning of period                            |                          | \$ (    | 3,703,439              |
| End of period                                  |                          |         | 8,645,845              |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow info      | rmation:                 | Ψ       | -,,                    |
| Cash paid during the period for interest       |                          | \$ 2    | 2,032,326              |
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# **Financial Highlights**

|   | Yea     | For the<br>ar Ended<br>per 31, 2016 | Yea     | For the<br>ar Ended<br>per 31, 2015 | Yea | For the<br>ar Ended<br>per 31, 2014            | Per | For the<br>riod Ended<br>per 31, 2013 <sup>(a)</sup> |
|---|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|--|
| Per share data  | a:      |                                     |         |                                     |     |  |     |  |
| Net asset<br>value,<br>beginning<br>of period                 | \$      | 16.95<br>Ient operation             | \$      | 18.72                               | \$  | 19.43  | \$  | 19.10  |
| Net   |         |                                     |         |                                     |     |  |     |  |
| investment<br>income  |         | 1.23                                |         | 1.21                                |     | 1.24   |     | 1.09   |
| Net<br>realized<br>and net<br>change in<br>unrealized         |         |                                     |         |                                     |     |  |     |  |
| gain (loss)   |         | 0.16                                |         | (1.58)                              |     | (0.55)   |     | 0.45   |
| Total<br>income<br>from<br>investment                         |         | 1.39                                |         |                                     |     | 0.69   |     | 1.54   |
| operations<br>Less distribut                                  | ione de |                                     | abaldar | (0.37)                              |     | 0.69   |     | 1.34   |
| From net  | ions de | ciared to shar                      | enolder | 5.                                  |     |  |     |  |
| investment  |         | (, )                                |         | (                                   |     | <i>( , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,</i> |     | <i></i>  |
| income  |         | (1.23)                              |         | (1.33)                              |     | (1.40)   |     | (1.17)   |
| From net<br>realized<br>gains                                 |         |                                     |         | (0.07)                              |     |  |     |  |
| From return<br>of capital                                     |         | (0.07)                              |         | (b)                                 |     |  |     |  |
| Total<br>distributions<br>declared to                         |         | (0.07)                              |         | (0)                                 |     |  |     |  |
| shareholders  |         | (1.30)                              |         | (1.40)                              |     | (1.40)   |     | (1.17)   |
| Capital share   | transac | ctions:                             |         |                                     |     |  |     |  |
| Common<br>share<br>offering<br>costs<br>charged to<br>paid-in |         |                                     |         |                                     |     |  |     |  |
| capital   | \$      | 17.04                               | \$      | 16.95                               | \$  | 18.72  | \$  | (0.04)<br>19.43                                      |
|   | φ       | 17.04                               | ψ       | 10.35                               | Ψ   | 10.72  | φ   | 10.40  |

| value<br>common<br>shares, end       |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--|----------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| of period<br>Market<br>value         |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| common                               |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| shares, end<br>of period             | \$      | 14.70                                  | \$       | 14.37       | \$        | 16.86                      | \$      | 18.05                  |
| Net asset                            | ψ       | 14.70                                  | Ψ        | 14.57       | φ         | 10.00                      | ψ       | 10.05                  |
| value total                          |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| return <sup>(c)</sup>                |         | 8.98%                                  |          | (2.11)%     |           | 3.54%                      |         | 8.04% <sup>(d)</sup>   |
| Market                               |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| value total<br>return <sup>(e)</sup> |         | 12.47%                                 |          | (6.74)%     |           | 1.02%                      |         | (4.03)% <sup>(d)</sup> |
|                                      | age n   | et assets/supple                       | ementa   |             |           | 1.0278                     |         | (4.00) /8( /           |
| Net assets,                          | J       |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| end of                               |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| period (in                           | \$      | 391,787                                | \$       | 398,044     | ¢         | 201 260                    | \$      | 222 526                |
| 000's)<br>Expenses,                  | Φ       | 391,707                                | Φ        | 390,044     | \$        | 321,368                    | Φ       | 333,526                |
| inclusive of                         |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| interest                             |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| expense                              |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| and<br>amortization                  |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| of debt                              |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| issuance                             |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| costs                                |         | 2.96%                                  |          | 2.83%       |           | 2.58%                      |         | 2.18% <sup>(d)</sup>   |
| Expenses,                            |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| exclusive of                         |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| interest<br>expense                  |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| and                                  |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| amortization                         |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| of debt                              |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| issuance                             |         | 0.040/                                 |          | 0.000/      |           |                            |         |                        |
| costs<br>Net                         |         | 2.34%                                  |          | 2.39%       |           | 1.97%                      |         | 1.74% <sup>(d)</sup>   |
| investment                           |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| income                               |         | 7.68%                                  |          | 6.51%       |           | 6.40%                      |         | 5.74% <sup>(d)</sup>   |
| Portfolio                            |         |  |          |             |           |                            |         |                        |
| turnover                             |         |  |          | 00.075/     |           |                            |         |                        |
| rate                                 | ind fro | 92.30% <sup>(d)</sup><br>m November 27 | 2012 (   | 89.67%      | nt of one | 96.01%<br>prations) to Oct | obor 21 | 189.46% <sup>(d)</sup> |
| (a) i oi the per                     |         |  | , 2012 ( | commencemen |           |                            |         | 2013.                  |

(b) Less than 0.005.

Net asset

(c) Based on net asset value per share. Distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Total Return is not

annualized for periods less than one year.

(d) Not annualized.

(e) Based on market value per share (beginning market value common shares \$20.00). Distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Total Return is not annualized for periods less than one year.

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

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# (1) Organization

Ares Dynamic Credit Allocation Fund, Inc. (NYSE: ARDC) ("ARDC" or "Fund") is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland and registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), as a closed-end, non-diversified, management investment company, and intends to qualify each year to be treated as a Regulated Investment Company ("RIC"), under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Fund commenced operations on November 27, 2012. Ares Capital Management II LLC (the "Adviser") was registered as a Registered Investment Adviser with the SEC on June 9, 2011 and serves as the investment adviser to the Fund.

#### Investment Objective and Policies

The Fund's investment objective is to seek an attractive risk adjusted level of total return, primarily through current income and, secondarily, through capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in a broad, dynamically managed portfolio of (i) senior secured loans ("Senior Loans") made primarily to companies whose debt is rated below investment grade, (ii) corporate bonds ("Corporate Bonds") that are primarily high yield issues rated below investment grade, (iii) other fixed-income instruments of a similar nature that may be represented by derivatives, and (iv) securities issued by entities commonly referred to as collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs") and other asset-backed securities. The Fund's investments in CLOs include investments in subordinated tranches of CLO securities. The Adviser will dynamically allocate the Fund's portfolio among investments in the various targeted credit markets, to seek to manage interest rate and credit risk and the duration of the Fund's portfolio.

## (2) Significant Accounting Policies

## **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), and include the accounts of the Fund. The Fund is an investment company following accounting and reporting guidance in Financial Accounting Standards ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 946, *Financial Services Investment Companies*. The Advisor makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates and such differences may be material.

## Investments Valuation

All investments in securities are recorded at their estimated fair value, as described in Note 3.

## Revolving loan, bridge loan and delayed draw term loan agreements

For investment purposes, the Fund has entered into certain loan commitments which may include revolving loan, bridge loan, partially unfunded term loan and delayed draw term loan commitments ("unfunded loan commitments"). Unfunded loan commitments purchased at a discount/premium may include cash received/paid for the amounts

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representing such discounts/premiums. Unfunded loan commitments are agreements to participate in the lending of up to a specified maximum amount for a specified period. As of October 31, 2016, the fair value of loans disclosed in the Schedule of Investments does not include unfunded loan commitments, which total \$3,607,898.

#### Interest Income

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected, and adjusted for accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. The Fund may have investments that contain payment-in-kind ("PIK") provisions. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified, is added to the principal balance and adjusted cost of the investments and recorded as interest income. The PIK interest for the year ended October 31, 2016 was \$36,456 recorded as interest income.

## **Discounts and Premiums**

Discounts and premiums on securities purchased are accreted/amortized over the life of the respective security using the effective interest method. The adjusted cost of investments represents the original cost adjusted for PIK interest and the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums.

#### Investment Transactions, Related Investment Income and Expenses

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on investments, is earned from settlement date and is recorded on the accrual basis. Realized gains and losses are reported on the specific identification method. Expenses are recorded on the accrual basis as incurred.

## Foreign Currency Transactions

Amounts denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis: (i) investments and other

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assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based upon currency exchange rates effective on the date of valuation; and (ii) purchases and sales of investments and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based upon currency exchange rates prevailing on transaction dates.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from the changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included within the net realized and unrealized gain on investments in the Statements of Operations.

Reported net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates of securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of income and expense items recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign currency gains and losses arise from the changes in fair values of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities at year end, resulting from changes in exchange rates.

Investments in foreign companies and securities of foreign governments may involve special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies and securities of the U.S. government. These risks include, among other things, revaluation of currencies, less reliable information about issuers, different transaction clearance and settlement practices, and potential future adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, investments in foreign companies and securities of foreign governments and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. companies and the U.S. government.

## Dividends to Shareholders

The Fund intends to make regular monthly cash distributions of all or a portion of its net investment income available to common shareholders. The Fund intends to pay common shareholders at least annually all or substantially all of its net investment income. The Fund intends to pay any capital gains distributions at least annually. Dividends to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The distributions for any full or partial year might not be made in equal amounts, and one distribution may be larger than another. The Fund will make distributions only if authorized by its board of directors and declared by the Fund out of assets legally available for these distributions. The Fund may pay a special distribution at the end of each calendar year. This

distribution policy may, under certain circumstances, have certain adverse consequences to the Fund and its shareholders because it may result in a return of capital to shareholders, which would reduce the Fund's net asset value and, over time, potentially increase the Fund's expense ratios. If the Fund distributes a return of capital, it means that the Fund is returning to shareholders a portion of their investment rather than making a distribution that is funded from the Fund's earned income or other profits. The board of directors may elect to change the Fund's distribution policy at any time.

# Commitments

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In the normal course of business, the Fund's investment activities involve executions, settlement and financing of various transactions resulting in receivables from, and payables to, brokers, dealers and the Fund's custodian. These activities may expose the Fund to risk in the event that such parties are unable to fulfill contractual obligations. Management does not anticipate any material losses from counterparties with whom it conducts business. Consistent with standard business practice, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications, and is engaged from time to time in various legal actions. The maximum exposure of the Fund under these arrangements and activities is unknown. However, the Fund expects the risk of material loss to be remote.

#### Income Taxes

The Fund intends to distribute all or substantially all of its taxable income and to comply with the other requirements of Subchapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to RICs. Accordingly, no provision for U.S. federal income taxes is required.

The Fund may elect to incur an excise tax if it is deemed prudent by its board of directors from a cash management perspective or in the best interest of shareholders due to other facts and circumstances. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, the Fund did not pay U.S. federal excise taxes.

As of October 31, 2016, the Fund had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition, derecognition, or disclosure. The Fund files a U.S. federal income tax return annually after its fiscal year-end, which is subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years from the date of filing.

Net investment income and net realized gains and losses may differ for financial statement and tax purposes because of temporary or permanent book/tax differences. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments for foreign currency gains and losses, defaulted bonds, paydown

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gains and losses, losses due to wash sales, QEF income and capital gains and consent fees. To the extent these differences are permanent, reclassifications are made to the appropriate capital accounts in the fiscal period that the differences arise. On the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, the following reclassifications were made:

|  | 2016            |
|--|-----------------|
| Undistributed net investment income    | \$<br>1,716,202 |
| Accumulated net realized gain/(loss)   | (465,289)       |
| Additional paid-in capital/(reduction) | (1,250,913)     |

The character of distributions made during the fiscal period from net investment income or net realized gains may differ from its ultimate characterization for federal income tax purposes. In addition, due to the timing of dividend distributions, the fiscal period in which amounts are distributed may differ from the fiscal period that the income or realized gains or losses were recorded by the Fund.

The character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended October 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

|                   | 2016         | 2015         |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ordinary income   | \$28,847,985 | \$24,213,323 |
| Capital gain      |              | 1,309,683    |
| Return of capital | 1,305,942    | 55,818       |

As of October 31, 2016, the components of accumulated earnings (deficit) on a tax basis were as follows:

|                                      | 2016         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Undistributed ordinary income        | \$           |
| Undistributed capital gains          |              |
| Accumulated capital and other losses | (38,460,925) |
| Other undistributed ordinary losses  |              |
| Net unrealized depreciation          | (14,595,562) |
|                                      |              |

At October 31, 2016, the Fund had capital loss carryovers as indicated below. The capital loss carryovers are available to offset future realized capital gains to the extent provided in the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder. Capital loss carryovers may be limited under IRS section 382.

| No Expiration | on Short-Term     | No Expiration Long-Term |  |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| -             | 3,062,448         | 35,398,477              |  |
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During the year ended October 31, 2016, the Fund did not utilize capital loss carryforwards.

The FASB, Accounting Standards Codification 740, Income Taxes (ASC 740), provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented, and disclosed in the financial statements. The Fund has evaluated the implications of ASC 740 for all open tax years, and has determined there is no impact to the Fund's financial

statements as of the year ended October 31, 2016. The Fund's federal and state income returns for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired (2013, 2014, 2015) remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and states department of revenue.

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All penalties and interest associated with income taxes, if any, are included in other expenses in the Statement of Operations. There were no penalties and interest incurred by the Fund for the current fiscal year.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

On October 13, 2016 the SEC amended existing rules intended to modernize reporting and disclosure of information. These amendments relate to Regulation S-X which sets forth the form and content of financial statements. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of adopting these amendments and their potential impact on the financial statements and accompanying notes.

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2015-03, "*Interest-Imputation of Interest*" (Subtopic 835-30), which provides guidance simplifying the presentation of debt issuance costs. The amendments require that debt issuance costs related to recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the new guidance. In addition, in August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-15, "*Interest-Imputation of Interest*" (Subtopic 835-30). The additional guidance reiterates that the SEC would not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs related to a line of credit arrangement as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line of credit arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods, including interim periods within those reporting period beginning after December 15, 2015, and early adoption is permitted. The guidance is to be applied on a retrospective basis and accounted for a change in accounting principle.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, "*Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606)." The guidance in Topic 606 supersedes the revenue recognition requirement in Topic 605 "Revenue Recognition." Under the new guidance, an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-08, "*Revenue* 

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*from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations," which clarifies the guidance in ASU No. 2014-09. In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-10, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing," an update on identifying performance obligations and accounting for licenses of intellectual property. Additionally, in May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12, "*Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients," which includes amendments for enhanced clarification of the guidance. Earlier application is permitted only as of annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within the reporting period. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. While management is still assessing the potential impact of this update, it is not expected to be material to the Fund's financial statements.

#### (3) Investments

#### Fair Value Measurements

The Fund follows the provisions of Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures under U.S. GAAP, which among other matters, requires enhanced disclosures about investments that are measured and reported at fair value. This standard defines fair value and establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework, which prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring investments at fair value and expands disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. The hierarchal disclosure framework establishes a three-tier hierarchy to maximize the use of observable data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk, for example, the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value (such as a pricing model) and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique.

Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

• Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access

• Level 2 Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or which all significant inputs are observable either directly or indirectly (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

• Level 3 Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement (including a single broker quote or the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The fair value of the Fund's investments are primarily estimated based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs. The Fund's custodian obtains prices from independent pricing services based on an authorized pricing matrix as approved by the Fund's board of directors. The Adviser has

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internal controls in place that support its reliance on information received from third-party pricing sources. For any security, if market or dealer quotations are not readily available, or if the Adviser determines that a quotation of a security does not represent a fair value, then the security is valued at a fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser and will be classified as Level 3. In such instances, the Adviser will use valuation techniques consistent with the market or income approach to measure fair value and will give consideration to all factors which might reasonably affect the fair value. The Adviser is responsible for all inputs and assumptions related to the pricing of securities. As part of its internal controls, the Adviser obtains, reviews and tests information to corroborate prices received from third-party pricing sources. The main inputs into the Adviser's valuation model for these Level 3 securities include earnings multiples (based on the historical earnings of the issuer) and discounted cash flows. The Adviser may also consider original transaction price, recent transactions in the same or similar instruments and completed third-party transactions in comparable instruments as well as other liquidity, credit and market risk factors. Models will be adjusted as deemed necessary by the Adviser.

*Bank loans and corporate debts:* The fair value of bank loans and corporate debt is estimated based on quoted market prices, forward foreign exchange rates, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs and are generally classified within Level 2 or 3. The Adviser obtains prices from independent pricing services which generally utilize broker quotes and may use various other pricing techniques which take into account appropriate factors

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such as yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other data. If the pricing services are only able to obtain a single broker quote or utilize a pricing model the securities will be classified as Level 3. If the pricing services are unable to provide prices, the Adviser will attempt to obtain one or more broker quotes directly from a dealer and price such securities at the last bid price obtained; such securities are classified as Level 3.

*Collateralized loan obligations:* The fair value of CLOs is estimated based on various valuation models of third-party pricing services as well as internal models. The valuation models generally utilize discounted cash flows and take into consideration prepayment and loss assumptions, based on historical experience and projected performance, economic factors, the characteristics and condition of the underlying collateral, comparable yields for similar securities and recent trading activity. These securities are classified as Level 3.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of October 31, 2016, in valuing the Fund's investments carried at fair value:

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The following is a reconciliation of the Fund's investments in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value.

For the year ended October 31, 2016:

| Floating   | Corporate  | Collateralized       | Common     | Total (\$) |
|------------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Rate Term  | Bonds (\$) | Loan                 | Stock (\$) |            |
| Loans (\$) |            | <b>Obligations</b> / |            |            |
|            |            | Collateralized       |            |            |
|            |            | Debt                 |            |            |
|            |            | Obligations          |            |            |

|                          |              | (\$)              |                  |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Balance                  |              |                   |                  |
| as of                    |              |                   |                  |
| 10/31/15                 | 18,371,397   | 115,761,300       | 134,132,697      |
| Purchases <sup>(a)</sup> | 10,179,677   | 47,066,030 13,937 | 7,812 71,183,519 |
| Sales <sup>(b)</sup>     | (10,561,474) | (27,975,968) (550 | 0,664)           |