UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 17, 2021 (August 16, 2021)

CION Investment Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-54755 (Commission File Number) 45-3058280

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3 Park Avenue, 36th Floor New York, New York 10016

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(212) 418-4700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
None	Not applicable	Not applicable

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The board of directors (the "Board") of CION Investment Corporation ("CIC") has delegated to CIC's executive officers the authority to determine the amount, record dates, payment dates and other terms of distributions to shareholders, which will be ratified by the Board on a quarterly basis.

On August 16, 2021, CIC's co-chief executive officers declared regular monthly cash distributions of \$0.04413 per share for September 2021. The distributions will be paid on September 14, 2021 to shareholders of record as of September 13, 2021. Shareholders who previously elected to receive distributions in additional shares of CIC common stock pursuant to CIC's distribution reinvestment plan will be issued additional shares for the September 2021 distributions on September 14, 2021.

A copy of the press release announcing the foregoing is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- <u>99.1</u> Press Release dated August 17, 2021.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CĪON Investment Corporation

Date: August 17, 2021

By: /s/ Michael A. Reisner Co-Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT		
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release dated August 17, 2021.	



CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION DECLARES CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW YORK, NY (August 17, 2021) – On August 16, 2021, the co-chief executive officers of CION Investment Corporation ("CIC"), a CION Investments company, declared regular monthly cash distributions for September 2021.

The regular monthly cash distributions of \$0.04413 per share will be paid on September 14, 2021 to shareholders of record as of September 13, 2021. Shareholders who previously elected to receive distributions in additional shares of CIC common stock pursuant to CIC's distribution reinvestment plan will be issued additional shares for the September 2021 distributions on September 14, 2021.

Certain Information About Distributions

The determination of the tax attributes of CIC's distributions is made annually as of the end of CIC's fiscal year based upon its taxable income and distributions paid, in each case, for the full year. Therefore, a determination as to the tax attributes of the distributions made on a quarterly basis may not be representative of the actual tax attributes for a full year. CIC intends to update shareholders quarterly with an estimated percentage of its distributions that resulted from taxable ordinary income. The actual tax characteristics of distributions to shareholders will be reported to shareholders annually on a Form 1099-DIV. The payment of future distributions on CIC's common stock is subject to the discretion of the Board and applicable legal restrictions, and therefore, there can be no assurance as to the amount or timing of any such future distributions.

CIC may fund its cash distributions to shareholders from any sources of funds available to it, including borrowings, net investment income from operations, capital gains proceeds from the sale of assets, non-capital gains proceeds from the sale of assets, dividends or other distributions paid to it on account of preferred and common equity investments in portfolio companies and expense support from CION Investment Management, LLC ("CIM"), which is subject to recoupment. The purpose of this arrangement is to avoid such distributions being characterized as a return of capital. Shareholders should understand that any distributions funded by expense support from CIM are not based on CIC's investment performance, and any such distributions can only be sustained if CIC maintains positive investment performance in future periods and/or CIM continues to provide such expense support. Shareholders should also understand that CIC's future repayments of expense support will reduce the distributions that they would otherwise receive. There can be no assurance that CIC will be able to pay distributions at all. CIM has no obligation to provide expense support to CIC in future periods. To date, distributions have not included a return of capital. CIC has not established limits on the amount of funds it may use from available sources to make distributions.

ABOUT CION INVESTMENTS

CION Investments is a leading manager of alternative investment solutions designed to redefine the way individual investors can build their portfolios and help meet their long-term investment goals. CION Investments currently sponsors CIC, a leading publicly registered non-traded business development company that currently manages approximately \$1.8 billion in assets. CIC focuses primarily on senior secured loans to U.S. middle-market companies. CION Investments also sponsors, through CION Ares Management, LLC, CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund, a globally diversified credit interval fund with approximately \$1.6 billion in total managed assets. For more information, please visit <u>www.cioninvestments.com</u>.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information in this press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements are identified by words such as "may," "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "would," "could," "should," and variations of these words and similar expressions, including references to assumptions and forecasts of future results. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control, are difficult to predict and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements. CIC undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained herein to conform the statements to actual results or changes in its expectations.

OTHER INFORMATION

The information in this press release is summary information only and should be read in conjunction with CIC's Current Report on Form 8-K, which CIC filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on August 17, 2021, as well as CIC's other reports filed with the SEC. A copy of CIC's Current Report on Form 8-K and CIC's other reports filed with the SEC can be found on CIC's website at <u>www.cioninvestments.com</u> and the SEC's website at <u>www.sec.gov</u>.