

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 9, 2023 (August 7, 2023)

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.)

100 Park Avenue, 25th Floor
New York, New York 10017
(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
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	CION	The New York Stock Exchange

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

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.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.*Regular Quarterly and Supplemental Distributions*

The board of directors (the "Board") of CION Investment Corporation ("CION") has delegated to CION'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 7, 2023, CION's co-chief executive officers declared (i) a regular quarterly cash distribution of \$0.34 per share for the third quarter of 2023 payable on September 15, 2023 to shareholders of record as of September 1, 2023 and (ii) a supplemental cash distribution of \$0.05 per share for both the third and fourth quarters of 2023, payable on October 16, 2023 and January 15, 2024, respectively, to shareholders of record as of September 29, 2023 and December 29, 2023, respectively. A copy of the press release announcing the foregoing is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Q2 2023 Financial Results

On August 9, 2023, CION issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2023. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

In connection with its conference call to be held on August 9, 2023 to discuss its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2023, CION has provided an accompanying slide presentation in the Investor Resources – Events and Presentations section of its website at www.cionbdc.com. A copy of the presentation is also attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein.

The information disclosed under this Item 2.02, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto, is being "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" by CION for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

[99.1](#) [Press Release dated August 9, 2023.](#)

[99.2](#) [CION Investment Corporation Second Quarter 2023 Earnings Presentation.](#)

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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.

CION Investment Corporation

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

Date: August 9, 2023

EXHIBIT LIST

EXHIBIT
NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

99.1	Press Release dated August 9, 2023.
99.2	CION Investment Corporation Second Quarter 2023 Earnings Presentation.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

**CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2023 FINANCIAL RESULTS****Reports Another Solid Quarterly Performance, Out Earning the Distribution by 26% and Achieving a \$0.20 per Share Increase in Net Asset Value****Announces Third Quarter 2023 Base Distribution of \$0.34 per Share****Announces Total Supplemental Distribution of \$0.10 per Share****For Immediate Release**

NEW YORK, August 9, 2023 — CION Investment Corporation (NYSE: CION) (“CION” or the “Company”) today reported financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2023 and filed its Form 10-Q with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

CION also announced that, on August 7, 2023, its co-chief executive officers declared (i) a third quarter 2023 regular distribution of \$0.34 per share payable on September 15, 2023 to shareholders of record as of September 1, 2023 and (ii) a supplemental distribution of \$0.05 per share for both the third and fourth quarters of 2023, payable on October 16, 2023 and January 15, 2024, respectively, to shareholders of record as of September 29, 2023 and December 29, 2023, respectively.

SECOND QUARTER AND OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Net investment income and earnings per share for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 were \$0.43 per share and \$0.51 per share, respectively;
 - Net asset value per share was \$15.31 as of June 30, 2023 compared to \$15.11 as of March 31, 2023, an increase of \$0.20 per share, or 1.3%. The increase was primarily due to the Company out earning its distribution for the period and mark-to-market adjustments to the Company's portfolio;
 - As of June 30, 2023, the Company had \$986 million of total principal amount of debt outstanding, of which 71% was comprised of senior secured bank debt and 29% was comprised of unsecured debt. The Company's net debt-to-equity ratio was 1.04x as of June 30, 2023 compared to 1.02x as of March 31, 2023;
 - As of June 30, 2023, the Company had total investments at fair value of \$1,688 million in 112 portfolio companies across 24 industries. The investment portfolio was comprised of 89.3% senior secured loans, including 87.0% in first lien investments;¹
 - During the quarter, the Company funded new investment commitments of \$62 million, funded previously unfunded commitments of \$8 million, and had sales and repayments totaling \$55 million, resulting in a net increase to the Company's funded portfolio of \$15 million;
 - As of June 30, 2023, investments on non-accrual status amounted to 1.7% and 4.8% of the total investment portfolio at fair value and amortized cost, respectively;
 - During the quarter, the Company repurchased 328,628 shares of its common stock under its 10b5-1 trading plan at an average price of \$9.81 per share for a total repurchase amount of \$3.2 million. Through June 30, 2023, the Company repurchased a total of 2,325,622 shares of its common stock under its 10b5-1 trading plan at an average price of \$9.57 per share for a total repurchase amount of \$22.3 million and;
 - During the quarter, the Company amended its senior secured credit facilities with JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association and UBS AG to, among other things, extend the maturity from May 15, 2024 and November 19, 2023, respectively, to May 15, 2025 and November 19, 2024, respectively.
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DISTRIBUTIONS

- For the quarter ended June 30, 2023, the Company paid a regular quarterly distribution totaling \$18.6 million, or \$0.34 per share.

Michael A. Reisner, co-Chief Executive Officer of CION, commented:

“Our quarterly earnings showed continued strength, with NII of \$0.43 per share, which once again outperformed our base distribution of \$0.34 per share. Moreover, our NAV grew by over 1%, or approximately \$0.20 per share.

Our portfolio's credit quality is solid, with many softer credit positions from last quarter related to consumer-facing businesses already restructured. Looking forward, we expect non-accruals to align more closely with our historical average of below 1% on a pro-forma basis.

Amid recent market uncertainties, our share buyback program has capitalized on attractive market price discounts to our NAV per share, supported by our strong balance sheet. Recognizing the significant undervaluation of our shares, we have already repurchased 666,657 shares in 2023, reaffirming our confidence in the company's future growth and potential.

Given our continued strong financial performance, we have declared a supplemental distribution of \$0.05/share for both Q3 and Q4.”

Looking ahead, CION is confidently positioned to deliver robust returns to shareholders.”

SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands, except per share data)

	As of	
	June 30, 2023	March 31, 2023
Investment portfolio, at fair value ¹	\$ 1,687,691	\$ 1,657,026
Total debt outstanding ²	\$ 985,712	\$ 1,010,712
Net assets	\$ 836,364	\$ 830,310
Net asset value per share	\$ 15.31	\$ 15.11
Debt-to-equity	1.18x	1.22x
Net debt-to-equity	1.04x	1.02x

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended	
	June 30, 2023	March 31, 2023
Total investment income	\$ 58,496	\$ 64,975
Total operating expenses and income tax expense	\$ 35,080	\$ 35,117
Net investment income after taxes	\$ 23,416	\$ 29,858
Net realized losses	\$ (18,928)	\$ (4,525)
Net unrealized gains (losses)	\$ 23,406	\$ (56,378)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 27,894	\$ (31,045)
Net investment income per share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.54
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) per share	\$ 0.08	\$ (1.10)
Earnings per share	\$ 0.51	\$ (0.56)
Weighted average shares outstanding	54,788,740	55,109,482
Distributions declared per share	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34

Total investment income for the three months ended June 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023 was \$58.5 million and \$65.0 million, respectively. The decrease in investment income was primarily driven by a decrease in dividend income from certain investments and fees generated from investment activity, partially offset by an increase in SOFR and LIBOR rates, during the three months ended June 30, 2023 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2023.

Operating expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023 were \$35.1 million. During the quarter ended June 30, 2023, the Company incurred higher interest expense due to an increase in SOFR and LIBOR rates which was offset by lower advisory fees as compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2023.

PORTFOLIO AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY¹

A summary of the Company's investment activity for the three months ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Investment Type	New Investment Commitments		Sales and Repayments	
	\$ in Thousands	% of Total	\$ in Thousands	% of Total
Senior secured first lien debt	\$ 62,779	90%	\$ 54,498	100%
Senior secured second lien debt	—	—	5	—
Collateralized securities and structured products - equity	—	—	96	—
Unsecured debt	4,200	6%	—	—
Equity	2,906	4%	—	—
Total	\$ 69,885	100%	\$ 54,599	100%

During the three months ended June 30, 2023, new investment commitments were made across 4 new and 8 existing portfolio companies. During the same period, the Company received the full repayment of a loan from one portfolio company. As a result, the number of portfolio companies increased from 109 as of March 31, 2023 to 112 as of June 30, 2023.

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY¹

As of June 30, 2023, the Company's investments consisted of the following:

Investment Type	Investments at Fair Value	
	\$ in Thousands	% of Total
Senior secured first lien debt	\$ 1,468,630	87.0%
Senior secured second lien debt	39,544	2.3%
Collateralized securities and structured products - equity	1,046	0.1%
Unsecured debt	17,301	1.0%
Equity	161,170	9.6%
Total	\$ 1,687,691	100.0%

The following table presents certain selected information regarding the Company's investments:

	As of	
	June 30, 2023	March 31, 2023
Number of portfolio companies	112	109
Percentage of performing loans bearing a floating rate ³	92.2%	92.8%
Percentage of performing loans bearing a fixed rate ³	7.8%	7.2%
Yield on debt and other income producing investments at amortized cost ⁴	12.38%	11.97%
Yield on performing loans at amortized cost ⁴	13.10%	12.90%
Yield on total investments at amortized cost	11.45%	11.18%
Weighted average leverage (net debt/EBITDA) ⁵	4.83x	5.11x
Weighted average interest coverage ⁵	2.00x	2.07x
Median EBITDA ⁶	\$35.0 million	\$35.0 million

As of June 30, 2023, investments on non-accrual status represented 1.7% and 4.8% of the total investment portfolio at fair value and amortized cost, respectively. As of March 31, 2023, investments on non-accrual status represented 3.5% and 6.8% of the total investment portfolio at fair value and amortized cost, respectively.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of June 30, 2023, the Company had \$986 million of total principal amount of debt outstanding, comprised of \$700 million of outstanding borrowings under its senior secured credit facilities and \$286 million of unsecured notes and term loans. The combined weighted average interest rate on debt outstanding was 7.9% for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. As of June 30, 2023, the Company had \$112 million in cash and short-term investments and \$125 million available under its financing arrangements.²

EARNING CONFERENCE CALL

CION will host an earnings conference call on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 11:00 am Eastern Time to discuss its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2023. Please visit the Investor Resources - Events and Presentations section of the Company's website at www.cionbdc.com for a slide presentation that complements the earnings conference call.

All interested parties are invited to participate via telephone or listen via the live webcast, which can be accessed by clicking the following link: [CION Investment Corporation Second Quarter 2023 Financial Results Webcast](#). Domestic callers can access the conference call by dialing (877) 484-6065. International callers can access the conference call by dialing +1 (201) 689-8846. All callers are asked to dial in approximately 10 minutes prior to the call. An archived replay will be available on a webcast link located in the Investor Resources - Events and Presentations section of CION's website.

ENDNOTES

- 1) The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short-term investments.
- 2) Total debt outstanding excludes netting of debt issuance costs of \$9.0 million and \$8.3 million as of June 30, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively.
- 3) The fixed versus floating composition has been calculated as a percentage of performing debt investments measured on a fair value basis, including income producing preferred stock investments and excludes investments, if any, on non-accrual status.
- 4) Computed based on the (a) annual actual interest rate or yield earned plus amortization of fees and discounts on the performing debt and other income producing investments as of the reporting date, divided by (b) the total performing debt and other income producing investments (excluding investments on non-accrual status) at amortized cost. This calculation excludes exit fees that are receivable upon repayment of the investment.

5) For a particular portfolio company, the Company calculates the level of contractual indebtedness net of cash ("net debt") owed by the portfolio company and compares that amount to measures of cash flow available to service the net debt. To calculate net debt, the Company includes debt that is both senior and pari passu to the tranche of debt owned by it but excludes debt that is legally and contractually subordinated in ranking to the debt owned by the Company. The Company believes this calculation method assists in describing the risk of its portfolio investments, as it takes into consideration contractual rights of repayment of the tranche of debt owned by the Company relative to other senior and junior creditors of a portfolio company. The Company typically calculates cash flow available for debt service at a portfolio company by taking EBITDA for the trailing twelve-month period. Weighted average net debt to EBITDA is weighted based on the fair value of the Company's performing debt investments and excluding investments where net debt to EBITDA may not be the appropriate measure of credit risk, such as cash collateralized loans and investments that are underwritten and covenanted based on recurring revenue.

For a particular portfolio company, the Company also calculates the level of contractual interest expense owed by the portfolio company and compares that amount to EBITDA ("interest coverage ratio"). The Company believe this calculation method assists in describing the risk of its portfolio investments, as it takes into consideration contractual interest obligations of the portfolio company. Weighted average interest coverage is weighted based on the fair value of the Company's performing debt investments, excluding investments where interest coverage may not be the appropriate measure of credit risk, such as cash collateralized loans and investments that are underwritten and covenanted based on recurring revenue.

Portfolio company statistics, including EBITDA, are derived from the financial statements most recently provided to the Company for each portfolio company as of the reported end date. Statistics of the portfolio companies have not been independently verified by the Company and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount.

6) Median EBITDA is calculated based on the portfolio company's EBITDA as of the Company's initial investment.

CIION Investment Corporation
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	June 30, 2023 (unaudited)	March 31, 2023 (unaudited)
Assets		
Investments, at fair value:		
Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments (amortized cost of \$1,583,865 and \$1,576,870, respectively)	\$ 1,510,372	\$ 1,479,976
Non-controlled, affiliated investments (amortized cost of \$204,248 and \$169,539, respectively)	198,084	162,785
Controlled investments (amortized cost of \$76,900)	80,006	80,591
Total investments, at fair value (amortized cost of \$1,823,309 and \$1,803,609, respectively)	1,788,462	1,723,352
Cash	11,515	96,016
Interest receivable on investments	33,200	27,333
Receivable due on investments sold and repaid	997	3,239
Prepaid expenses and other assets	608	4,552
Total assets	\$ 1,834,782	\$ 1,854,492
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
Financing arrangements (net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$8,976 and \$8,316, respectively)	\$ 976,737	\$ 1,002,396
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,344	1,075
Interest payable	8,183	7,007
Accrued management fees	6,546	6,676
Accrued subordinated incentive fee on income	4,967	6,334
Accrued administrative services expense	574	694
Share repurchases payable	67	—
Total liabilities	998,418	1,024,182
Shareholders' Equity		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized; 54,645,571 and 54,961,455 shares issued, and 54,632,827 and 54,961,455 shares outstanding, respectively	55	55
Capital in excess of par value	1,037,729	1,040,955
Accumulated distributable losses	(201,420)	(210,700)
Total shareholders' equity	836,364	830,310
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,834,782	\$ 1,854,492
Net asset value per share of common stock at end of period	\$ 15.31	\$ 15.11

CIION Investment Corporation
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,		Year Ended December 31,
	2023 (unaudited)	2022 (unaudited)	2023 (unaudited)	2022 (unaudited)	2022
Investment income					
Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments					
Interest income	\$ 47,117	\$ 31,749	\$ 89,885	\$ 62,743	\$ 140,560
Paid-in-kind interest income	4,297	4,613	9,128	9,219	22,737
Fee income	1,154	2,554	2,297	3,503	9,019
Dividend income	—	—	—	46	103
Non-controlled, affiliated investments					
Interest income	1,734	1,545	4,208	2,568	5,865
Dividend income	52	53	3,933	53	79
Paid-in-kind interest income	1,751	874	3,482	2,319	6,204
Fee income	477	13	2,397	506	525
Controlled investments					
Dividend income	—	—	4,250	—	1,275
Interest income	1,914	1,742	3,891	3,869	6,049
Paid-in-kind interest income	—	409	—	409	2,482
Total investment income	<u>58,496</u>	<u>43,552</u>	<u>123,471</u>	<u>85,235</u>	<u>194,898</u>
Operating expenses					
Management fees	6,546	6,839	13,222	13,494	27,361
Administrative services expense	910	781	1,747	1,501	3,348
Subordinated incentive fee on income	4,965	4,091	11,300	8,224	18,710
General and administrative	2,074	1,712	4,029	3,934	7,278
Interest expense	20,467	10,841	39,776	19,300	49,624
Total operating expenses	<u>34,962</u>	<u>24,264</u>	<u>70,074</u>	<u>46,453</u>	<u>106,321</u>
Net investment income before taxes	<u>23,534</u>	<u>19,288</u>	<u>53,397</u>	<u>38,782</u>	<u>88,577</u>
Income tax expense, including excise tax	118	—	123	11	372
Net investment income after taxes	<u>23,416</u>	<u>19,288</u>	<u>53,274</u>	<u>38,771</u>	<u>88,205</u>
Realized and unrealized (losses) gains					
Net realized (losses) gains on:					
Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments	(18,928)	180	(23,453)	208	(11,217)
Non-controlled, affiliated investments	—	—	—	(97)	(21,530)
Foreign currency	—	—	—	—	(3)
Net realized (losses) gains	<u>(18,928)</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>(23,453)</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>(32,750)</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:					
Non-controlled, non-affiliated investments	23,396	(17,482)	(17,690)	(24,977)	(19,807)
Non-controlled, affiliated investments	595	(1,577)	(9,695)	(5,357)	13,523
Controlled investments	(585)	(1,675)	(5,587)	(1,925)	970
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	<u>23,406</u>	<u>(20,734)</u>	<u>(32,972)</u>	<u>(32,259)</u>	<u>(5,314)</u>
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	<u>4,478</u>	<u>(20,554)</u>	<u>(56,425)</u>	<u>(32,148)</u>	<u>(38,064)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>\$ 27,894</u>	<u>\$ (1,266)</u>	<u>\$ (3,151)</u>	<u>\$ 6,623</u>	<u>\$ 50,141</u>
Per share information—basic and diluted					
Net increase (decrease) in net assets per share resulting from operations	<u>\$ 0.51</u>	<u>\$ (0.02)</u>	<u>\$ (0.06)</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.89</u>
Net investment income per share	<u>\$ 0.43</u>	<u>\$ 0.34</u>	<u>\$ 0.97</u>	<u>\$ 0.68</u>	<u>\$ 1.56</u>
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	<u>54,788,740</u>	<u>56,958,440</u>	<u>54,948,225</u>	<u>56,958,440</u>	<u>56,556,510</u>

ABOUT CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION

CION Investment Corporation is a leading publicly listed business development company that had approximately \$1.8 billion in total assets as of June 30, 2023. CION seeks to generate current income and, to a lesser extent, capital appreciation for investors by focusing primarily on senior secured loans to U.S. middle-market companies. CION is advised by CION Investment Management, LLC, a registered investment adviser and an affiliate of CION. For more information, please visit www.cionhdc.com.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release may contain forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. You can identify these statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “project,” “target,” “estimate,” “intend,” “continue,” or “believe” or the negatives thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. You should read statements that contain these words carefully because they discuss CION’s plans, strategies, prospects and expectations concerning its business, operating results, financial condition and other similar matters. These statements represent CION’s belief regarding future events that, by their nature, are uncertain and outside of CION’s control. There are likely to be events in the future, however, that CION is not able to predict accurately or control. Any forward-looking statement made by CION in this press release speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Factors or events that could cause CION’s actual results to differ, possibly materially from its expectations, include, but are not limited to, the risks, uncertainties and other factors CION identifies in the sections entitled “Risk Factors” and “Forward-Looking Statements” in filings CION makes with the SEC, and it is not possible for CION to predict or identify all of them. CION undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

OTHER INFORMATION

The information in this press release is summary information only and should be read in conjunction with CION’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which CION filed with the SEC on August 9, 2023, as well as CION’s other reports filed with the SEC. A copy of CION’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and CION’s other reports filed with the SEC can be found on CION’s website at www.cionhdc.com and the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

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CION Investment Corporation

Second Quarter 2023
Earnings Presentation



Disclosures and Forward-Looking Statements

The information contained in this earnings presentation should be viewed in conjunction with the earnings conference call of CION Investment Corporation (NYSE: CION) (“CION” or the “Corporation”) on August 9, 2023 as well as the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on August 9, 2023. The information contained herein may not be used, reproduced or distributed to others, in whole or in part, for any other purpose without the prior written consent of the Company.

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Selected Financial Highlights

(\$ in millions)	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022
Investment portfolio, at fair value ⁽¹⁾	\$1,688	\$1,657	\$1,749	\$1,797
Total debt outstanding ⁽²⁾	\$986	\$1,011	\$958	\$958
Net assets	\$836	\$830	\$884	\$915
Debt-to-equity	1.18x	1.22x	1.08x	1.05x
Net debt-to-equity	1.04x	1.02x	0.98x	0.99x
Total investment income	\$58.5	\$65.0	\$55.5	\$54.2
Net investment income	\$23.4	\$29.9	\$23.9	\$25.6
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	\$4.5	(\$60.9)	(\$14.4)	\$8.4
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$27.9	(\$31.0)	\$9.5	\$34.0
Per Share Data				
Net asset value per share	\$15.31	\$15.11	\$15.98	\$16.26
Net investment income per share	\$0.43	\$0.54	\$0.43	\$0.45
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) per share	\$0.08	(\$1.10)	(\$0.26)	\$0.15
Earnings per share	\$0.51	(\$0.56)	\$0.17	\$0.60
Distributions declared per share ⁽³⁾	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.58	\$0.31

(1) The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments.

(2) Total debt outstanding excludes netting of debt issuance costs. Please refer to page 10 for debt net of issuance costs.

(3) Includes a special distribution of \$0.27 per share during the quarter ended December 31, 2022.

Second Quarter and Other Highlights – Ended June 30, 2023

- Net investment income and earnings per share for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 were \$0.43 per share and \$0.51 per share, respectively;
- Net asset value per share was \$15.31 as of June 30, 2023 compared to \$15.11 as of March 31, 2023. The increase was primarily due to the Company out e for the period and mark-to-market adjustments to the Company's portfolio;
- As of June 30, 2023, the Company had \$986 million of total principal amount of debt outstanding, of which 71% was comprised of senior secured bar comprised of unsecured debt. The Company's net debt-to-equity ratio was 1.04x as of June 30, 2023 compared to 1.02x as of March 31, 2023;
- As of June 30, 2023, the Company had total investments at fair value of \$1,688 million in 112 portfolio companies across 24 industries. The investment po of 89.3% senior secured loans, including 87.0% in first lien investments;¹
- During the quarter, the Company funded new investment commitments of \$62 million, funded previously unfunded commitments of \$8 million, and had : totaling \$55 million, resulting in a net increase to the Company's funded portfolio of \$15 million;
- As of June 30, 2023, investments on non-accrual status amounted to 1.7% and 4.8% of the total investment portfolio at fair value and amortized cost, resp
- During the quarter, the Company repurchased 328,628 shares of its common stock under its 10b5-1 trading plan at an average price of \$9.81 per share | amount of \$3.2 million. Through June 30, 2023, the Company repurchased a total of 2,325,622 shares of its common stock under its 10b5-1 trading plan : \$9.57 per share for a total repurchase amount of \$22.3 million, and;
- During the quarter, the Company amended its senior secured credit facilities with JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association and UBS AG to, among oth maturity dates for one year to May 2025 and November 2024, respectively.

DISTRIBUTIONS

- For the quarter ended June 30, 2023, the Company paid a regular quarterly distribution totaling \$18.6 million, or \$0.34 per share; and
- On August 7, 2023, the Company's co-chief executive officers declared (i) a third quarter 2023 regular distribution of \$0.34 per share payable on Se shareholders of record as of September 1, 2023 and (ii) a supplemental distribution of \$0.05 per share for both the third and fourth quarters of 2023, pa 2023 and January 15, 2024, respectively, to shareholders of record as of September 29, 2023 and December 29, 2023, respectively.



⁽¹⁾ The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments.

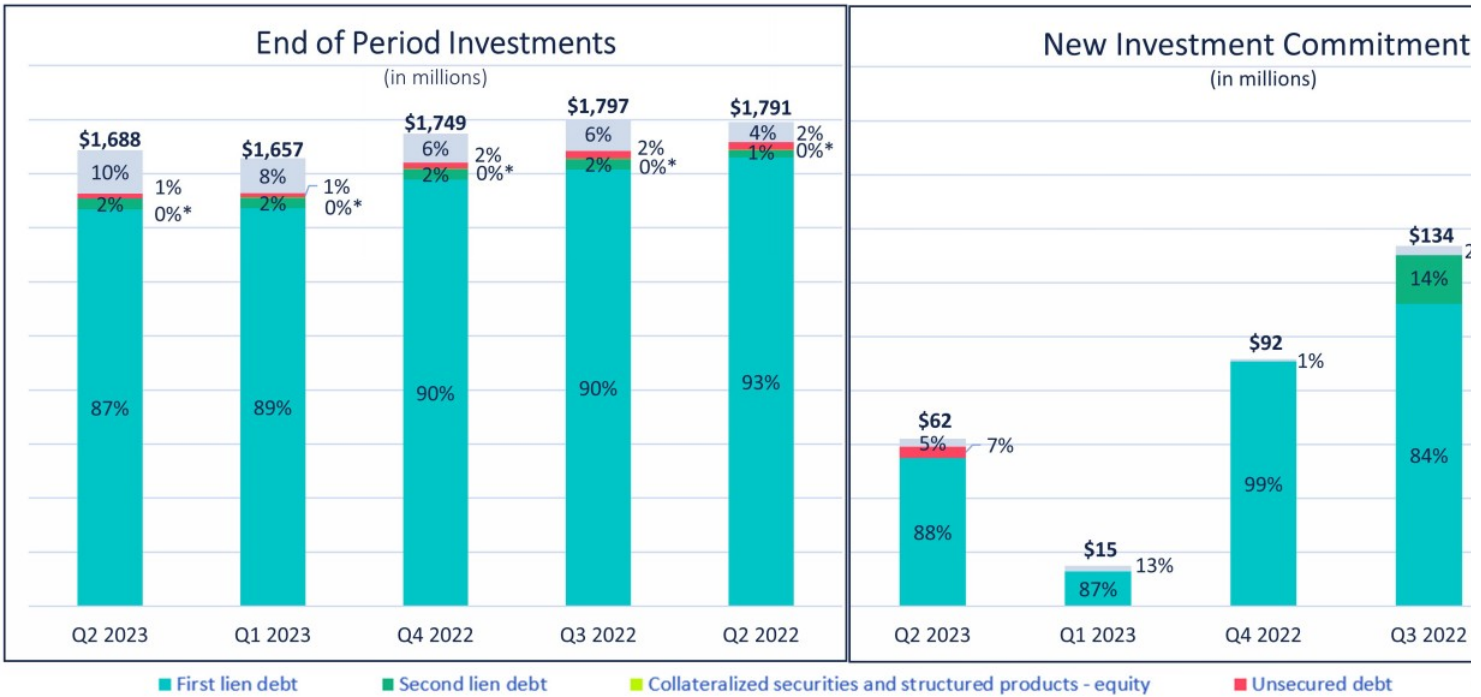
Investment Activity

- New investment commitments for the quarter were \$62 million, all of which were funded.
- New investment commitments were made across 4 new and 8 existing portfolio companies.
- Fundings of previously unfunded commitments for the quarter were \$8 million.
- Sales and repayments totaled \$55 million for the quarter, which included the full repayment of the investment in 1 portfolio company.

(\$ in millions)	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022
New investment commitments	\$62	\$15	\$92	\$134
Funded	\$62	\$14	\$83	\$127
Unfunded	\$0	\$1	\$9	\$7
Fundings of previously unfunded commitments	\$8	\$9	\$16	\$14
Repayments	(\$53)	(\$57)	(\$102)	(\$143)
Sales	(\$2)	(\$9)	(\$42)	(\$12)
Net funded investment activity	\$15	(\$43)	(\$46)	(\$14)
Total Portfolio Companies	112	109	113	119

The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments. Unfunded commitments are generally subject to borrowers meeting certain criteria such as compliance with covenants and operational metrics. These amounts may remain outstanding until the commitment period of an applicable loan expires, which may be shorter than the loan's maturity date.

Portfolio Asset Composition



* Less than 1%.

The discussion of the investment portfolio is at fair value and excludes short term investments.

Credit Quality of Investments

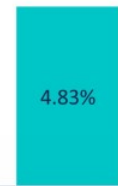
INTERNAL INVESTMENT RISK RATINGS⁽¹⁾ (% of Total Portfolio, Fair Value)

Higher Credit Quality
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Lower Credit Quality

Rating	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022
1	1.9%	0.1%	1.4%	3.5%	7.3%
2	86.6%	85.1%	81.5%	84.7%	82.8%
3	10.7%	11.3%	14.9%	11.4%	8.4%
4	0.5%	1.9%	2.2%	0.4%	1.5%
5	0.3%	1.6%	0.0%*	0.0%*	0.0%*
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

* - Less than 1%.

Q2 2023 NON-ACCF



Amortized Cost

Internal Investment Risk Rating Definitions

Rating Definition

- 1 Indicates the least amount of risk to our initial cost basis. The trends and risk factors for this investment since origination or acquisition are generally favorable, which may include the performance of the portfolio company or a potential exit.
- 2 Indicates a level of risk to our initial cost basis that is similar to the risk to our initial cost basis at the time of origination or acquisition. This portfolio company is generally performing in accordance with our analysis of its business and the full return of principal and interest or dividend is expected.
- 3 **Indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the cost of such investment has increased since origination or acquisition, but full return of principal and interest or dividend is still expected. A portfolio company with an investment rating of 3 requires closer monitoring.**
- 4 Indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the cost of such investment has increased significantly since origination or acquisition, including as a result of factors such as declining performance and non-compliance with covenants. We expect some loss of interest, dividend or capital appreciation, but still expect an overall positive internal rate of return on the investment.
- 5 Indicates that the risk to our ability to recoup the cost of such investment has increased materially since origination or acquisition and the portfolio company likely has materially declining performance. Loss of interest or dividend and some loss of principal investment is expected, which would result in an overall negative internal rate of return on the investment.

(1) The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments.

Portfolio Summary

Portfolio Characteristics (as of June 30, 2023)

Investment Portfolio

Total investments and unfunded commitments	\$1,744.1 million
Unfunded commitments	\$56.4 million
Investments at fair value	\$1,687.7 million
Yield on debt and other income producing investments at amortized cost ⁽¹⁾	12.38%
Yield on performing loans at amortized cost ⁽¹⁾	13.10%
Yield on total investments at amortized cost	11.45%

Portfolio Companies

Number of portfolio companies	112
Weighted average leverage (net debt/EBITDA) ⁽²⁾	4.83x
Weighted average interest coverage ⁽²⁾	2.00x
Median EBITDA ⁽³⁾	\$35.0 million

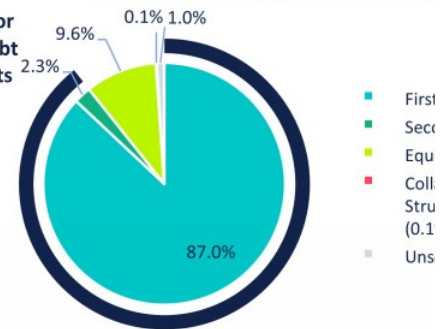
Industry Diversification⁽⁴⁾

Industry	% of Investment Portfolio
Services: Business	18.0%
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	14.0%
Media: Diversified & Production	7.3%
Media: Advertising, Printing & Publishing	6.5%
Services: Consumer	6.3%
Other (≤ 4.8% each)	47.9%

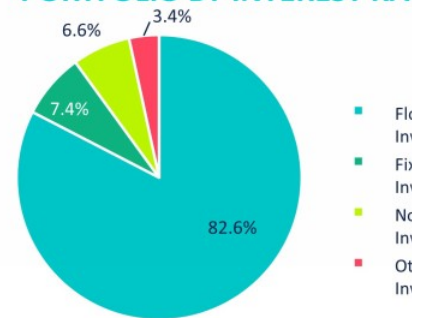
(1) See endnote 4 in our press release filed with the SEC on August 9, 2023. (2) See endnote 5 in our press release filed with the SEC on August 9, 2023. (3) See endnote 6 in our press release filed with the SEC on August 9, 2023. (4) The discussion of the investment portfolio excludes short term investments.

PORTFOLIO BY SECURITY

89.3% Senior Secured Debt Investments



PORTFOLIO BY INTEREST RATE



Quarterly Operating Results

All figures in thousands, except share and per share data	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022
Investment income				
Interest income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 56,813	\$ 53,781	\$ 53,238	\$ 49,532
Dividend income	52	8,131	1,288	70
Fee income	1,631	3,063	974	4,561
Total investment income	\$ 58,496	\$ 64,975	\$ 55,500	\$ 54,163
Expenses				
Management fees	\$ 6,546	\$ 6,676	\$ 6,925	\$ 6,942
Interest and other debt expenses	20,467	19,309	16,855	13,469
Incentive fees	4,965	6,335	5,065	5,421
Other operating expenses	2,984	2,792	2,431	2,760
Total expenses before taxes	\$ 34,962	\$ 35,112	\$ 31,276	\$ 28,592
Income tax expense, including excise tax	118	5	347	14
Net investment income after taxes	\$ 23,416	\$ 29,858	\$ 23,877	\$ 25,557
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)				
Net realized (loss) gain	\$ (18,928)	\$ (4,525)	\$ (15,692)	\$ (17,169)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	23,406	(56,378)	1,350	25,595
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	\$ 4,478	\$ (60,903)	\$ (14,342)	\$ 8,426
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 27,894	\$ (31,045)	\$ 9,535	\$ 33,983
Per share data				
Net investment income	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.45
Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	\$ 0.08	\$ (1.10)	\$ (0.26)	\$ 0.15
Earnings per share	\$ 0.51	\$ (0.56)	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.60
Distributions declared per share ⁽²⁾	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.31
Weighted average shares outstanding	54,788,740	55,109,482	55,505,248	56,816,992
Shares outstanding, end of period	54,632,827	54,961,455	55,299,484	56,262,964



(1) Includes certain prepayment fees, exit fees and paid-in-kind interest income.

(2) Includes a special distribution of \$0.27 per share during the quarter ended December 31, 2022.

Quarterly Balance Sheet

All figures in thousands, except per share data and asset coverage ratio	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022
Assets				
Investments, at fair value	\$1,788,462	\$1,723,352	\$1,760,030	\$1,807,048
Cash	11,515	96,016	82,739	43,661
Interest receivable on investments	33,200	27,333	26,526	26,976
Receivable due on investments sold	997	3,239	1,016	7,146
Dividend receivable on investments	-	-	1,275	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	608	4,552	825	841
Total Assets	\$1,834,782	\$1,854,492	\$1,872,411	\$1,885,672
Liabilities & Net Assets				
Financing arrangements (net of debt issuance costs) ⁽¹⁾	\$976,737	\$1,002,396	\$951,322	\$950,486
Payable for investments purchased	-	-	-	-
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,344	1,075	1,012	1,853
Interest payable	8,183	7,007	7,820	5,143
Accrued management fees	6,546	6,676	6,924	6,943
Accrued subordinated incentive fee on income	4,967	6,334	5,065	5,421
Accrued administrative services expense	574	694	1,703	604
Share repurchase payable	67	-	-	316
Shareholder distribution payable	-	-	14,931	-
Total Liabilities	\$998,418	\$1,024,182	\$988,777	\$970,766
Total Net Assets	\$836,364	\$830,310	\$883,634	\$914,906
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,834,782	\$1,854,492	\$1,872,411	\$1,885,672
Net Asset Value per share	\$15.31	\$15.11	\$15.98	\$16.26
Asset coverage ratio⁽²⁾	1.85	1.82	1.92	1.96

(1) The Company had debt issuance costs of \$8,976 as of June 30, 2023, \$8,316 as of March 31, 2023, \$6,178 as of December 31, 2022, \$7,014 as of September 30, 2022 and \$7,849 as of June 30, 2022.

(2) Asset coverage ratio is equal to (i) the sum of (a) net assets at the end of the period and (b) total senior securities outstanding at the end of the period (excluding unfunded commitments) divided by (c) total senior securities outstanding at the end of the period.

Q2 2023 Net Asset Value Bridge

Per Share Data



Debt Summary

\$125 million in available capacity within existing senior secured facilities

DEBT SCHEDULE (*\$ in millions*)

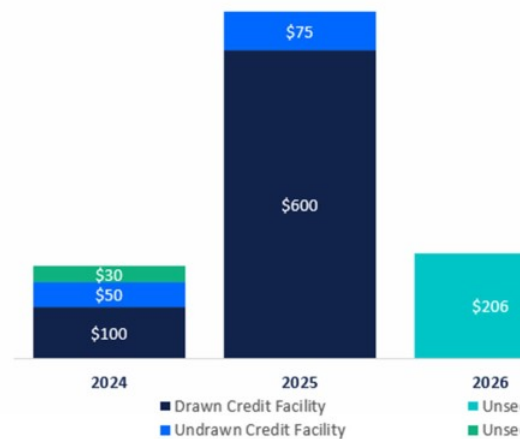
	Total Commitment Amount	Principal Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
JPM Credit Facility	\$675	\$600	S + 3.20% ⁽²⁾	5/15/2025
UBS Facility	150	100	S + 3.53% ⁽³⁾	11/19/2024
Unsecured Notes, 2026 ⁽¹⁾	125	125	4.50%	2/11/2026
Series A Unsecured Notes, 2026 ⁽¹⁾	81	81	S + 3.82%	8/31/2026
2022 Unsecured Term Loan ⁽¹⁾	50	50	S + 3.50%	4/27/2027
2021 Unsecured Term Loan ⁽¹⁾	30	30	5.20%	9/30/2024
Total Debt	\$1,111	\$986	7.9%	

(1) Investment grade credit rating.

(2) Bears interest at a rate of SOFR + 3.05% and a LIBOR to SOFR credit spread adjustment of 0.15%.

(3) Will bear interest at a rate of SOFR + 3.20% commencing November 19, 2023.

DEBT MATURITIES (*\$ in millions*)



Distribution Per Share and Distribution Coverage

	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
Net Investment Income (per share)	\$0.35	\$0.32	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.45	\$0.43	\$0.54	\$0.43
Distribution (per share)	\$0.26	\$0.46(1)	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.31	\$0.58(1)	\$0.34	\$0.34
Distribution coverage	1.32x	0.70x	1.21x	1.21x	1.45x	0.74x	1.59x	1.26x



(1) Includes special distributions of \$0.20 per share and \$0.27 per share during Q4 2021 and Q4 2022, respectively.



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