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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

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100 Park Avenue, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017

April 30, 2026

Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Meeting”) of CION Investment Corporation (the “Company”) to be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting, which will be conducted via live webcast.

The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials you received and our proxy statement describe the matters on the agenda for the Meeting. Please read these materials so that you will know what we intend to act on at the Meeting. At the Meeting, you will be asked to:

- (i) elect two directors of the Company for three-year terms expiring in 2029, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and
- (ii) ratify the selection of RSM US LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

**Your vote is extremely important to us.** If you will not vote at the Meeting virtually, we urge you to vote by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by Internet or telephone. On the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, you also will find instructions on how to request a hard copy of the proxy statement and proxy card free of charge, and you may vote your proxy by returning a proxy card to us after you request the hard copy materials.

On behalf of management and the Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support of the Company.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Mark Gatto in black ink.

Mark Gatto  
Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors

Handwritten signature of Michael A. Reisner in black ink.

Michael A. Reisner  
Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS TO VOTE VIA THE INTERNET OR TELEPHONE, OR REQUEST, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN A PROXY CARD TO CAST YOUR VOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.**

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**CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**100 PARK AVENUE, 25<sup>th</sup> FLOOR**  
**NEW YORK, NY 10017**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**  
**TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON JUNE 25, 2026**

To the Shareholders of CION Investment Corporation:

Notice is hereby given to the holders of shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Shares”), of CION Investment Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the “Company”), that the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Meeting”) will be held virtually on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting, which will be conducted via live webcast. You will be able to attend the Meeting online and submit your questions during the Meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026).

The Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

1. To elect two directors of the Company, who will each serve for a term of three years expiring in 2029, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and
2. To ratify the selection of RSM US LLP to serve as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2026.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, INCLUDING EACH OF THE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS, UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” EACH OF THE PROPOSALS LISTED ABOVE.**

The close of business on April 30, 2026 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**Your vote is extremely important to us.** For instructions on how to attend and vote your Shares virtually at the Meeting, see the information in the accompanying proxy statement under the heading “Attending the Meeting and Other Voting Options”. If you will not vote at the Meeting virtually, we urge you to vote by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by Internet or telephone. On the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, you also will find instructions on how to request a hard copy of the proxy statement and proxy card free of charge, and you may vote your proxy by returning a proxy card to us by mail after you request and receive the hard copy materials. In the event there are not sufficient votes for a quorum or to approve any of the proposals listed above, the Meeting may be postponed or adjourned in order to permit further solicitation of proxies by the Company.

**The proxy statement and the Company’s annual report to shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2025 (the “Annual Report”) are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Such Annual Report is also available at [www.cionbdc.com](http://www.cionbdc.com).**

By Order of the Board of Directors,



Stephen Roman,  
Corporate Secretary

New York, New York  
April 30, 2026

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CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION

100 PARK AVENUE, 25<sup>th</sup> FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10017

**PROXY STATEMENT  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON JUNE 25, 2026**

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors (the “Board” and each member thereof, a “Director” and collectively, the “Directors”) of CION Investment Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the “Company”), for use at the Company’s 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Meeting”) to be held virtually on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, or at any and all adjournments or postponements thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders dated April 30, 2026 (the “Notice”). The Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting, which will be conducted via live webcast. You will be able to attend the Meeting online and submit your questions during the Meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026).

You may vote your shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Shares”), at the Meeting only if you were a shareholder of record at the close of business on the record date. The Board has fixed the close of business on April 30, 2026 as the record date (the “Record Date”) for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting. As of the Record Date, the Company had 49,789,210 Shares outstanding.

The Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

1. To elect two directors of the Company, who will each serve for a term of three years expiring in 2029, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified (the “Class II Director Proposal”); and
2. To ratify the selection of RSM US LLP to serve as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2026 (the “Auditors Proposal”).

You or your proxyholder can participate, vote and examine our shareholder list at the virtual Meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026) and using the 16-digit control number included in your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. We are furnishing proxy materials to our shareholders on the Internet, rather than mailing printed copies of those materials to each shareholder. If you received a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials unless you request them. Instead, the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials will instruct you as to how you may access and review the proxy materials, and vote your proxy via the Internet, telephone or by mail. If a form of proxy is properly executed and returned in time to be voted at the Meeting, the Shares covered thereby will be voted at the Meeting in accordance with the instructions marked thereon. All properly executed proxies received by the Board that do not specify how Shares should be voted will be voted “FOR” each of the above Proposals, and in the discretion of the persons named as proxies in connection with any other matter that may properly come before the Meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. A shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke such proxy any time before it is exercised by (i) attending and voting virtually at the Meeting, (ii) giving written notice of such revocation to the Secretary of the Company, or (iii) returning a properly executed, later-dated proxy. You will be eligible to vote your shares electronically via the Internet, telephone, or by mail by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

**This proxy statement and the Company’s annual report to shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2025 (the “Annual Report”) are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Such Annual Report is also available at [www.cionbdc.com](http://www.cionbdc.com).**

**Quorum Required**

A quorum must be present at the Meeting for any business to be conducted. Under the Company’s Bylaws, one-third of the number of Shares entitled to be cast, present virtually or by proxy, constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Shareholders of the Company are entitled to one vote for each Share held. Abstentions, withheld votes, and broker “non-votes” (that is, proxies from brokers or nominees indicating that such persons have not received instructions from the beneficial owner or other persons entitled to vote shares on a particular matter with respect to which the brokers or nominees do not have discretionary power) will be treated as Shares that are present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for transacting business at the Meeting. However, abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as votes cast.

The Chairman of the Meeting or the shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting, present virtually or by proxy, shall have the power to adjourn the Meeting from time to time, which would include the ability to adjourn the Meeting to a date not more than 120 days after the Record Date without notice other than the announcement at the Meeting of the future date, time and location of the reconvened Meeting. Any business that might have been transacted at the Meeting originally called may be transacted at any such adjourned session(s) at which a quorum is present. If sufficient votes in favor of one or more proposals have been received, such proposals can be acted upon, and such actions will be final, regardless of any subsequent adjournment to consider other proposals.

## Voting

Shareholders are entitled to cast one vote for each Share held and fractional votes for each fractional Share held. The table below provides a summary of the vote required for each proposal, with additional discussion thereafter:

Proposal	Vote Allowed and Impact	Vote Required
Proposal 1 – Class II Director Proposal	<p>Each Share may be voted for each of the Director nominees. Votes that are withheld will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on this proposal. Shares represented by broker non-votes are also not considered votes cast and thus have no effect on this proposal.</p> <p>Proxies received will be voted “FOR” the election of the Director nominees named in this Proxy Statement unless shareholders designate otherwise.</p>	Each Director shall be elected by a plurality of all the votes cast at the Meeting virtually or by proxy (i.e., more votes for the Director than any other option for the position), provided that a quorum is present.
Proposal 2 – Auditors Proposal	You may vote for or against or abstain from voting on the Auditors Proposal. Abstentions will not count as votes cast and thus have no effect on this proposal. Because brokers will have discretionary authority to vote for the Auditors Proposal in the event that they do not receive voting instructions from the beneficial owner of the Shares, there will not be any broker non-votes with respect to this proposal.	Approval of the Auditors Proposal requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting virtually or by proxy, provided that a quorum is present.

**Class II Director Proposal:** The Directors shall be elected by a plurality of all the votes cast at the Meeting (i.e., more votes for the Director than any other option for the position), provided that a quorum is present. Each Share may be voted for each of the Director nominees. Proxies received will be voted “FOR” the election of the Director nominees named herein unless shareholders designate otherwise. Votes that are withheld will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on this proposal. Shares represented by broker non-votes are also not considered votes cast and thus have no effect on this proposal. As a result, if you hold Shares in “street name” through a broker, bank or other nominee, your broker, bank or nominee will not be permitted to exercise voting discretion with respect to the Class II Director Proposal. Therefore, if you do not vote and you do not give your broker or other nominee specific instructions on how to vote for you, then your Shares will have no effect on the Class II Director Proposal.

**Auditors Proposal:** The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting virtually or by proxy is required to ratify the appointment of RSM US LLP to serve as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. Abstentions will not be included in determining the number of votes cast and, as a result, will not have any effect on the result of the vote. Because brokers will have discretionary authority to vote for the ratification of the appointment of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm in the event that they do not receive voting instructions from the beneficial owner of the Shares, there will not be any broker non-votes with respect to this proposal. As a result, if you beneficially own your Shares and you do not provide your broker, bank or nominee with voting instructions, then your broker, bank or nominee will be able to vote your Shares for you on the Auditors Proposal.

## Attending the Meeting and Other Voting Options

The Company will be hosting the Meeting live via audio webcast. Any shareholder can attend the Meeting live online at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CIION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CIION2026). If you were a shareholder as of the Record Date, or you hold a valid proxy for the Meeting, you can vote at the Meeting. A summary of the information you need to attend the Meeting online is provided below:

- Instructions on how to attend and participate via the Internet, including how to demonstrate proof of Share ownership, are posted at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CIION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CIION2026);
- Assistance with questions regarding how to attend and participate via the Internet will be provided at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CIION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CIION2026) on the day of the Meeting;
- Webcast starts at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time;
- You will need your 16-digit control number to enter the Meeting via the Internet; and
- Shareholders may submit questions while attending the Meeting via the Internet.

To attend and participate in the Meeting virtually, you will need the 16-digit control number included on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If your Shares are held in “street name,” you should contact your bank or broker to obtain your 16-digit control number or otherwise vote through your bank or broker. If you lose your 16-digit control number, you may join the Meeting as a “Guest”, but you will not be able to vote, ask questions or access the list of shareholders as of the Record Date. The Company will have technicians ready to assist with any technical difficulties that shareholders may have accessing the virtual meeting website. If you encounter any difficulties accessing the virtual meeting website during the check-in or Meeting time, please call the technical support number that will be posted on the Meeting login page.

If you will not vote at the Meeting virtually, please vote by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by Internet or telephone. On the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, you also will find instructions on how to request a hard copy of the proxy statement and proxy card free of charge, and you may vote your proxy by returning a proxy card to us by mail after you request and receive the hard copy materials. To vote by internet or telephone, please use the control number and follow the instructions as described on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If a proxy is submitted and received prior to the Meeting and has not been revoked, the Shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with the instructions marked on the returned proxy or, if no instructions are marked, the proxy will be voted “FOR” the proposals and in the discretion of the persons named as proxies in connection with any other matter that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. If you have any questions regarding the proxy materials, please contact the Company at 800-343-3736.

Shareholders, other than those who hold Shares through a Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Ltd. (“TASE”) member, may provide their voting instructions through the Internet, by telephone or by mail by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. These options require shareholders to input their specific control number as discussed above, which is provided with the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If you vote using the Internet, after visiting [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and inputting your control number, you will be prompted to provide your voting instructions. Shareholders will have an opportunity to review their voting instructions and make any necessary changes before submitting them and terminating their Internet link. Shareholders who vote via the Internet, in addition to confirming their voting instructions prior to submission, will receive upon request an e-mail confirming their instructions.

Shares held by a TASE member cannot be voted during the Meeting. If your Shares are held by a TASE member and you wish to vote your Shares, you must complete, sign and date the form of proxy card that the Company filed via MAGNA and attach to it an ownership certificate from the TASE member through which your Shares are registered (i.e., your broker, bank or other nominee) indicating that you were the beneficial owner of the Shares on the Record Date, the record date for voting, and return the proxy card along with the ownership certificate to the Company’s Israeli counsel, Goldfarb Gross Seligman & Co. (“Goldfarb”), c/o Hod Mimum, 98 Yigal Alon Street, 44th Floor, Tel Aviv 6789141, Israel (email: [hod.mimum@goldfarb.com](mailto:hod.mimum@goldfarb.com)). The proxy card and ownership certificate must be received no later than June 21, 2026 to be included in the tally of Shares voted.

However, if your Shares are held by a TASE member, you may participate and ask questions during the Meeting even if you cannot vote your Shares. In order to participate and ask questions (but not vote your Shares) during the

Meeting, you will need to obtain from your TASE member an executed ownership certificate, signed by your TASE member with respect to the Record Date, and e-mail the executed form to Goldfarb, c/o Hod Mimum, 98 Yigal Alon Street, 44th Floor, Tel Aviv 6789141, Israel (email: [hod.mimun@goldfarb.com](mailto:hod.mimun@goldfarb.com)), no later than the close of business in Israel on June 21, 2026. Once Goldfarb has received your properly executed certificate, Goldfarb will e-mail you a control number that you can use to enter the Meeting at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026).

If a shareholder, other than those who hold Shares through a TASE member, wishes to participate in the Meeting, but does not wish to give a proxy by Internet, the shareholder may attend the Meeting in person (virtually) and vote at the Meeting or request and submit a proxy card by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

The Company combines mailings for multiple accounts going to a single household by delivering to that address in a single envelope a copy of the document (annual reports, prospectuses, proxy statements, Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, etc.) or other communications for all accounts who have consented or are deemed to have consented to receiving such communications in such manner in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). If you do not want the Company to continue consolidating your mailings and would prefer to receive separate mailings of Company communications, or you are now receiving multiple copies of these documents and would like to receive a single copy in the future, please contact the Company's transfer agent, SS&C Technologies, Inc. at (800) 343-3736 or send mail to CION Investment Corporation, c/o SS&C Technologies, Inc., 430 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 25, 2026**

This Proxy Statement and the other proxy materials are available online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) (please have the control number found on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials ready when you visit this website).

#### **Proxy Solicitation**

It is expected that the solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail. The Company's officers, personnel of CION Investment Management, LLC, the Company's investment adviser ("CIM"), and any authorized proxy solicitation agent, may also solicit proxies by telephone, internet or in person. If the Company records votes through the internet or by telephone, it will use procedures designed to authenticate shareholders' identities, to allow shareholders to authorize the voting of their Shares in accordance with their instructions and to confirm that their identities and votes have been properly recorded. The Company has requested that brokers, nominees, fiduciaries, and other persons holding Shares in their names, or in the name of their nominees, which are beneficially owned by others, forward the proxy materials to, and obtain proxies from, such beneficial owners. The Company will reimburse such persons for their reasonable expenses in so doing.

The Company will pay the expenses associated with this proxy statement and solicitation. The Company has engaged Broadridge Financial Services, Inc., an independent proxy solicitation firm, to assist in the solicitation of proxies for an estimated fee of approximately \$50,000, plus out-of-pocket expenses, all of which will be paid by the Company.

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT AND CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth, as of the Record Date, the beneficial ownership of the nominees for Director, the Company's executive officers and Directors, each person known to the Company to beneficially own 5% or more of the outstanding Shares, and all of the Company's executive officers and Directors as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to the securities or has the right to acquire such powers within 60 days. Ownership information for those persons who beneficially own 5% or more of the Company's Shares is based upon filings by such persons with the SEC, information furnished by the Company's transfer agent and other information obtained from such persons, if available.

Unless otherwise indicated, the Company believes that each beneficial owner set forth in the table has sole voting and investment power and has the same address as the Company. The Company's address is 100 Park Avenue, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Owned Beneficially <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Class <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Interested Directors:</b>		
Mark Gatto <sup>(3)</sup>	45,424.38	*
Michael A. Reisner <sup>(4)</sup>	46,474.38	*
<b>Independent Directors:</b>		
Robert A. Breakstone <sup>(5)</sup>	18,255.31	*
Peter I. Finlay <sup>(6)</sup>	2,750.00	*
Aron I. Schwartz <sup>(7)</sup>	2,000.00	*
Earl V. Hedin <sup>(8)</sup>	7,888.56	*
Catherine K. Choi	2,000.00	*
Edward J. Estrada	3,695.00	*
<b>Executive Officers:</b>		
Keith S. Franz <sup>(9)</sup>	101,748.88	*
Gregg A. Bresner <sup>(10)</sup>	64,599.00	*
Stephen Roman <sup>(11)</sup>	14,942.67	*
Eric A. Pinero <sup>(12)</sup>	11,011.25	*
<b>All Executive Officers and Directors as a group (12 persons)</b>	<b>320,789.43</b>	<b>*</b>

\* Less than 1%.

(1) Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

(2) Based on a total of 49,789,210 Shares outstanding on April 30, 2026.

(3) Mr. Gatto is the record holder of 10,905 Shares, and CION Investment Group, LLC ("CIG") is the record holder of 62,598.77 Shares that includes 5,932.67 Shares acquired under the Company's distribution reinvestment plan. Messrs. Gatto and Reisner control CIG and, as a result, may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owners of the Shares held by CIG. As permitted by Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Exchange Act, Mr. Gatto disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares held by CIG except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. Also includes (i) 3,070 Shares held by the Gatto Living Trust in which Mr. Gatto, as Co-Trustee of the Gatto Living Trust, may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares held by the Gatto Living Trust, (ii) 50 Shares held for A.G., the child of Mr. Gatto, through a custodial account established pursuant to the Uniform Transfer to Minors Act (the "UTMA") for which Mr. Gatto serves as custodian, (iii) 50 Shares held for G.G., the child of Mr. Gatto, through a custodial account established pursuant to the UTMA for which Mr. Gatto serves as custodian, and (iv) 50 Shares held for M.G., the child of Mr. Gatto, through a custodial account established pursuant to the UTMA for which Mr. Gatto serves as custodian.

(4) Mr. Reisner is the record holder of 15,175 Shares, and CIG is the record holder of 62,598.77 Shares that includes 5,932.67 Shares acquired under the Company's distribution reinvestment plan. Messrs. Gatto and Reisner control CIG and, as a result, may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owners of the Shares held by CIG. As permitted by Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Exchange Act, Mr. Reisner disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares held by CIG except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(5) Includes 6,360.31 Shares acquired under the Company's distribution reinvestment plan. An individual retirement account ("IRA") is the record holder of these Shares. Mr. Breakstone is the indirect beneficial owner with sole voting and investment power with respect to the Shares held by the IRA.

(6) A self-employed pension plan is the record holder of these Shares. Mr. Finlay is the indirect beneficial owner with sole voting and investment power with respect to the Shares held by the self-employed pension plan.

(7) An IRA is the record holder of these Shares. Mr. Schwartz is the indirect beneficial owner with sole voting and investment power with respect to the Shares held by the IRA. On April 17, 2026, Mr. Schwartz, a Class II Independent Director, notified the Board that he would not stand for

re-election to the Board at the Meeting and will depart from the Board and the Board committees on which he serves effective as of the date of the Meeting. Mr. Schwartz will continue to serve as a Director and a member of the Audit Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Compensation Committee until the date of the Meeting.

- (8) Includes 4,037.69 Shares acquired under the Company's distribution reinvestment plan. An IRA is the record holder of these Shares. Mr. Hedin is the indirect beneficial owner with sole voting and investment power with respect to the Shares held by the IRA.
- (9) Mr. Franz is the record holder of 97,307.27 Shares that includes 28,592.27 Shares acquired under the Company's distribution reinvestment plan, and an IRA is the record holder of 4,441.61 Shares that includes 1,941.61 Shares acquired under the Company's distribution reinvestment plan. Mr. Franz is the indirect beneficial owner with sole voting and investment power with respect to the Shares held by the IRA.
- (10) Mr. Bresner is the record holder of 50,099 Shares and certain IRAs are the record holder of 14,500 Shares. Mr. Bresner is the indirect beneficial owner with sole voting and investment power with respect to the Shares held by the IRAs.
- (11) Includes 5,052.67 Shares acquired under the Company's distribution reinvestment plan.
- (12) Includes 3,721.25 Shares acquired under the Company's distribution reinvestment plan.

### **DOLLAR RANGE OF SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY DIRECTORS**

Set forth in the table below is the dollar range of equity securities of the Company beneficially owned by each Director as of the Record Date.

<b>Name of Director</b>	<b>Dollar Range of Equity Securities Beneficially Owned in the Company<sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup></b>
<b><u>Independent Directors:</u></b>	
Robert A. Breakstone	\$100,001 – \$500,000
Peter I. Finlay	\$10,001 – \$50,000
Aron I. Schwartz	\$10,001 – \$50,000
Earl V. Hedin	\$50,001 – \$100,000
Catherine K. Choi	\$10,001 – \$50,000
Edward J. Estrada	\$10,001 – \$50,000
<b><u>Interested Directors:</u></b>	
Mark Gatto	\$100,001 – \$500,000
Michael A. Reisner	\$100,001 – \$500,000

- (1) The dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned are as follows: None, \$1—\$10,000, \$10,001—\$50,000, \$50,001—\$100,000, \$100,001—\$500,000, \$500,001—\$1,000,000, or over \$1,000,000.
- (2) The dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned in the Company is based on the closing price for the Company's common stock of \$7.76 on April 30, 2026 on the NYSE.
- (3) Beneficial ownership determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) under the Exchange Act.

**What is the date of the Meeting and where will it be held?**

The Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting, which will be conducted via live webcast.

**What will I be voting on at the Meeting?**

The Company has proposed for shareholder approval proposals for the election of two Class II Directors, or the Class II Director Proposal, and the ratification of RSM US LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2026, or the Auditors Proposal. Please see the list of Proposals above and the detailed discussions of each Proposal below for more information.

**Who can vote at the Meeting?**

The Record Date for the determination of holders of Shares entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting, or any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting, is the close of business on April 30, 2026. As of the Record Date, approximately 49,789,210 Shares were issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

**How many votes do I have?**

Shareholders are entitled to cast one vote for each Share held and fractional votes for each fractional Share held.

**How may I vote?**

The Company will be hosting the Meeting live via audio webcast. Any shareholder can attend the Meeting live online at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026). If you were a shareholder as of the Record Date, or you hold a valid proxy for the Meeting, you can vote at the Meeting. A summary of the information you need to attend the Meeting online is provided below:

- Instructions on how to attend and participate via the Internet, including how to demonstrate proof of Share ownership, are posted at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026);
- Assistance with questions regarding how to attend and participate via the Internet will be provided at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026) on the day of the Meeting;
- Webcast starts at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time;
- You will need your 16-digit control number to enter the Meeting via the Internet; and
- Shareholders may submit questions while attending the Meeting via the Internet.

To attend and participate in the Meeting virtually, you will need the 16-digit control number included on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If your Shares are held in "street name," you should contact your bank or broker to obtain your 16-digit control number or otherwise vote through your bank or broker. If you lose your 16-digit control number, you may join the Meeting as a "Guest", but you will not be able to vote, ask questions or access the list of shareholders as of the Record Date. The Company will have technicians ready to assist with any technical difficulties that shareholders may have accessing the virtual meeting website. If you encounter any difficulties accessing the virtual meeting website during the check-in or Meeting time, please call the technical support number that will be posted on the Meeting login page.

If you will not vote at the Meeting virtually, please vote by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by Internet or telephone. On the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, you also will find instructions on how to request a hard copy of the proxy statement and proxy card free of charge, and you may vote your proxy by returning a proxy card to us by mail after you request and receive the hard copy materials. To vote by internet or telephone, please use the control number and follow the instructions as described on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If a proxy is submitted and received prior to the Meeting and has not been revoked, the Shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with the instructions marked on the returned proxy or, if no instructions are marked, the proxy will be voted "FOR" the proposals and in the discretion of the persons named as proxies in connection with any other matter that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. If you have any questions regarding the proxy materials, please contact the Company at 800-343-3736.

Shareholders, other than those who hold Shares through a TASE member, may provide their voting instructions through the Internet, by telephone or by mail by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. These options require shareholders to input their specific control number as discussed above, which is provided with the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If you vote using the Internet, after visiting [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and inputting your control number, you will be prompted to provide your voting instructions. Shareholders will have an opportunity to review their voting instructions and make any necessary changes before submitting them and terminating their Internet link. Shareholders who vote via the Internet, in addition to confirming their voting instructions prior to submission, will receive upon request an e-mail confirming their instructions.

Shares held by a TASE member cannot be voted during the Meeting. If your Shares are held by a TASE member and you wish to vote your Shares, you must complete, sign and date the form of proxy card that the Company filed via MAGNA and attach to it an ownership certificate from the TASE member through which your Shares are registered (i.e., your broker, bank or other nominee) indicating that you were the beneficial owner of the Shares on the Record Date, the record date for voting, and return the proxy card along with the ownership certificate to the Company's Israeli counsel, Goldfarb, c/o Hod Mimum, 98 Yigal Alon Street, 44th Floor, Tel Aviv 6789141, Israel (email: [hod.mimum@goldfarb.com](mailto:hod.mimum@goldfarb.com)). The proxy card and ownership certificate must be received no later than June 21, 2026 to be included in the tally of Shares voted.

However, if your Shares are held by a TASE member, you may participate and ask questions during the Meeting even if you cannot vote your Shares. In order to participate and ask questions (but not vote your Shares) during the Meeting, you will need to obtain from your TASE member an executed ownership certificate, signed by your TASE member with respect to the Record Date, and e-mail the executed form to Goldfarb, c/o Hod Mimum, 98 Yigal Alon Street, 44th Floor, Tel Aviv 6789141, Israel (email: [hod.mimum@goldfarb.com](mailto:hod.mimum@goldfarb.com)), no later than the close of business in Israel on June 21, 2026. Once Goldfarb has received your properly executed certificate, Goldfarb will e-mail you a control number that you can use to enter the Meeting at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026).

If a shareholder, other than those who hold Shares through a TASE member, wishes to participate in the Meeting, but does not wish to give a proxy by Internet, the shareholder may attend the Meeting in person (virtually) and vote at the Meeting or request and submit a proxy card by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

#### **How will proxies be voted?**

It is expected that the solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail. The Company's officers, personnel of CIM and any authorized proxy solicitation agent, may also solicit proxies by telephone, internet or in person. If the Company records votes through the internet or by telephone, it will use procedures designed to authenticate shareholders' identities, to allow shareholders to authorize the voting of their Shares in accordance with their instructions and to confirm that their identities and votes have been properly recorded. The Company has requested that brokers, nominees, fiduciaries, and other persons holding Shares in their names, or in the name of their nominees, which are beneficially owned by others, forward the proxy materials to, and obtain proxies from, such beneficial owners. The Company will reimburse such persons for their reasonable expenses in so doing.

The Company will pay the expenses associated with this proxy statement and solicitation. The Company has engaged Broadridge Financial Services, Inc., an independent proxy solicitation firm, to assist in the solicitation of proxies for an estimated fee of approximately \$50,000, plus out-of-pocket expenses, all of which will be paid by the Company.

#### **How can I change my vote or revoke a proxy?**

If the form of proxy is properly executed and returned in time to be voted at the Meeting, the Shares covered thereby will be voted at the Meeting in accordance with the instructions marked thereon. All properly executed proxies received by the Board that do not specify how Shares should be voted will be voted "FOR" each of the Proposals, and in the discretion of the persons named as proxies in connection with any other matter that may properly come before the Meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. A shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke such proxy any time before it is exercised by (i) attending and voting virtually at the Meeting, (ii) giving written notice of such revocation to the Secretary of the Company, or (iii) returning a properly executed, later-dated proxy.

#### **What if I return my proxy card but do not mark it to show how I am voting?**

If your proxy card is signed and returned without specifying your choices, your Shares will be voted as recommended by the Board and in the discretion of the persons named as proxies in connection with any other matter that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

**What constitutes a “quorum”?**

A quorum must be present at the Meeting for any business to be conducted. Under the Company’s Bylaws, one-third of the number of Shares entitled to be cast, present virtually or by proxy, constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Shareholders of the Company are entitled to one vote for each Share held. Abstentions, withheld votes, and broker “non-votes” (that is, proxies from brokers or nominees indicating that such persons have not received instructions from the beneficial owner or other persons entitled to vote shares on a particular matter with respect to which the brokers or nominees do not have discretionary power) will be treated as Shares that are present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for transacting business at the Meeting. However, abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as votes cast.

**What vote is required to approve each item?**

*Class II Director Proposal:* The Directors shall be elected by a plurality of all the votes cast at the Meeting (i.e., more votes for the Director than any other option for the position), provided that a quorum is present. Each Share may be voted for each of the Director nominees. Proxies received will be voted “FOR” the election of the Director nominees named herein unless shareholders designate otherwise. Votes that are withheld will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on this proposal. Shares represented by broker non-votes are also not considered votes cast and thus have no effect on this proposal. The Class II Director Proposal is not a routine matter. As a result, if you hold Shares in “street name” through a broker, bank or other nominee, your broker, bank or nominee will not be permitted to exercise voting discretion with respect to the Class II Director Proposal. Therefore, if you do not vote and you do not give your broker or other nominee specific instructions on how to vote for you, then your Shares will have no effect on the Class II Director Proposal.

*Auditors Proposal:* The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting virtually or by proxy is required to ratify the appointment of RSM US LLP to serve as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. Abstentions will not be included in determining the number of votes cast and, as a result, will not have any effect on the result of the vote. Because the Auditor Proposal is a routine matter, brokers will have discretionary authority to vote for the ratification of the appointment of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm in the event that they do not receive voting instructions from the beneficial owner of the Shares and there will not be any broker non-votes with respect to this proposal. As a result, if you beneficially own your Shares and you do not provide your broker, bank or nominee with voting instructions, then your broker, bank or nominee will be able to vote your Shares for you on the Auditors Proposal.

The Chairman of the Meeting or the shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting, present virtually or by proxy, shall have the power to adjourn the Meeting from time to time, which would include the ability to adjourn the Meeting to a date not more than 120 days after the Record Date without notice other than the announcement at the Meeting of the future date, time and location of the reconvened Meeting. Any business that might have been transacted at the Meeting originally called may be transacted at any such adjourned session(s) at which a quorum is present. If sufficient votes in favor of one or more proposals have been received, such proposals can be acted upon, and such actions will be final, regardless of any subsequent adjournment to consider other proposals.

**What is a “broker non-vote”?**

A “broker non-vote” occurs when a broker who holds Shares for the beneficial owner does not vote on a proposal because the broker does not have discretionary voting authority for that proposal and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner of the Shares. Broker non-votes will be counted as present for the purposes of determining a quorum for the Meeting but are not counted as votes cast.

**Are shareholders entitled to appraisal rights in connection with any of the proposals?**

None of the proposals, if approved, entitle shareholders to appraisal rights under Maryland law or the Company’s charter.

**Whom should I call for additional information about voting by proxy or authorizing a proxy by telephone or Internet to vote my Shares?**

If you have any questions regarding the proxy materials, please contact the Company at 800-343-3736.

## PROPOSAL 1 - ELECTION OF CLASS II DIRECTORS

At the Meeting, shareholders are being asked to consider the election of two of the current Independent Directors (as defined below) of the Company, Robert A. Breakstone and Catherine K. Choi. Pursuant to the Company's charter and Bylaws, the Board may modify the number of Directors on the Board, provided that the number of Directors will not be fewer than one, the minimum number required by the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL"), or greater than twelve. Pursuant to the Company's charter, the Company's Directors are divided into three classes. Each class of Directors will hold office for a three-year term. At each annual meeting of shareholders, the successors to the class of Directors whose terms expire at such meeting will be elected to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of shareholders held in the third year following the year of their election. Each Director will hold office for the term to which he or she is elected and serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. The Board is currently comprised of eight Directors as set forth below, six of whom are independent.

On April 17, 2026, Aron I. Schwartz, a Class II Independent Director, notified the Board that he will not stand for re-election to the Board at the Meeting and will depart from the Board and the Board committees on which he serves effective as of the date of the Meeting due to other professional opportunities that he has. Mr. Schwartz will continue to serve as a Director and a member of the audit committee, nominating and corporate governance committee and compensation committee until the date of the Meeting. Mr. Schwartz's decision not to stand for reelection did not arise from any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices. In connection with Mr. Schwartz's departure and pursuant to the Company's Bylaws, the Board has determined not to fill the resulting vacancy and has duly approved a reduction in the size of the Board from eight to seven directors, five of whom are independent, effective as of the date of the Meeting.

<u>Class I - Independent (Term expires at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2028)</u>	<u>Class II - Independent (Term expires at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2026)</u>	<u>Class III - Interested (Term expires at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2027)</u>
Edward J. Estrada	Robert A. Breakstone (director nominee)	Mark Gatto
Peter I. Finlay	Catherine K. Choi (director nominee)	Michael A. Reisner
Earl V. Hedin	Aron I. Schwartz	—

Mr. Breakstone and Ms. Choi have been nominated for election by the Board to each serve a three-year term expiring at the 2029 annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The Directors have agreed to serve as Directors if elected and have consented to be named as nominees. No person being nominated as a Director is being proposed for election pursuant to any agreement or understanding between any such person and the Company.

A shareholder can vote for, or withhold his or her vote from, each of the Director nominees. **In the absence of instructions to the contrary, it is the intention of the persons named as proxies to vote such proxy "FOR" the election of the Director nominees named herein. If the Director nominees should decline or be unable to serve as a Director, it is intended that the proxy will be voted for the election of such person or persons as are nominated as replacements.** The Board has no reason to believe that any of the persons named will be unable or unwilling to serve.

### Information about Director Nominees and Executive Officers

Certain information pertaining to the Director nominees and other Directors and executive officers of the Company is set forth below, including their names, ages, a brief description of their recent business experience, including present occupations and employment, certain directorships that each person held during the last five years, and the year in which each person became a Director of the Company. The Board oversees the Company's business and investment activities and is responsible for protecting the interests of the Company's shareholders. The responsibilities of the Board include, among other things, the oversight of the Company's investment activities, oversight of the activities of CIM as the Company's valuation designee, who performs the quarterly valuation of the Company's assets, oversight of the Company's financing arrangements and corporate governance activities.

### Director Independence

A majority of the members of the Board are not "interested persons" of the Company or CIM, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and as required by Rule 303A.00 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual. These individuals are referred to as the Company's independent directors (the "Independent Directors"). Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act defines an "interested person" to include,

among other things, any person who has, or within the last two years had, a material business or professional relationship with the Company. The members of the Board that are not Independent Directors are referred to as interested directors (the “Interested Directors”).

The Board has determined that the following Director nominees are Independent Directors: Mr. Breakstone and Ms. Choi. The Board has determined that the following Directors are also Independent Directors: Messrs. Estrada, Finlay and Hedin. The Board has determined that the following Directors are Interested Directors: Messrs. Gatto and Reisner. Based upon information requested from each Director concerning his or her background, employment and affiliations, the Board has affirmatively determined that none of the Independent Directors has, or within the last two years had, a material business or professional relationship with the Company, other than in his or her capacity as a member of the Board or any Board committee or as a shareholder.

**NOMINEES FOR CLASS II—INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age and Position(s) with Company	Term of Office <sup>(2)</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s)	Other Public Directorships Held by Director During the Past 5 Years
Robert A. Breakstone Age: 88 Director	2012 – 2026	<p><i>Robert A. Breakstone</i> has served as a member of the Board since 2012. He has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Landmark International Group, Inc., an independent consulting firm providing business development, financial, information technology, and marketing services to major corporations and start-up entrepreneurial ventures, since 1995. Previously, Mr. Breakstone served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at GTECH Corporation, a provider of technology-based gaming systems and services, from 1988 to 1995, where he took the firm private in a leveraged buyout and then public again later in an initial public offering. Prior to GTECH, he was President and Chief Executive Officer at Healthtex, Inc., which we believe is a leading marketer and retailer of children’s apparel, from 1985 to 1988, where he led a management buyout of the firm from Chesebrough Pond’s Inc., where he served as Group Vice President and served on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors from 1974 to 1985. Prior to Chesebrough Pond’s, Mr. Breakstone was a Group Executive with the Chase Manhattan Bank N.A. from 1970 to 1974, where he managed major corporate, domestic and international banking divisions. From 1967 to 1970, he was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Systems Audits, Inc., a management consulting firm providing information technology services to the financial industry.</p> <p>Mr. Breakstone also served on the board of directors of By Design International Ltd., a private, for-profit designer and marketer of women’s apparel and on the advisory board of Hoffinger Industries, Inc., a leader in the above-ground pool/filtration industry. In addition to his prior service as a member of the board of Chesebrough Pond’s, Mr. Breakstone also served on the board of directors of OSF, Inc., a Canadian publicly traded company, from 1996 to 1998 where, as a member of an independent special committee, he was responsible for selling the company to a US-based financial entity.</p> <p>Mr. Breakstone served as an Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School of Business at Mercy College from 1999 to 2006. From 1963 to 1967, Mr. Breakstone was an adjunct professor at New York University. In addition, from 1967 to 1969, Mr. Breakstone was an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Pace University. Mr. Breakstone’s degrees include a B.S. in Mathematics and an M.B.A. from the City College of New York.</p> <p>Mr. Breakstone has extensive operating experience in both public and private companies in a variety of industries and has served as a member of various boards. This experience has provided Mr. Breakstone, in the opinion of the Board, with experience and insight that is beneficial to the Company.</p>	None

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age and Position(s) with Company	Term of Office <sup>(2)</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s)	Other Public Directorships Held by Director During the Past 5 Years
Catherine K. Choi Age: 54 Director	2021 – 2026	<p><i>Catherine K. Choi</i> has served as a member of the Board since 2021. Ms. Choi has served as President of BULBRITE Industries, a leading manufacturer and supplier of energy-efficient lighting solutions, since 2009. Founded 50 years ago by her parents, BULBRITE is a family-owned business renowned for its commitment to innovation, education and exceptional service. In her role as President, Ms. Choi oversees all aspects of the company’s operations including sales, marketing, operations, manufacturing and product development. During her tenure as President of BULBRITE, Ms. Choi has expanded sales and services to a broader community and distributor base throughout North America. She has helped expand the breadth of the company’s product line to LED decorative bulbs and patio string lights as well as a line of smart bulbs, Bulbrite Solana®, that has been featured in the Washington Post, Dwell, House Beautiful and Apartment Therapy.</p> <p>Recipient of the 2021 Women in Lighting Leadership Award and Residential Lighting Industry Leadership Award in 2010, Ms. Choi is an active leader in the lighting industry, serving on the Lighting Board of Governors for the Dallas Market Center since 2018, and was a former Chair of the American Lighting Association Education Foundation Board from 2013 to 2015. She is an ALA Certified Lighting Specialist. Ms. Choi was recognized as a Woman of Influence in 2013 by the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey. She is also an elected member of the President’s Council for Cornell Women since 2017, and has served as a director for the Ridgewood Public Library Foundation since 2017 and for a privately held company in New Jersey since 2015. Ms. Choi earned her M.B.A. from New York University in 1996 and her B.A. from Cornell University in 1993. She is the Co-Chair of the NYU Stern Women in Business Alumnae Group, and an Advisory Council Member for the Seton Hall Business School Leadership Program.</p> <p>In the opinion of the Board, Ms. Choi’s extensive entrepreneurial experience as the principal executive of a privately owned, family business brings value to the Board.</p>	None

**CLASS I—INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age and Position(s) with Company	Term of Office <sup>(2)</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s)	Other Public Directorships Held by Director During the Past 5 Years
Peter I. Finlay Age: 64 Director	2016 – 2028	<p><i>Peter I. Finlay</i> has served as a member of the Board since 2016. He is the founder and Managing Principal of Ardentis LLC, a corporate finance consulting firm that provides advisory services to companies in the U.S. and international markets. From 2008 to 2013, Mr. Finlay served as Managing Director of ICON Capital, LLC and was responsible for managing new business origination in Europe and North America. Prior to 2008, Mr. Finlay held various management positions both in financial institutions and in relevant industries. From 2006 to 2008, he served as Director of Equipment Finance at Landsbanki Commercial Finance where he established a new industrial finance business with a focus on originating middle market secured debt transactions. From 2003 to 2006, he served as Vice President &amp; Regional Director Europe for GMAC Commercial Finance where he started a new equipment finance business. From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Finlay served as a Director of Project Finance Organization at Bell Labs Lucent Technologies and from 1997 to 1999 he served as a Marketing Director of Structured Finance at Transamerica Leasing, where he established a structured finance operation covering Europe and the Middle East. Mr. Finlay started his career at National Westminster Bank (1979 – 1986) before moving to Barclays (1986 – 1997), where he held various positions, including Manager in the middle market structured leasing department and Manager in the para-banking inspection department, where he was responsible for reviewing risk management compliance and risk underwriting in the bank’s European equipment finance subsidiaries.</p> <p>Since 2014, Mr. Finlay has been the Managing Principal of Ardentis LLC. From 2015 to 2021, he was also an advisor to the board of EMM Investments LLC, a privately held asset manager engaged in lending to asset intensive companies. From 2009 to 2011, Mr. Finlay served as Chairman and non-executive Director of Premier Telesolutions Ltd. (UK).</p> <p>Mr. Finlay became an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in England and Wales in 1994 and completed a Diploma in Financial Studies in 1997. He completed an M.B.A. at City University Business School in London in 1997 and subsequently served as a tutor in the evening M.B.A. program.</p> <p>In the opinion of the Board, Mr. Finlay’s experience of working with large financial institutions in the middle market combined with his knowledge of structured finance, risk management and financial control, brings value to the Board.</p>	None

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age and Position(s) with Company	Term of Office <sup>(2)</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s)	Other Public Directorships Held by Director During the Past 5 Years
Earl V. Hedin Age: 70 Director	2017 – 2028	<p><i>Earl V. Hedin</i> has served as a member of the Board since 2017. He is the co-founder and Managing Partner of Hudson Partners Group LLC. The firm provides capital market advisory services and previously assisted investment managers in raising institutional capital for hedge funds, private equity and other alternative investment strategies through its wholly owned subsidiary Hudson Partners Securities LLC. Mr. Hedin is also a FINOP professional for Stone Key Securities LLC since 2010. From 1999 to 2007, Mr. Hedin served as a Senior Managing Director at Bear, Stearns &amp; Co. Inc., where he held various senior roles building and guiding the Bear Stearns Asset Management Group. These roles included Chief Financial Officer, Director of Alternatives and co-head and founder of the firm’s Private Funds Group. He was responsible for the firm’s sponsored venture capital funds and headed the approximately \$1 billion private equity fund-of-funds program. During his tenure, he created numerous alternative asset products and helped raise over \$3 billion for these funds. Mr. Hedin also created the first hedge fund-of-funds product at Bear Stearns. From 1995 to 1998, he served as a Managing Director – Principal, and worked on several key international financial structuring projects, including the creation of Bear Stearns Irish Bank in Dublin. Additionally, Mr. Hedin created the Bear Stearns Dublin Development Center to reduce technology related costs. From 1994 to 1995, he served as Vice President at Bankers Trust New York Corporation, where he was responsible for strategic planning and management reporting. Prior to that, from 1989 to 1993, he worked as a Vice President and Controller in the firm’s Domestic Merchant Bank and directed all financial management functions across a variety of business units. During that time, he was also actively involved in the buying and selling of LBO partnership interests. From 1988 to 1989, he served as Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer of American International Group’s credit subsidiary, A.I. Credit Corporation, and managed the firm’s liability portfolio. Previously, Mr. Hedin was an Associate in Morgan Stanley’s venture capital group as well as the Chief Financial Officer of the group’s activities. Prior to that, he served as a Senior Accountant at Price Waterhouse.</p>	None

Mr. Hedin received his M.B.A from Rutgers Graduate School of Management in 1980 and did graduate studies at Carnegie-Mellon University. He received his B.A. from Rutgers College in 1978. Mr. Hedin is a holder of the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation and is a Certified Public Accountant (retired). Mr. Hedin also holds various FINRA licenses including Series 7, 63, 99, 24 (Securities Principal) and 27 (Financial Principal).

In the opinion of the Board, Mr. Hedin’s extensive experience working with large financial institutions combined with his knowledge of various alternative investment strategies and industries, provides experience and insight that is beneficial to the Company.

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age and Position(s) with Company	Term of Office <sup>(2)</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s)	Other Public Directorships Held by Director During the Past 5 Years
Edward J. Estrada Age: 53 Director	2021 – 2028	<p><i>Edward J. Estrada</i> has served as a member of the Board since 2021. Mr. Estrada is the Principal of Estrada Legal Consulting, a legal management consulting business working with law firms on strategy development, implementation and alignment, market positioning, margin improvement, and operational efficiency. Mr. Estrada was in private legal practice for 25 years. Most recently, he was a partner with the global law firm, Reed Smith, LLP, in its Global Financial Industry Group. Mr. Estrada is a Trustee of CION Grosvenor Infrastructure Fund, a diversified, closed-end management investment company, since 2024. In addition, Mr. Estrada has been a partner at American Redress Partners, LLP since 2024. He has served as a director for a family foundation since 2021 and as an advisory and executive board member for certain nonprofit businesses. At Reed Smith LLP, Mr. Estrada counseled his clients in a wide range of business matters, including acting as outside counsel, and addressing their regulatory, transactional and litigation needs. He held multiple leadership positions at Reed Smith, LLP, most recently as global chair of the firm’s Financial Industry Group from 2016 to 2021. Mr. Estrada also served as co-head of Reed Smith, LLP’s U.S. Litigation Group (2010 to 2012), served two terms on the firm’s Executive Committee (2009 and 2014), served as Managing Partner of the New York Office (2012 to 2014), and served as the firm’s Global Head of Business Strategy on the firm’s Senior Management Team (2014 to 2016). In his practice, and in his role as global chair of Reed Smith, LLP’s Financial Industry Group, Mr. Estrada counseled clients ranging from private funds to investment and regional banks and was responsible for identifying and responding to market and industry trends. Mr. Estrada received his J.D. from George Washington Law School in 1997 and his B.A. from Cornell University in 1994.</p>	CION Grosvenor Infrastructure Fund

In the opinion of the Board, Mr. Estrada’s extensive legal experience, particularly with counseling private funds and investment and regional banks on a broad range of legal matters, including, without limitation, litigation and commercial transactions, brings value to the Board.

**CLASS III—INTERESTED DIRECTORS<sup>(3)</sup>**

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age and Position(s) with Company	Term of Office <sup>(2)</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s)	Other Public Directorships Held by Director During the Past 5 Years
Mark Gatto Age: 53 Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Company	2011 – 2027	<p><i>Mark Gatto</i> serves as Co-Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Company (since 2011) and CIG. Mr. Gatto serves on the investment committee of CIM. In addition, Mr. Gatto is a Trustee, Co-President and Co-Chief Executive Officer and serves on the investment allocation committee of CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund, a diversified, closed-end management investment company, and is a Trustee, Co-President and Co-Chief Executive Officer of CION Grosvenor Infrastructure Fund, also a diversified, closed-end management investment company. He joined CION Investments in 1999. Mr. Gatto was formerly Executive Vice President and Chief Acquisitions Officer from May 2007 through January 2008. He served as Executive Vice President of Business Development from May 2006 through May 2007 and Vice President of Marketing from August 2005 through February 2006. Mr. Gatto was also Associate General Counsel for CIG from November 1999 until October 2000. Previously, Mr. Gatto was an executive for a leading international product development and marketing company from 2000 through 2003 and later co-founded a specialty business-consulting firm in New York City where he served as its managing partner before re-joining CION Investments in 2005. Mr. Gatto was also an attorney in private practice from 1996 through 1999. Mr. Gatto received an M.B.A from the W. Paul Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University, a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law, and a B.S. from Montclair State University.</p> <p>Through his broad experiences in business and corporate development, Mr. Gatto brings to the Company unique business expertise as well as extensive financial and risk assessment abilities. Mr. Gatto’s service with CION Investments provides him with a specific understanding of the Company, its operations, and the business and regulatory issues similar to those issues facing business development companies. Mr. Gatto’s positions as Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Company provide the Board with a direct line of communication to, and direct knowledge of the operations of, the Company.</p>	<p>CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund</p> <p>CION Grosvenor Infrastructure Fund</p>

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age and Position(s) with Company	Term of Office <sup>(2)</sup> and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s)	Other Public Directorships Held by Director During the Past 5 Years
Michael A. Reisner Age: 55 Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Company	2011 – 2027	<p><i>Michael A. Reisner</i> serves as Co-Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Company (since 2011) and CIG. Mr. Reisner serves on the investment committee of CIM. In addition, Mr. Reisner is a Trustee, Co-President and Co-Chief Executive Officer and serves on the investment allocation committee of CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund, a diversified, closed-end management investment company, and is a Co-President and Co-Chief Executive Officer of CION Grosvenor Infrastructure Fund, also a diversified, closed-end management investment company. He joined CION Investments in 2001. Mr. Reisner was formerly Chief Financial Officer from January 2007 through April 2008. Mr. Reisner was also formerly Executive Vice President — Originations from February 2006 through January 2007. Mr. Reisner was Senior Vice President and General Counsel from January 2004 through January 2006. Mr. Reisner was Vice President and Associate General Counsel from March 2001 until December 2003. Previously, from 1996 to 2001, Mr. Reisner was an attorney in private practice in New York. Mr. Reisner received a J.D., cum laude, from New York Law School and a B.A. from the University of Vermont.</p>	<p>CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund</p> <p>CION Grosvenor Infrastructure Fund</p>

Through his extensive experiences as a senior executive, including his time as chief financial officer of CION Investments, Mr. Reisner brings business expertise, finance and risk assessment skills to the Company. Mr. Reisner's prior position as a corporate attorney allows him to bring to the Board and the Company the benefit of his experience negotiating and structuring various investment transactions as well as an understanding of the legal, business, compliance and regulatory issues similar to those issues facing business development companies. Mr. Reisner's positions as Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Company provide the Board with a direct line of communication to, and direct knowledge of the operations of, the Company.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTORS**

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age and Position(s) with Company	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Other Public Directorships Held by Officer During the Past 5 Years
Keith S. Franz Age: 57 Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	Since 2011	<i>Keith S. Franz</i> has served as the Company's Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since 2011. Mr. Franz is principally responsible for the Company's financial and day-to-day operating activities. Mr. Franz is also the Chief Financial Officer of CIM, the Company's registered investment advisor. Mr. Franz joined CION Investments in March 2009 and was formerly the Vice President of Finance and Accounting and then a Senior Vice President and Principal Financial Officer through 2011. Prior to joining CION Investments, Mr. Franz was a senior executive for a business advisory and consulting firm from 2008 to 2009, the Vice President of Corporate Finance for a large publicly traded company from 2004 through 2008 and a Senior Audit Manager with E&Y, LLP in their assurance and business advisory group from 1991 through 2004. Mr. Franz received a B.S. from Binghamton University and is a certified public accountant and a Series 27 Financial and Operations principal.	None

Name, Address <sup>(1)</sup> , Age and Position(s) with Company	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Other Public Directorships Held by Officer During the Past 5 Years
Gregg A. Bresner Age: 58 President and Chief Investment Officer	Since 2016	<p><i>Gregg A. Bresner</i> joined the Company as President and Chief Investment Officer in 2016. Mr. Bresner has over 25 years of corporate finance, investment and portfolio management experience with a focus in the leveraged finance sector. Prior to joining the Company and CIM, Mr. Bresner worked at investment management and banking firms including Wasserstein Perella &amp; Co., Bankers Trust Company, BT Alex. Brown, Deutsche Bank, Briscoe Capital Management and Plainfield Asset Management. Previously, Mr. Bresner served as the operating Chief Financial Officer of JDS Therapeutics from 2012 to 2016. At JDS, Mr. Bresner led the company's financial, accounting, capital raising, corporate development and human resource functions and completed multiple capital raises, licensing transactions and acquisitions. In 2010, Mr. Bresner co-founded Tyto Capital, an investment firm specializing in private debt and equity investments in U.S. based middle-market companies. Tyto originated and acquired multiple private investments from 2010 to 2012, including an equity investment in JDS Therapeutics. In 2003, Mr. Bresner co-founded Briscoe Capital Management, a registered investment manager and the portfolio manager of the Fairfield Briscoe Senior Capital Fund, a debt fund focused on non-investment grade senior secured debt assets. Mr. Bresner actively managed a diversified loan portfolio of approximately 100 issuers. While at Briscoe, Mr. Bresner successfully raised and utilized approximately \$700 million of committed debt facilities with Citigroup and CIBC. In mid-2006, the Briscoe Capital team merged into Plainfield Asset Management, a multi-billion-dollar special situations hedge fund platform. From 2006 to 2010, Mr. Bresner served as a Managing Director of Plainfield, where he sourced and executed direct U.S. debt and equity investments for various Plainfield investment funds.</p>	None

Mr. Bresner began his investment banking career in the Mergers & Acquisitions group of Wasserstein Perella, where he advised middle-market companies and private equity sponsors on mergers and acquisitions, leveraged recapitalization and restructuring transactions. While at Bankers Trust Company and Deutsche Bank, Mr. Bresner was a senior investment banker in the Financial Sponsors Group where he focused on sourcing, structuring and executing leveraged senior debt, high yield debt and mezzanine financings for private equity sponsors. Mr. Bresner graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and received his M.B.A. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business, where he was a Beta Gamma Sigma scholar. Mr. Bresner is a holder of the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation.

<u>Name, Address<sup>(1)</sup>, Age and Position(s) with Company</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Other Public Directorships Held by Officer During the Past 5 Years</u>
Stephen Roman Age: 45 Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary	Since 2016	<i>Stephen Roman</i> has served as the Company's Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary since February 2016 and is also the Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary of CION Grosvenor Infrastructure Fund since 2024. He advises on regulatory, compliance, fund governance, and operational matters for alternative investment funds and their advisers. Prior to joining CIG in 2013, Mr. Roman practiced law in New York, and earlier in his career, he was an analyst at Forex Capital Markets. Mr. Roman holds a B.S. from New York University and a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. He is a CFA® Charterholder.	None

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Eric A. Pinero Age: 50 Chief Legal Officer	Since 2021	<i>Eric A. Pinero</i> has served as the Company's Chief Legal Officer since November 2021 and as Senior Director and Counsel of CIG and its affiliated entities since July 2013. At CIG, Mr. Pinero advises on all legal, compliance and regulatory matters, including, among others, matters related to corporate and securities law compliance for CIG as well as CIG's sponsored alternative investment products, including the Company. Prior to joining CIG in 2013, Mr. Pinero was an attorney with several highly regarded regional law firms representing both issuers and underwriters concentrating on securities law compliance, public and private debt and equity securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and a diverse range of corporate and commercial transactions. Mr. Pinero received a B.S. in Political Science and History from Roger Williams University and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.	None

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- (1) The address for each Director and executive officer is c/o CION Investment Corporation, 100 Park Avenue, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017.
- (2) The Company's Directors are divided into three classes, each holding office for a three-year term. At each annual meeting of shareholders, the successors to the class of Directors whose terms expire at such meeting will be elected to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of shareholders held in the third year following the year of their election. Each Director will hold office for the term to which he or she is elected and serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.
- (3) "Interested person" of the Company as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Messrs. Gatto and Reisner are each an "interested person" because of their affiliation with CIM.

### **Risk Oversight and Board Structure**

Through its direct oversight role, and indirectly through its committees, the Board performs a risk oversight function for the Company consisting of, among other things, the following activities: (1) at regular and special Board meetings, and on an ad hoc basis as needed, receiving and reviewing reports related to the Company's performance and operations; (2) reviewing and approving, as applicable, the Company's compliance policies and procedures; (3) meeting with the portfolio management team to review investment strategies, techniques and the processes used to manage related risks; (4) meeting with, or reviewing reports prepared by, the representatives of the Company's key service providers, including the Company's investment adviser, administrator, and independent registered public accounting firm, to review and discuss the Company's activities and to provide direction with respect thereto; and (5) engaging the services of the Company's chief compliance officer to test the Company's compliance procedures and certain of its service providers.

Messrs. Gatto and Reisner, who are "interested persons" as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act, serve as the Company's co-chief executive officers and co-chairmen of the Board. The Board believes that Messrs. Gatto and Reisner, as the Company's co-chief executive officers and co-chairmen of the Board, are the Directors with the most knowledge of the Company's business strategy and are best situated to serve as chairmen of the Board. The Company's charter, as well as regulations governing business development companies ("BDCs") generally and Rule 303A.00 in the NYSE Listed Company Manual, require that a majority of the Board be persons other than "interested persons" of the BDC, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. The Board does not currently have a separately designated lead Independent Director and has not designated one Independent Director to preside over all executive sessions of Independent Directors. Rather, Aron I. Schwartz and Robert A. Breakstone, each Independent Director and chairman of the audit committee and nominating and corporate governance committee, respectively, preside over such executive sessions on a rotational basis. Communications may be sent to the Independent Directors to: Stephen Roman, Corporate Secretary, CION Investment Corporation, 100 Park Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10017. The Board, after considering various factors, including, among other things, its current duties, responsibilities and the Company's overall business, has concluded that its structure is appropriate at this time. The Board will continue to monitor the Company's structure and determine whether it remains appropriate based on the complexity of the Company's operations.

There have been no purchases or sales of securities of CIM or its parent or subsidiaries by any of the Company's Directors since the beginning of the most recently completed fiscal year.

### **Committees of the Board**

The Board has established a standing audit committee, a standing nominating and corporate governance committee and a standing compensation committee. The Board met five times and took action by unanimous written consent four times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. Each Director attended all meetings of the Board held during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. The Company does not have a formal policy regarding Director attendance at an annual meeting of shareholders. As Mr. Schwartz will not stand for re-election to the Board and will depart from the Board and the Board committees on which he serves effective as of the date of the Meeting, the Board expects to update the composition of the Board committees and appoint a new audit committee chair prior to the filing of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2026.

#### **Audit Committee**

The members of the Company's audit committee are Robert A. Breakstone, Peter I. Finlay, Aron I. Schwartz, Earl V. Hedin, Catherine K. Choi and Edward J. Estrada, each of whom meets the independence standards established by the SEC for audit committees and is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act and the NYSE Listed Company Manual. Mr. Schwartz serves as chairman of the audit committee. The Board has determined that Mr. Schwartz is an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined under Item 407 of Regulation S-K of the Exchange Act. The audit committee operates pursuant to a written charter and meets periodically as necessary. A copy of the audit committee's charter is available on the Company's website: [www.cionbdc.com](http://www.cionbdc.com). The audit committee is responsible for selecting, engaging and discharging the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (the "independent accountants"), reviewing the plans, scope and results of the audit engagement with the independent accountants, approving professional services provided by the independent accountants (including compensation therefor), reviewing the independence of the independent accountants and reviewing the adequacy of the Company's internal controls over

financial reporting. The audit committee also establishes guidelines, reviews preliminary valuations and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the valuation of the Company's loans and other investments. The audit committee met four times in 2025.

#### **Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee**

The members of the Company's nominating and corporate governance committee are Robert A. Breakstone, Peter I. Finlay, Aron I. Schwartz, Earl V. Hedin, Catherine K. Choi and Edward J. Estrada, each of whom meets the independence standards established by the SEC for governance committees and is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act and the NYSE Listed Company Manual. Mr. Breakstone serves as chairman of the nominating and corporate governance committee. The nominating and corporate governance committee operates pursuant to a written charter and meets periodically as necessary. A copy of the nominating and corporate governance committee's charter is available on the Company's website: [www.cionbdc.com](http://www.cionbdc.com). The nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for selecting, researching, and nominating Directors for election by the Company's shareholders, selecting nominees to fill vacancies on the Board or a committee of the Board, developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles and overseeing the evaluation of the Board and the Company's management. The nominating and corporate governance committee will consider shareholders' proposed nominations for Directors. The nominating and corporate governance committee met four times in 2025.

The nominating and corporate governance committee considers candidates suggested by its members and other Directors, as well as the Company's management and shareholders. A shareholder who wishes to recommend a prospective nominee for the Board must provide notice to the Company's corporate secretary in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Company's Bylaws, the nominating and corporate governance committee charter and any applicable law, rule or regulation regarding Director nominations. Nominations should be sent to Stephen Roman, Corporate Secretary, CION Investment Corporation, 100 Park Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10017. To have a candidate considered by the nominating and corporate governance committee, a shareholder must submit the recommendation in writing and must include the following information:

- The name of the shareholder and evidence of the person's ownership of Shares, including the number of Shares owned and the length of time of the ownership;
- The name of the candidate, the candidate's resume or a listing of his or her qualifications to be a Director of the Company and the person's consent to be named as a Director if selected by the nominating and corporate governance committee and nominated to the Board; and
- If requested by the nominating and corporate governance committee, a completed and signed Director's questionnaire.

#### **Compensation Committee**

The members of the Company's compensation committee are Robert A. Breakstone, Peter I. Finlay, Aron I. Schwartz, Earl V. Hedin, Catherine K. Choi and Edward J. Estrada, each of whom meets the independence standards established by the SEC for compensation committees and is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act and the NYSE Listed Company Manual. The Company currently does not have a chairperson of the compensation committee. The compensation committee operates pursuant to a written charter and meets periodically as necessary. A copy of the compensation committee's charter is available on the Company's website: [www.cionbdc.com](http://www.cionbdc.com). The compensation committee is responsible for determining, or recommending to the Board for determination, the compensation, if any, of the Company's co-chief executive officers and all other executive officers. The compensation committee also assists the Board with matters related to compensation generally, except with respect to compensation of the Directors.

The Company's executive officers do not receive any direct compensation from the Company. However, the compensation payable to CIM pursuant to the investment advisory agreement has been separately approved by a majority of the Independent Directors, as well as the Company's shareholders in 2021, and renewed annually by such Independent Directors commencing in 2023. As none of the Company's executive officers currently are compensated by the Company, the compensation committee does not produce and/or review a report on executive compensation practices. The compensation committee did not hold any formal meetings in 2025.

#### **Compensation of Directors**

Directors who are not Interested Directors are entitled to receive annual cash retainer fees, fees for attending Board and committee meetings and annual fees for serving as a committee chairperson. These Directors are Robert A.

Breakstone, Peter I. Finlay, Aron I. Schwartz, Earl V. Hedin, Catherine K. Choi and Edward J. Estrada. These Directors are paid (i) annual cash retainer fees of \$100,000; (ii) fees for attending Board and committee meetings (in-person or telephonically) of \$1,000 per meeting; and (iii) annual fees of \$25,000 for serving as a committee chairperson (per committee). Amounts payable under this arrangement are determined and paid quarterly in arrears.

The Company also reimburses each of the above Directors for all reasonable and authorized business expenses in accordance with the Company's policies as in effect from time to time. The Company did not pay compensation to its Directors who also serve in an executive officer capacity for the Company or CIM for the year ended December 31, 2025. No Director or executive officer receives pension or retirement benefits from the Company.

The below table shows information regarding the compensation earned by the Directors of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. No information has been provided with respect to executive officers of the Company who are not Directors since the Company's executive officers do not receive any direct compensation from the Company.

Name	Aggregate Compensation From the Company <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Independent Directors</b>	
Robert A. Breakstone <sup>(2)</sup>	\$131,841
Catherine K. Choi	\$105,595
Edward J. Estrada	\$107,335
Peter I. Finlay	\$107,868
Earl V. Hedin	\$107,468
Aron I. Schwartz <sup>(3)</sup>	\$138,154
<b>Interested Directors<sup>(4)</sup></b>	
Mark Gatto	None
Michael A. Reisner	None

- (1) Figure includes amount of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed to the Director during the period. The Company did not award any portion of the fees earned by the Directors in stock or options during the year ended December 31, 2025. The Company does not have a profit-sharing plan, and Directors do not receive any pension or retirement benefits from the Company.
- (2) Includes compensation as chairman of the nominating and corporate governance committee.
- (3) Includes compensation as chairman of the audit committee.
- (4) Messrs. Gatto and Reisner are each an Interested Director and, as such, receive no compensation from the Company for their service as Directors.

#### **Communications Between Shareholders and the Board of Directors**

The Board welcomes communications from the Company's shareholders. Shareholders may send communications to the Board, or to any particular Director, to the following address: c/o CION Investment Corporation, 100 Park Avenue, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017. Shareholders should indicate clearly the Director or Directors to whom the communication is being sent so that each communication may be forwarded directly to the appropriate Director(s).

#### **Code of Business Conduct**

The Company has adopted a code of business conduct pursuant to Rule 17j-1 promulgated under the 1940 Act, which applies to, among others, the Company's officers, including the Company's Co-Chief Executive Officers and its Chief Financial Officer, as well as the members of the Board. The Company's code of business conduct can be accessed via its website at [www.cionbdc.com](http://www.cionbdc.com). The Company intends to disclose any amendments to or waivers of required provisions of the code of business conduct on Form 8-K or on the Company's website.

#### **Practice and Policies Regarding Personal Trading and Hedging of Equity**

The Company has also established a policy designed to prohibit the officers, Directors, and certain employees of CIM and its affiliates from purchasing or selling the Company's Shares while in possession of material nonpublic information, or otherwise using such information for their personal benefit or in any manner that would violate

applicable laws and regulations. The policy also prohibits all Directors and officers from engaging in hedging or monetization transactions or similar arrangements with respect to the Company's securities without prior approval of the Company's chief compliance officer.

### **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

The Company has adopted corporate governance guidelines pursuant to Section 303A.09 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual, which can be accessed via the Company's website at [www.cionbdc.com](http://www.cionbdc.com).

### **Section 16 Reporting**

Based on publicly available information, the Company is not aware of any Director, officer, beneficial owner of more than ten percent of any class of the Company's equity securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, or any other person subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act with respect to the Company, who failed to file a required form or failed to file their forms on a timely basis.

### **Statement of Policy on Insider Trading**

The Company has adopted a statement of policy on insider trading applicable to the Company, its officers and its Directors, CIM, and the Company's affiliated funds and investment advisers that the Company believes is reasonably designed to promote compliance with insider trading laws, rules and regulations. A copy of the statement of policy on insider trading has been filed as an exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The Company's executive officers do not receive any direct compensation from the Company. The Company does not currently have any employees and does not expect to have any employees. Services necessary for the Company's business are provided by individuals who are officers of CIM or by individuals who were contracted by CIM to work on the Company's behalf pursuant to the terms of the investment advisory agreement or administration agreement. Each of the Company's executive officers is an officer of CIM, and the day-to-day investment operations and administration of the Company's portfolio are managed by CIM. In addition, the Company reimburses CIM, in its capacity as administrator to the Company, for the Company's allocable portion of expenses incurred by CIM in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including the allocable portion of the cost of the Company's officers and their respective staffs determined under the administration agreement.

The investment advisory agreement and the administration agreement each provides that CIM and its officers, Directors, controlling persons and any other person or entity affiliated with them acting as the Company's agent shall be entitled to indemnification (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) for any liability or loss suffered by CIM or such other person, and CIM and such other person shall be held harmless for any loss or liability suffered by the Company, if (i) CIM has determined, in good faith, that the course of conduct which caused the loss or liability was in the Company's best interests, (ii) CIM or such other person was acting on behalf of or performing services for the Company, (iii) the liability or loss suffered was not the result of willful malfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence by CIM or an affiliate thereof acting as the Company's agent, and (iv) the indemnification or agreement to hold CIM or such other person harmless is only recoverable out of the Company's net assets and not from its shareholders.

### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

The Company has procedures in place for the review, approval and monitoring of transactions involving the Company and certain persons related to it. For example, the Company has a code of business conduct that generally prohibits any employee, officer or Director from engaging in any transaction where there is a conflict between such individual's personal interest and the Company's interests. Waivers to the code of business conduct can generally only be obtained from the Chief Compliance Officer, the Co-Chairmen of the Board or the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board and are publicly disclosed as required by applicable law and regulations. In addition, the audit committee reviews all related person transactions for potential conflict of interest situations on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Company's code of ethics, code of business conduct and other applicable policies and procedures, and all such transactions are approved or ratified by the audit committee as set forth in the audit committee charter.

Messrs. Gatto and Reisner, the Company's Co-Chairmen and Co-Chief Executive Officers, also serve as Co-Chief Executive Officers of CIM. In addition, Messrs. Gatto and Reisner each directly and indirectly own approximately 38% of CIM's ownership of CIM.

The Company has entered into an investment advisory agreement with CIM. Pursuant to the investment advisory agreement, the Company pays CIM a base management fee and an incentive fee. For the year ended December 31, 2025, CIM earned a base management fee of approximately \$26 million and an incentive fee of approximately \$20 million.

The Company has also entered into an administration agreement with CIM pursuant to which the Company reimburses CIM for administrative expenses it incurs on the Company's behalf. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company reimbursed CIM approximately \$5 million for administrative services.

On January 1, 2019, the Company entered into a servicing agreement with CIM's affiliate, Apollo Investment Administration, L.P., or AIA, pursuant to which AIA furnished the Company with administrative services including, but not limited to, loan and high yield trading services, trade and settlement support, and supplementary investment valuation information. AIA was reimbursed for administrative expenses it incurred on the Company's behalf in performing its obligations, provided that such reimbursement was reasonable, and costs and expenses incurred were documented. The servicing agreement may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by either party, upon 60 days' written notice to the other party.

The Company's executive officers, certain of its Directors and certain other finance professionals of CION Investments also serve as executives of CIM and officers of the Company and Messrs. Gatto and Reisner are Directors of CION Securities, LLC, the dealer manager for the offering of the Company's Shares, which ended on January 25, 2019. In addition, the Company's executive officers and Directors and the members of CIM and members of the investment committee serve or may serve as officers, directors or principals of entities that operate in the same, or related, line of business as the Company does or of investment funds, accounts or other investment vehicles managed by the Company's affiliates. These investment funds, accounts or other investment vehicles may have investment objectives similar to the Company's investment objective. The Company may compete with entities managed by CIM and its affiliates for capital and investment opportunities. As a result, the Company may not be given the opportunity to participate in certain investments made by investment funds, accounts or other investment vehicles managed by CIM or its affiliates or by members of the investment committee. However, to fulfill its fiduciary duties to each of its clients, CIM intends to allocate investment opportunities in a manner that is fair and equitable over time and is consistent with CIM's allocation policy, investment objective and strategies so that the Company is not disadvantaged in relation to any other client. CIM has agreed with the Board that allocations among the Company and other investment funds affiliated with CIM will be made based on capital available for investment in the asset class being allocated. The Company expects that its available capital for investments will be determined based on the amount of cash on-hand, existing commitments and reserves, if any, and the targeted leverage level and targeted asset mix and other investment policies and restrictions set by the Board or as imposed by applicable laws, rules, regulations or interpretations.

#### **Policies and Procedures for Managing Conflicts**

CIM and its affiliates have both subjective and objective procedures and policies in place designed to manage the potential conflicts of interest between CIM's fiduciary obligations to the Company and its similar fiduciary obligations to other clients. For example, such policies and procedures may be designed so that, when appropriate, certain investment opportunities may be allocated on an alternating basis that is fair and equitable among the Company and their other clients. An investment opportunity that is suitable for multiple clients of CIM and its affiliates may not be capable of being shared among some or all of such clients and affiliates due to the limited scale of the opportunity or other factors, including regulatory restrictions imposed by the 1940 Act. There can be no assurance that CIM's or its affiliates' efforts to allocate any particular investment opportunity fairly among all clients for whom such opportunity is appropriate will result in an allocation of all or part of such opportunity to the Company. Not all conflicts of interest can be expected to be resolved in the Company's favor.

The principals of CIM have managed and will continue to manage investment vehicles with similar or overlapping investment strategies. In order to address these issues, CIM has put in place an investment allocation policy that addresses the co-investment restrictions set forth under the 1940 Act and seeks to ensure the equitable allocation of investment opportunities when the Company is able to co-invest with other accounts managed by CIM and affiliated entities. When the Company engages in such permitted co-investments, the Company will do so in a manner consistent with its exemptive relief from the SEC and with CIM's allocation policy. Under this allocation policy, a fixed percentage of each opportunity, which may vary based on asset class and from time to time, will be offered to the Company and similar eligible accounts, as periodically determined by CIM and approved by the Board, including all of the Independent Directors. The allocation policy further provides that allocations among the Company and other accounts will generally be made pro rata based on each account's capital available for investment, as determined, in the

Company's case, by the Board, including the Independent Directors. It is the Company's policy to base its determinations as to the amount of capital available for investment on such factors as: the amount of cash on-hand, existing commitments and reserves, if any, the targeted leverage level, the targeted asset mix and other investment policies and restrictions set by the Board or imposed by applicable laws, rules, regulations or interpretations.

The Company expects that these determinations will be made similarly for other accounts. In situations where co-investment with other entities managed by CIM or its affiliates is not permitted or appropriate, such as when there is an opportunity to invest in different securities of the same issuer, CIM will need to decide whether the Company or such other entity or entities will proceed with the investment. CIM will make these determinations based on its policies and procedures, which generally require that such opportunities be offered to eligible accounts in a manner that will be fair and equitable over time.

### **Share Repurchase Policy**

On September 15, 2021, the Company's Board, including the Independent Directors, approved a share repurchase policy authorizing the Company to repurchase up to \$50 million of the Company's outstanding Shares after the NYSE Listing. On June 24, 2022, the Company's Board, including the Independent Directors, increased the amount of Shares that may be repurchased under the share repurchase policy by \$10 million to up to an aggregate of \$60 million. On August 5, 2025, the Company's Board, including the Independent Directors, further increased the amount of shares of the Company's common stock that may be repurchased under the share repurchase policy by \$20 million to up to an aggregate of \$80 million. Under the share repurchase policy, the Company may purchase Shares through various means such as open market transactions, including block purchases, and privately negotiated transactions. The number of Shares repurchased and the timing, manner, price and amount of any repurchases will be determined at the Company's discretion. Factors include, but are not limited to, share price, trading volume and general market conditions, along with the Company's general business conditions. The policy may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of Shares.

On August 15, 2025, as part of the share repurchase policy, the Company entered into a new trading plan with an independent broker, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, or Wells Fargo, in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act based in part on historical trading data with respect to the Company's Shares. The 10b5-1 trading plan permits common stock to be repurchased at a time that the Company might otherwise be precluded from doing so under insider trading laws or self-imposed trading restrictions. The 10b5-1 trading plan expires on August 15, 2026 and is subject to price, market volume and timing restrictions.

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company repurchased an aggregate of 1,771,403 Shares under the 10b5-1 trading plan for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$17,190,000, or an average purchase price of \$9.70 per Share. As of December 31, 2025, the Company may repurchase a total of approximately \$24,611,000 of the Company's Shares under the share repurchase policy.

### **Competition**

Certain officers of CIM are simultaneously providing investment management services to certain funds managed by its affiliates. CIM may determine that it is appropriate for the Company and one or more other investment accounts managed by CIM or any of its affiliates to participate in an investment opportunity. As a BDC, the Company is subject to certain regulatory restrictions in negotiating or investing in certain investments with entities with which the Company may be prohibited from doing so under the 1940 Act, such as CIM and its affiliates, unless the Company obtains an exemptive order from the SEC or co-invest alongside such affiliates in accordance with existing regulatory guidance. On August 30, 2022, the Company, CIM and certain of the Company's affiliates were granted an order for exemptive relief (the "Order") by the SEC that permits the Company to co-invest with other funds managed by CIM or certain affiliates in a manner consistent with the Company's investment objectives, positions, policies, strategies and restrictions as well as regulatory requirements and other pertinent factors. Even though the Company was granted the Order by the SEC, CIM's investment committee may determine that the Company should not participate in a co-investment transaction.

### **Co-Investment Opportunities**

As a BDC, the Company is subject to certain regulatory restrictions in negotiating or investing in certain investments with entities with which the Company may be prohibited from doing so under the 1940 Act, such as CIM and its affiliates, unless the Company obtains an exemptive order from the SEC, such as the Order, which was issued by the SEC on August 30, 2022.

Pursuant to such Order, the Company generally is permitted to co-invest with certain of its affiliates if a “required majority” (as defined in Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act) of the Independent Directors make certain conclusions in connection with a co-investment transaction, including that (1) the terms of the proposed transaction, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair to the Company and its shareholders and do not involve overreaching of the Company or its shareholders on the part of any person concerned, (2) the transaction is consistent with the interests of the Company’s shareholders and is consistent with the Company’s investment objective and strategies, (3) the investment by the Company’s affiliates would not disadvantage the Company, and the Company’s participation would not be on a basis different from or less advantageous than that on which its affiliates are investing, and (4) the proposed investment by the Company would not benefit CIM or its affiliates or any affiliated person of any of them (other than the parties to the transaction), except to the extent permitted by the Order and applicable law, including the limitations set forth in Section 57(k) of the 1940 Act. In addition, the Order permits the Company to co-invest in its existing portfolio companies with certain affiliates that are private funds, even if such private funds did not have an investment in such existing portfolio company. Even though the Company was granted the Order by the SEC, CIM’s investment committee may determine that the Company should not participate in a co-investment transaction.

#### **Material Non-Public Information**

The Company’s senior management, members of CIM’s investment committee and other investment professionals from CIM may serve as directors of, or in a similar capacity with, companies in which the Company invests or in which the Company is considering making an investment. Through these and other relationships with a company, these individuals may obtain material non-public information that might restrict the Company’s ability to buy or sell the securities of such company under the policies of the Company or applicable law.

#### **Required Vote**

Each Director shall be elected by a plurality of all the votes cast at the Meeting virtually or by proxy, provided that a quorum is present. Each Share may be voted for each of the Director nominees. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, it is the intention of the persons named as proxies to vote such proxy “FOR” the election of the Director nominees named above. Votes that are withheld will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on this proposal. Shares represented by broker non-votes are also not considered votes cast and thus have no effect on this proposal.

**THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE “FOR” THE ELECTION OF  
THE DIRECTOR NOMINEES NAMED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.**

**PROPOSAL 2 – RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF  
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The audit committee, comprised of all the Independent Directors, has approved (and the Board has ratified) RSM US LLP, or RSM, to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. RSM has advised the Company that neither the firm nor any present member or associate of it has any material financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Company or its affiliates. It is expected that a representative of RSM will be present at the Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she chooses and will be available to answer questions.

**Fees**

RSM has acted as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2025. Set forth in the table below are audit fees and non-audit related fees billed to the Company by RSM for professional services performed for the Company’s fiscal years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Fiscal Year	Audit Fees*	Audit-Related Fees**	Tax Fees***	All Other Fees****
2025	\$1,312,740	\$—	\$25,725	\$—
2024	\$1,142,592	\$—	\$26,600	\$—

- \* “Audit Fees” consist of fees billed to the Company by RSM for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company’s year-end financial statements. These fees billed include fees related to RSM’s review of the Company’s debt offering documents.
- \*\* “Audit-Related Fees” are those fees billed to the Company by RSM relating to audit services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company’s financial statements and are not reported under “Audit Fees.”
- \*\*\* “Tax Fees” are those fees billed to the Company by RSM in connection with tax compliance services, including primarily the review of the Company’s income tax returns.
- \*\*\*\* “All Other Fees” are those fees billed to the Company by RSM in connection with permitted non-audit services.

The Company’s audit committee reviews, negotiates and approves in advance the scope of work, any related engagement letter and the fees to be charged by the independent registered public accounting firm for audit services and permitted non-audit services for the Company. All of the audit and non-audit services described above for which RSM billed the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 were pre-approved by the audit committee.

**Audit Committee Report<sup>(1)</sup>**

As part of its oversight of the consolidated financial statements of CION Investment Corporation, or the Company, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with both management and RSM US LLP, the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, the Company’s consolidated financial statements to be filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. Management advised the Audit Committee that all financial statements were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, and reviewed significant accounting issues with the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee also discussed with RSM US LLP the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1 AU section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T, and by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Audit Committee has established a pre-approval policy that describes the permitted audit, audit-related, tax, and other services to be provided by RSM US LLP. Pursuant to the policy, the Audit Committee pre-approves the audit and non-audit services performed by RSM US LLP in order to assure that the provision of such service does not impair such firm’s independence.

Any requests for audit, audit-related, tax, and other services that have not received general pre-approval must be submitted to the Audit Committee for specific pre-approval in accordance with its pre-approval policy, irrespective of the amount, and cannot commence until such approval has been granted. Normally, pre-approval is provided at regularly scheduled meetings of the Audit Committee. However, the Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval

(1) The material in this report is not “soliciting material,” is not deemed “filed” with the SEC, and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

authority to one or more of its members. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated must report any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee does not delegate its responsibilities to pre-approve services performed by RSM US LLP to management.

The Audit Committee received and reviewed the written disclosures and the letters from RSM US LLP required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding RSM US LLP's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with RSM US LLP its independence. The Audit Committee has reviewed the audit fees paid by the Company to RSM US LLP. It has also reviewed non-audit services and fees to assure compliance with the Company's and the Audit Committee's policies restricting RSM US LLP from performing services that might impair its independence.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025 for filing with the SEC.

March 10, 2026

**The Audit Committee**

Aron I. Schwartz, *Chair*

Robert A. Breakstone

Peter I. Finlay

Earl V. Hedin

Catherine K. Choi

Edward J. Estrada

**Vote Required**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy, provided a quorum is present, is required to ratify the appointment of RSM to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. Abstentions will not be included in determining the number of votes cast and, as a result, will have no effect on the result of the vote. Because brokers will have discretionary authority to vote for the ratification of the appointment of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm in the event that they do not receive voting instructions from the beneficial owner of the Shares, there will not be any broker non-votes with respect to this proposal.

**THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" RATIFICATION OF  
RSM US LLP AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM OF THE COMPANY  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

**Requirements for Shareholder Proposals to Be Considered for Inclusion in the Company's Proxy Materials**

Proposals that a shareholder intends to present at the Company's 2027 annual meeting of shareholders, which we refer to as the "2027 Annual Meeting," and wishes to be considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy for the 2027 Annual Meeting must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on December 31, 2026. All proposals must comply with SEC Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, which lists the requirements for the inclusion of shareholder proposals in company-sponsored proxy materials. Shareholder proposals must be delivered to the Company's Secretary by mail at the address provided below. As the rules of the SEC make clear, simply submitting a timely proposal does not guarantee that the proposal will be included in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy for the 2027 Annual Meeting.

**Requirements for Other Shareholder Proposals to Be Brought Before the 2027 Annual Meeting and Director Nominations**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Company's Bylaws, which we refer to as the "Bylaws," notice of any proposal that a shareholder intends to present at the 2027 Annual Meeting, but does not intend to have included in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy for the 2027 Annual Meeting, as well as any Director nominations, must be delivered to the Company's Secretary by mail at the address provided below and must be received by the Company's Secretary at the address provided below not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of the mailing of the Notice of Annual Meeting for the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, any notice given by a shareholder must be received no earlier than 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on December 31, 2026, and not later than the close of business on January 29, 2027. To be in proper form, the notice must be submitted by a shareholder of record and must include the information required by the current Bylaws with respect to each Director nomination or proposal that the shareholder intends to present at the 2027 Annual Meeting. If you are a beneficial owner of Shares held by a broker or other custodian, you should contact the broker or other custodian that holds your Shares for information about how to register your Shares directly in your name as a shareholder of record.

Notices of intention to present proposals at the 2027 Annual Meeting and/or Director nominations must be addressed to Stephen Roman, Corporate Secretary, CION Investment Corporation, 100 Park Avenue, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017, on or before January 29, 2027. The Company will not consider any proposal or nomination that is not timely. The Company reserves the right to reject, rule out of order, or take other appropriate action with respect to any proposal that does not comply with or otherwise does not meet the Bylaws or SEC requirements for submitting a proposal or nomination, or other applicable requirements. A shareholder who wishes to submit a proposal or nomination is encouraged to seek independent counsel about the Bylaws and SEC requirements.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board does not intend to present any other business at the Meeting, nor is it aware that any shareholder intends to do so. If, however, any other matters are properly brought before the Meeting, the persons named in the proxy will vote thereon in accordance with their judgment.

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD**

All interested parties, including shareholders, may send communications to the Board or any of its members by addressing such communication to the relevant party(ies), c/o CION Investment Corporation, 100 Park Avenue, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017.

## KEY SERVICE PROVIDERS

*Adviser.* CION Investment Management, LLC, a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, located at 100 Park Avenue, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017, serves as the Company's investment adviser.

*Administrator.* CION Investment Management, LLC, located at 100 Park Avenue, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017, also serves as the Company's administrator and furnishes the Company with office equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services.

*Custodian.* U.S. Bank, N.A., which has its principal office at One Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110, serves as custodian for the Company. U.S. Bank, N.A. also performs certain administrative functions on behalf of the Company.

*Distribution Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar.* SS&C Technologies, Inc., which has its principal office at 333 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 5th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64105, serves as the Company's distribution paying agent, transfer agent and registrar.

**CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**100 PARK AVENUE, 25<sup>th</sup> FLOOR**  
**NEW YORK, NY 10017**

**PROXY CARD FOR SHAREHOLDERS WHO HOLD SHARES VIA TASE MEMBERS**

**Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

**Virtual Meeting Only – No Physical Meeting Location**  
***www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026***  
**June 25, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

**This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors**

The undersigned hereby appoints Michael A. Reisner and Stephen Roman, and each of them, or their designated substitutes, to act as attorney and proxy for the undersigned to vote all the Shares of Common Stock of CION Investment Corporation (the “Company”), which the undersigned is entitled to vote and to otherwise represent the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company (the “Meeting”) to be held virtually via live webcast over the Internet at *www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026*, on June 25, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and at all adjournments thereof, as indicated on this proxy. The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and of the accompanying Proxy Statement, the terms of each of which are incorporated by reference, and revokes any proxy heretofore given with respect to such Meeting.

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein. If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted in accordance with the Board of Directors’ recommendations. The votes entitled to be cast by the undersigned will be cast in the discretion of the proxy holder on any other matter that may properly come before the Meeting or any postponements or adjournments thereof.

**Please sign and date this proxy card and return it promptly, together with an Ownership Certificate from the TASE member through which your Shares are registered, to the Company’s Israeli counsel, Goldfarb Gross Seligman & Co., c/o Hod Mimum, 98 Yigal Alon Street, 44th Floor, Tel Aviv 6789141, Israel (email: *hod.mimum@goldfarb.com*), so your Shares may be represented at the Meeting. The proxy card and Ownership Certificate must be received no later than June 21, 2026 to be validly included in the tally of Shares voted at the Meeting.**

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The Board of Directors recommends you vote **FOR** the following:

1. Election of Class II Directors, who will each serve for a term of three years expiring in 2029, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Nominee: Robert A. Breakstone

**FOR**                       **WITHHOLD**                       **ABSTAIN**

Nominee: Catherine K. Choi

**FOR**                       **WITHHOLD**                       **ABSTAIN**

The Board of Directors recommends you vote **FOR** the following:

2. To ratify the selection of RSM US LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2026.

**FOR**                       **AGAINST**                       **ABSTAIN**

Please indicate if you plan to attend this Meeting virtually:

**YES**                       **NO**

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) on the ownership confirmation issued by your TASE member. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint holders should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by duly authorized officer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name    Signature    Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name                      (Joint Owners)                      Signature                      Date

*[Israeli Proxy Card for 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of CION Investment Corporation]*

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CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION  
 100 PARK AVENUE, 25<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
 NEW YORK, NY 10017



**SCAN TO**  
 VIEW MATERIALS & VOTE



**VOTE BY INTERNET**

*Before The Meeting* - Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or scan the QR Barcode above

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

*During The Meeting* - Go to [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026)

You may attend the meeting via the Internet and vote during the meeting. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

**VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

**VOTE BY MAIL**

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS  
 DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

<b>CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION</b>		<b>For All</b>	<b>Withhold All</b>	<b>For All Except</b>	To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "For All Except" and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.		
<b>The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
1.	To elect two directors of the Company, who will each serve for a term of three years expiring in 2029, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified (the "Class II Director Proposal").				_____		
<b>Nominees:</b>							
	01) Robert A. Breakstone						
	02) Catherine K. Choi						
<b>The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the following proposal:</b>					<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
2.	To ratify the selection of RSM US LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2026 (the "Auditors Proposal").	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>				
Please indicate if you plan to attend the Meeting Virtually.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by an authorized officer.							
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Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]		Date		Signature (Joint Owners)		Date	

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:**

The Annual Report, Notice & Proxy Statement and related materials are available  
at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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**CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION  
Annual Meeting of Shareholders  
JUNE 25, 2026 3:00 PM, EDT  
This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors**

The shareholder(s) hereby appoint(s) Michael A. Reisner and Stephen Roman, or either of them, as proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorize(s) them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of common stock of CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION that the shareholder(s) is/are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 3:00 PM, EDT on June 25, 2026, and any adjournment or postponement thereof. The Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting, which will be conducted via live webcast. You will be able to attend the Meeting online and submit your questions during the Meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CION2026).

**This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein. If no such direction is made, this proxy will be voted in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations.**

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