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Earnings Presentation

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Financial and Portfolio Highlights

Financial Highlights

	Q4-23	Q3-23	Q4-22	FY-23	FY-22
GAAP Net Income Per Share ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.34	\$ 2.75	\$ 1.21
Core EPS ^{*(3)}	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.63	\$ 2.37	\$ 2.02
Net Investment Income Per Share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.68	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.19
Net Realized Gains (Losses) Per Share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.14)	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.32)	\$ 0.07
Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) Per Share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.51	\$ (0.39)	\$ 0.79	\$ (1.05)
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$ 19.24	\$ 18.99	\$ 18.40	\$ 19.24	\$ 18.40

Portfolio Highlights

<i>(dollar amounts in millions)</i>	Q4-23	Q3-23	Q4-22	FY-23	FY-22
Gross Commitments ⁽⁴⁾	\$2,384	\$ 1,598	\$ 2,519	\$5,966	\$9,870
Exits of Commitments ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 1,427	\$ 1,280	\$2,333	\$ 5,729	\$ 7,953
Total Fair Value of Investments	\$22,874	\$21,929	\$21,780	\$22,874	\$21,780
Weighted Average Yields on Debt and Other Income Producing Securities at Amortized Cost ⁽⁶⁾	12.5 %	12.4 %	11.6 %	12.5 %	11.6 %
Weighted Average Yields on Total Investments at Amortized Cost ⁽⁷⁾	11.3 %	11.2 %	10.5 %	11.3 %	10.5 %

Note: Endnotes begin on slide 24

* See slide 23 hereof for reconciliations of GAAP net income per share, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, to Core EPS.

Selected Historical Financial Information

(dollar amounts in millions, except per share data and stock prices)	As of and for the Three Months Ended				
	12/31/23	9/30/23	6/30/23	3/31/23	12/31/22
GAAP Net Income Per Share ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.34
Core EPS ⁽³⁾	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.63
Net Investment Income Per Share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.68
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) Per Share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.34)
Dividend Declared and Payable Per Share	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48
Additional Dividend Declared and Payable Per Share	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0.03
Stockholders' Equity	\$ 11,201	\$ 10,815	\$ 10,354	\$ 10,049	\$ 9,555
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$ 19.24	\$ 18.99	\$ 18.58	\$ 18.45	\$ 18.40
Debt/Equity Ratio	1.07x	1.07x	1.10x	1.12x	1.29x
Debt/Equity Ratio, Net of Available Cash ⁽⁸⁾	1.02x	1.03x	1.07x	1.09x	1.26x
Unsecured Debt to Total Debt	72.7 %	72.3 %	68.0 %	69.2 %	69.4 %
Weighted Average Stated Interest on Debt ⁽⁹⁾	4.8 %	4.7 %	4.6 %	4.4 %	4.2 %
Net Interest and Dividend Margin ⁽¹⁰⁾	8.6 %	8.4 %	7.9 %	7.5 %	6.9 %
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges ⁽¹¹⁾	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Market Capitalization:					
Principal Debt	\$ 11,905	\$ 11,558	\$ 11,401	\$ 11,196	\$ 12,245
Equity	11,664	11,087	10,473	9,949	9,591
Total Market Capitalization	\$ 23,569	\$ 22,645	\$ 21,874	\$ 21,145	\$ 21,836
Common Stock Data:					
High Price during the period	\$ 20.21	\$ 19.81	\$ 19.11	\$ 20.04	\$ 19.76
Low Price during the period	\$ 18.66	\$ 18.86	\$ 17.65	\$ 17.19	\$ 17.30
Closing Price	\$ 20.03	\$ 19.47	\$ 18.79	\$ 18.27	\$ 18.47

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Selected Historical Financial Information (cont'd)

<i>(dollar amounts in millions)</i>	As of					
	12/31/23	9/30/23	6/30/23	3/31/23	12/31/22	
Investments at Fair Value	\$ 22,874	\$ 21,929	\$ 21,496	\$ 21,148	\$ 21,780	
Number of Portfolio Companies ⁽¹²⁾	505	490	475	466	466	
Asset Class (at fair value):						
First Lien Senior Secured Loans ⁽¹³⁾	44 %	43 %	42 %	41 %	43 %	
Second Lien Senior Secured Loans	16 %	17 %	18 %	18 %	18 %	
Senior Direct Lending Program ⁽¹⁴⁾	6 %	6 %	6 %	6 %	6 %	
Senior Subordinated Loans	5 %	5 %	5 %	5 %	5 %	
Preferred Equity	11 %	11 %	10 %	10 %	9 %	
Ivy Hill Asset Management ⁽¹⁵⁾	9 %	9 %	10 %	11 %	10 %	
Other Equity	9 %	9 %	9 %	9 %	9 %	
Interest Rate Type (at fair value):						
Floating Rate ⁽¹⁶⁾	69 %	69 %	68 %	69 %	71 %	
Fixed Rate	12 %	12 %	12 %	11 %	11 %	
Non-Income Producing	11 %	11 %	11 %	11 %	10 %	
Ivy Hill Asset Management Equity*	8 %	8 %	9 %	9 %	8 %	
Yields:						
Weighted Avg. Yield on Debt and Other Income Producing Securities at Amortized Cost ⁽⁶⁾	12.5 %	12.4 %	12.2 %	12.0 %	11.6 %	
Weighted Avg. Yield on Debt and Other Income Producing Securities at Fair Value ⁽⁶⁾	12.5 %	12.6 %	12.5 %	12.2 %	11.9 %	
Weighted Average Yield on Total Investments at Amortized Cost ⁽⁷⁾	11.3 %	11.2 %	11.0 %	10.8 %	10.5 %	
Weighted Average Yield on Total Investments at Fair Value ⁽⁷⁾	11.2 %	11.2 %	11.1 %	10.9 %	10.6 %	

*Ares Capital's equity investment in Ivy Hill Asset Management, L.P. ("IHAM") generally pays a quarterly dividend.

Selected Historical Financial Information (cont'd)

<i>(dollar amounts in millions)</i>	For the Three Months Ended									
	12/31/23		9/30/23		6/30/23		3/31/23		12/31/22	
Commitments:										
Gross Commitments ⁽⁴⁾	\$	2,384	\$	1,598	\$	1,218	\$	766	\$	2,519
Exits of Commitments ⁽⁵⁾		(1,427)		(1,280)		(1,138)		(1,884)		(2,333)
Net Commitments ⁽¹⁷⁾	\$	957	\$	318	\$	80	\$	(1,118)	\$	186
Gross Commitments Information:										
Number of Transactions		74		50		46		32		42
Weighted Average Commitment Term in Months		73		67		65		72		77
Average Commitment in Period	\$	32	\$	32	\$	26	\$	24	\$	60
Fundings:										
Gross Fundings	\$	1,981	\$	1,420	\$	1,329	\$	1,090	\$	2,710
Net Fundings ⁽¹⁷⁾	\$	699	\$	119	\$	132	\$	(699)	\$	490
Portfolio Turnover		0.06		0.06		0.06		0.05		0.10

Quarterly Operating Results

(amounts in millions, except per share data)	For the Three Months Ended					
	12/31/23	9/30/23	6/30/23	3/31/23	12/31/22	
Investment income	\$ 707	\$ 655	\$ 634	\$ 618	\$ 640	
Expenses	353	363	314	298	273	
Net investment income before income taxes	354	292	320	320	367	
Income tax expense, including excise tax	9	3	6	2	18	
Net investment income	345	289	314	318	349	
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	68	211	17	(40)	(175)	
Net Income	\$ 413	\$ 500	\$ 331	\$ 278	\$ 174	
Per Share:						
GAAP Net Income Per Share ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.34	
Core EPS ^{*(3)}	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.63	
Dividends Declared and Payable**	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.51	
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	572	562	547	534	514	
Common shares outstanding at end of period	582	569	557	545	519	

(amounts in millions, except per share data)	For the Years Ended	
	12/31/23	12/31/22
Investment income	\$ 2,614	\$ 2,096
Expenses	1,328	949
Net investment income before income taxes	1,286	1,147
Income tax expense, including excise tax	20	55
Net investment income	1,266	1,092
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	256	(492)
Net Income	\$ 1,522	\$ 600
Per Share:		
GAAP Net Income Per Share ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 2.75	\$ 1.21
Core EPS ^{*(3)}	\$ 2.37	\$ 2.02
Dividends Declared and Payable***	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.87
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	554	498
Common shares outstanding at end of period	582	519

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** For the quarter ended December 31, 2022, dividends declared and paid included an additional dividend of \$0.03 per share.

*** For the year ended December 31, 2022, dividends declared and payable included additional dividends of \$0.12 per share.

Quarterly Operating Results Detail

(amounts in millions)	For the Three Months Ended				
	12/31/23	9/30/23	6/30/23	3/31/23	12/31/22
Net Investment Income Before Income Taxes:					
Investment Income:					
Interest income from investments	\$ 521	\$ 495	\$ 476	\$ 470	\$ 456
Capital structuring service fees	41	20	21	10	59
Dividend income	129	128	123	121	110
Other income	16	12	14	17	15
Total investment income	707	655	634	618	640
Expenses:					
Interest and credit facility fees	157	145	141	139	141
Base management fees	84	81	79	79	79
Income based fees	90	83	79	76	81
Capital gains incentive fees*	13	42	4	(6)	(37)
Administrative fees	3	4	3	3	2
Other general and administrative	6	8	8	7	7
Total operating expenses	353	363	314	298	273
Net investment income before income taxes	354	292	320	320	367
Income tax expense, including excise tax	9	3	6	2	18
Net Investment Income	\$ 345	\$ 289	\$ 314	\$ 318	\$ 349

* Accrued in accordance with GAAP. As of December 31, 2023, Ares Capital had accrued \$88 million of incentive fees payable related to capital gains under GAAP; however, such amount is not actually payable under Ares Capital's investment advisory and management agreement with its investment adviser. The actual amount due under the investment advisory and management agreement is only determined annually at the end of each calendar year and may be less than the amount accrued under GAAP.

Quarterly Gain/Loss Detail

(amounts in millions)	For the Three Months Ended				
	12/31/23	9/30/23	6/30/23	3/31/23	12/31/22
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses):					
Realized gains (losses) on investments:					
Gains	\$ 19	\$ 22	\$ 25	\$ 41	\$ 83
Losses	(14)	(94)	(93)	(61)	(82)
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	5	(72)	(68)	(20)	1
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments:					
Unrealized appreciation	369	307	253	224	204
Unrealized depreciation	(280)	(143)	(224)	(287)	(411)
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	89	164	29	(63)	(207)
Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation reversed related to net realized gains or losses on investments	(2)	96	68	48	68
Total net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	87	260	97	(15)	(139)
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains on foreign currency and other transactions	(24)	23	(12)	(5)	(37)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	\$ 68	\$ 211	\$ 17	\$ (40)	\$ (175)

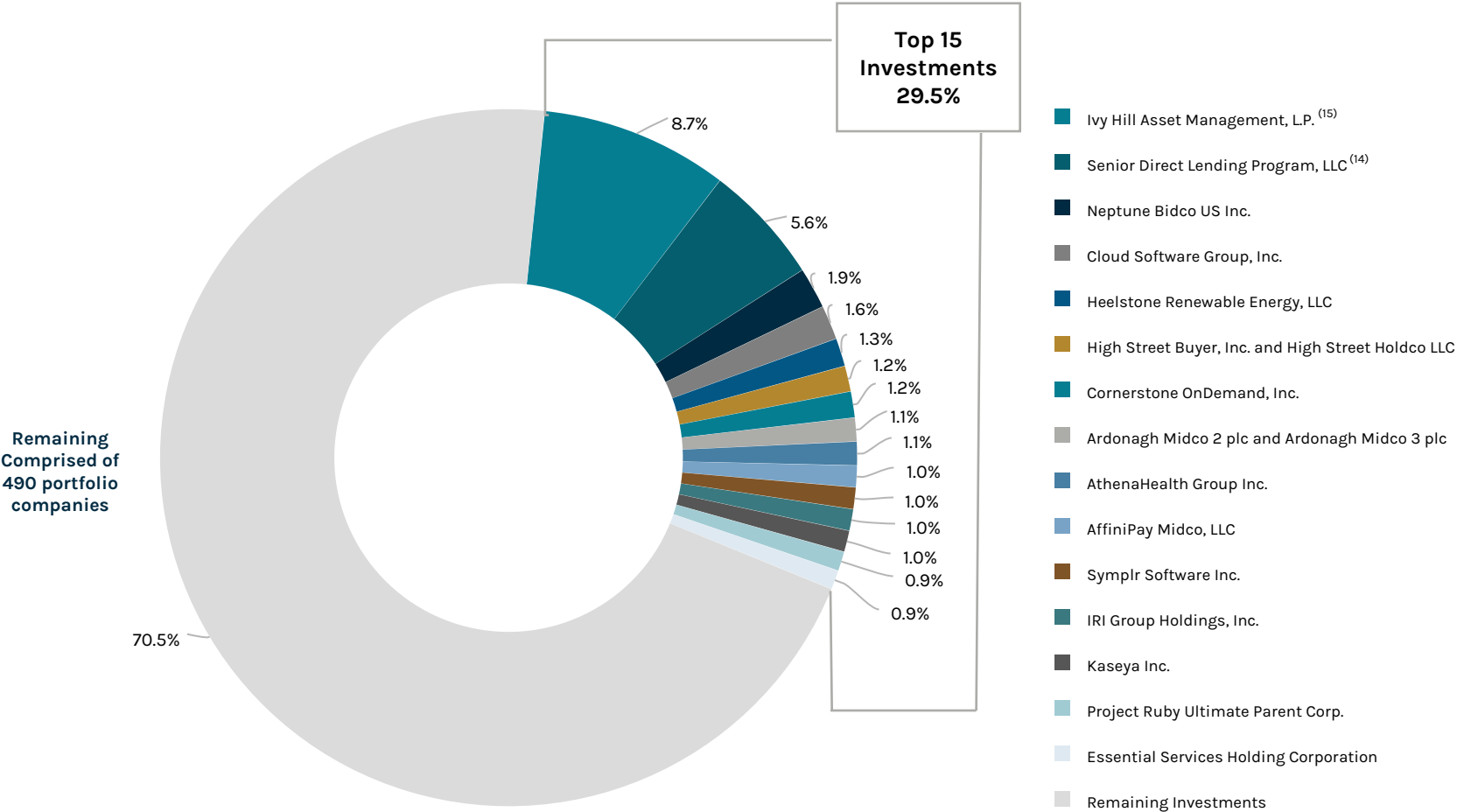
Quarterly Balance Sheets

	12/31/23		9/30/23		As of 6/30/23		3/31/23		12/31/22	
<i>(amounts in millions, except per share data)</i>										
ASSETS										
Investments at fair value	\$	22,874	\$	21,929	\$	21,496	\$	21,148	\$	21,780
Cash and cash equivalents		535		527		411		359		303
Restricted cash		29		78		42		18		34
Interest receivable		245		215		181		187		176
Receivable for open trades		16		44		5		7		4
Other assets		91		114		81		75		81
Operating lease right-of-use asset		10		13		15		18		20
Total assets	\$	23,800	\$	22,920	\$	22,231	\$	21,812	\$	22,398
LIABILITIES										
Debt	\$	11,884	\$	11,517	\$	11,371	\$	11,164	\$	12,210
Base management fees payable		84		81		79		79		79
Income based fees payable*		90		83		79		157		81
Capital gains incentive fees payable**		88		75		33		29		35
Interest and facility fees payable		132		85		87		84		105
Payable to participants		29		77		42		18		34
Payable for open trades		7		1		6		7		22
Accounts payable and other liabilities		234		132		121		117		167
Secured borrowings		34		34		35		80		79
Operating lease liabilities		17		20		24		28		31
Total liabilities		12,599		12,105		11,877		11,763		12,843
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY										
Common stock		1		1		1		1		1
Capital in excess of par value		10,738		10,505		10,273		10,033		9,556
Accumulated undistributed (overdistributed) earnings		462		309		80		15		(2)
Total stockholders' equity		11,201		10,815		10,354		10,049		9,555
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	23,800	\$	22,920	\$	22,231	\$	21,812	\$	22,398
NET ASSETS PER SHARE	\$	19.24	\$	18.99	\$	18.58	\$	18.45	\$	18.40

* Pursuant to the terms of Ares Capital's Investment Advisory and Management Agreement (the "Agreement"), payment of \$81 million of the income based fees earned by Ares Capital's investment adviser for the fourth quarter of 2022 was deferred. The deferred income based fees were paid in the second quarter of 2023 pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

** Accrued in accordance with GAAP. No capital gains incentive fees were actually payable under the Agreement for any periods presented.

Investment Portfolio by Issuer as of December 31, 2023*

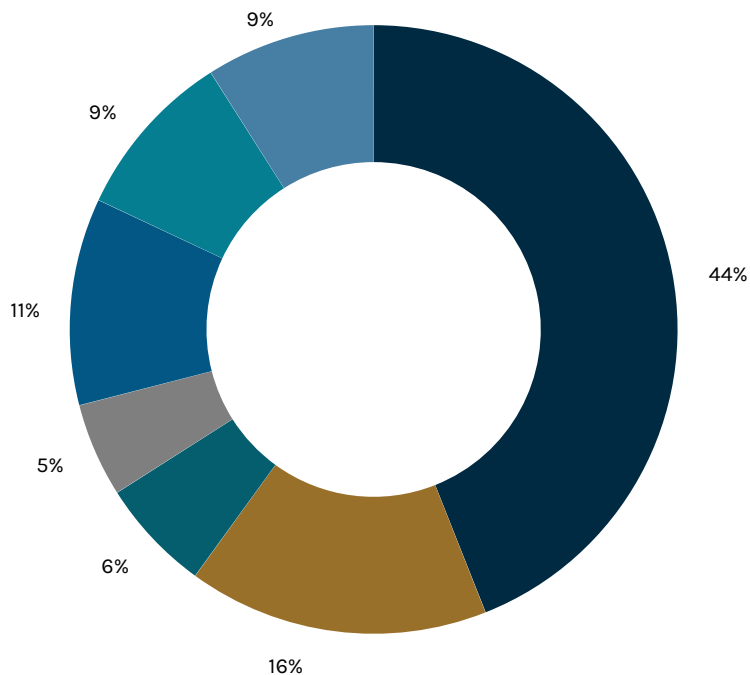


Diversified \$22.9 billion portfolio with 505 portfolio companies ⁽¹²⁾

* At fair value

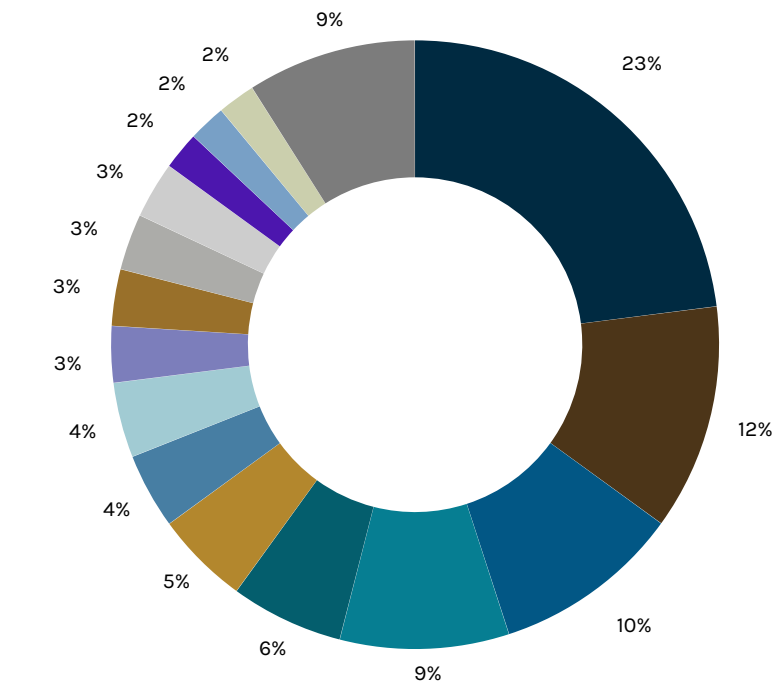
Investment Portfolio as of December 31, 2023*

Asset Class



- First Lien Senior Secured Loans⁽¹³⁾
- Second Lien Senior Secured Loans
- Senior Direct Lending Program⁽¹⁴⁾
- Senior Subordinated Loans
- Preferred Equity
- Ivy Hill Asset Management⁽¹⁵⁾
- Other Equity

Industry

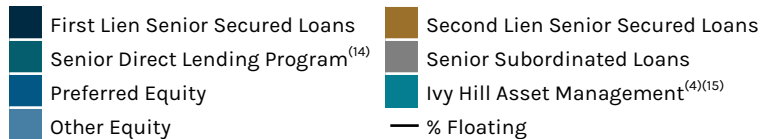
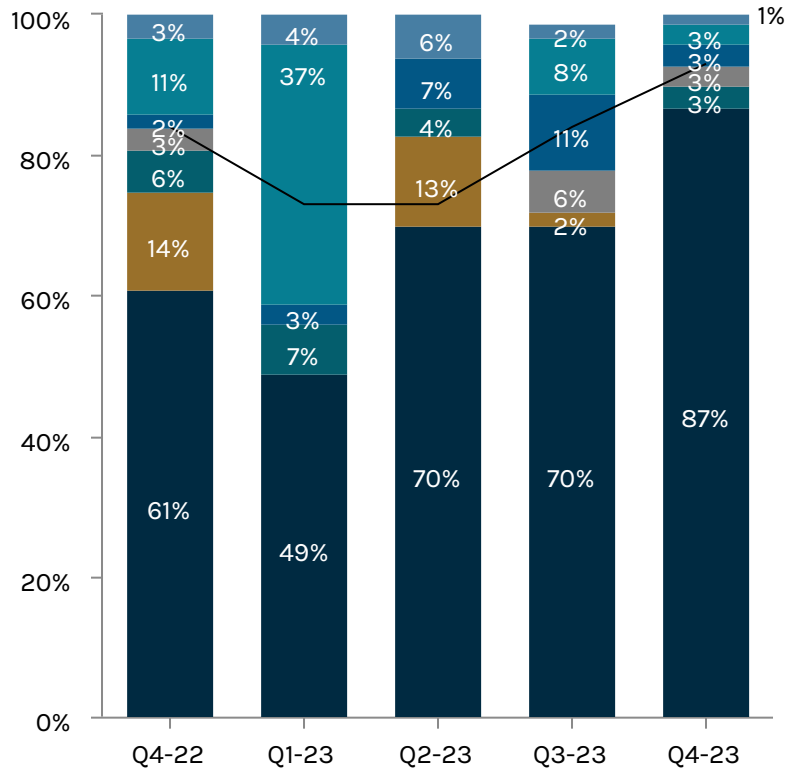


- Software and Services
- Health Care Services
- Commercial and Professional Services
- Ivy Hill Asset Management⁽¹⁵⁾
- Senior Direct Lending Program⁽¹⁴⁾
- Insurance Services
- Consumer Services
- Power Generation
- Consumer Durables and Apparel
- Media and Entertainment
- Financial Services
- Retailing and Distribution
- Capital Goods
- Energy
- Food and Beverage
- Other

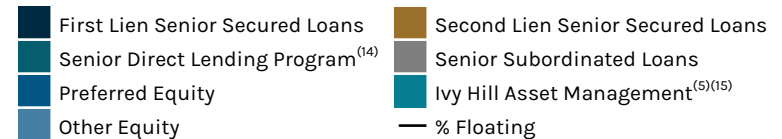
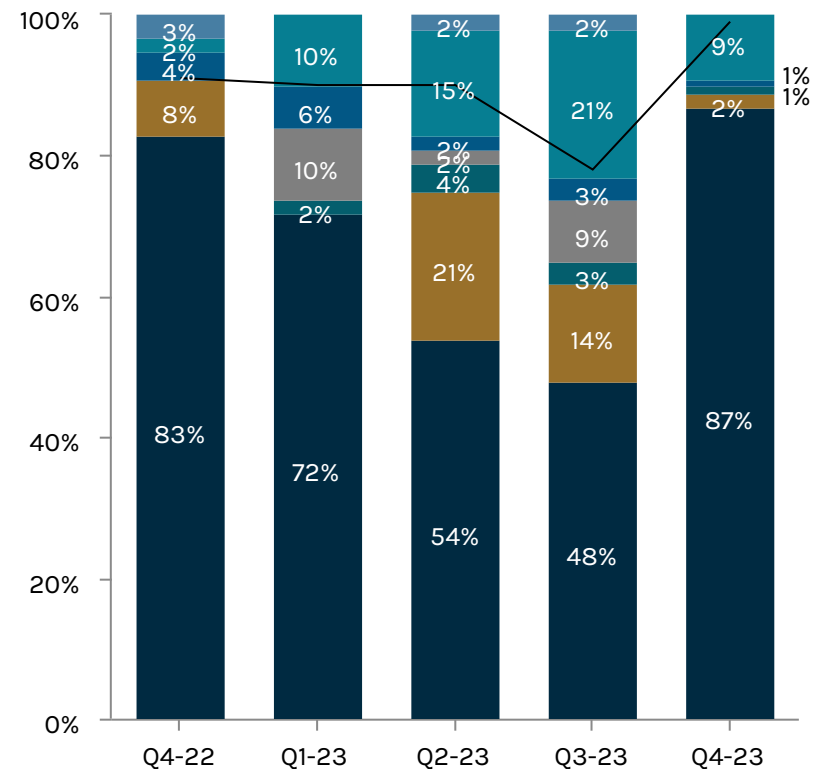
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Portfolio Activity

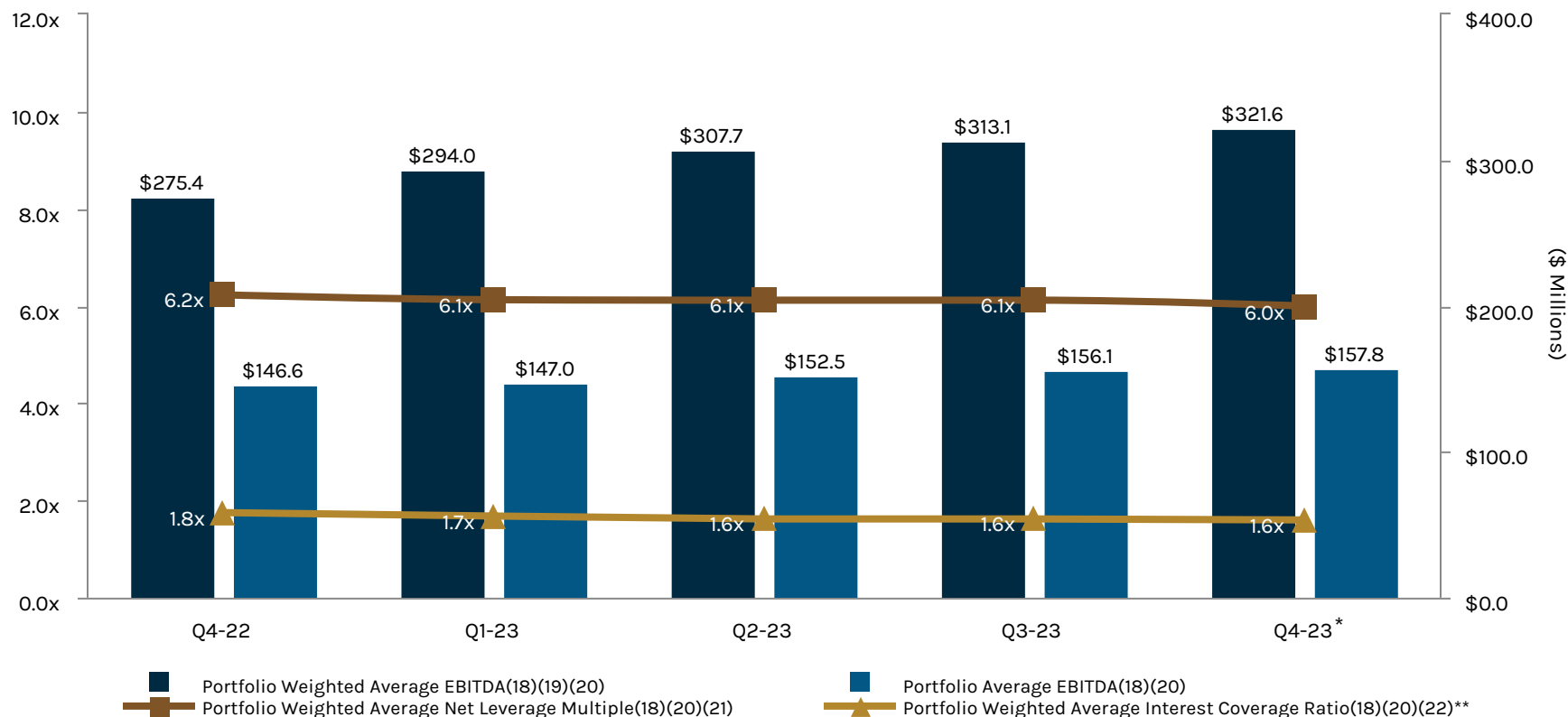
Gross Commitments by Asset Class



Exits of Commitments by Asset Class



Portfolio Company EBITDA and Credit Statistics

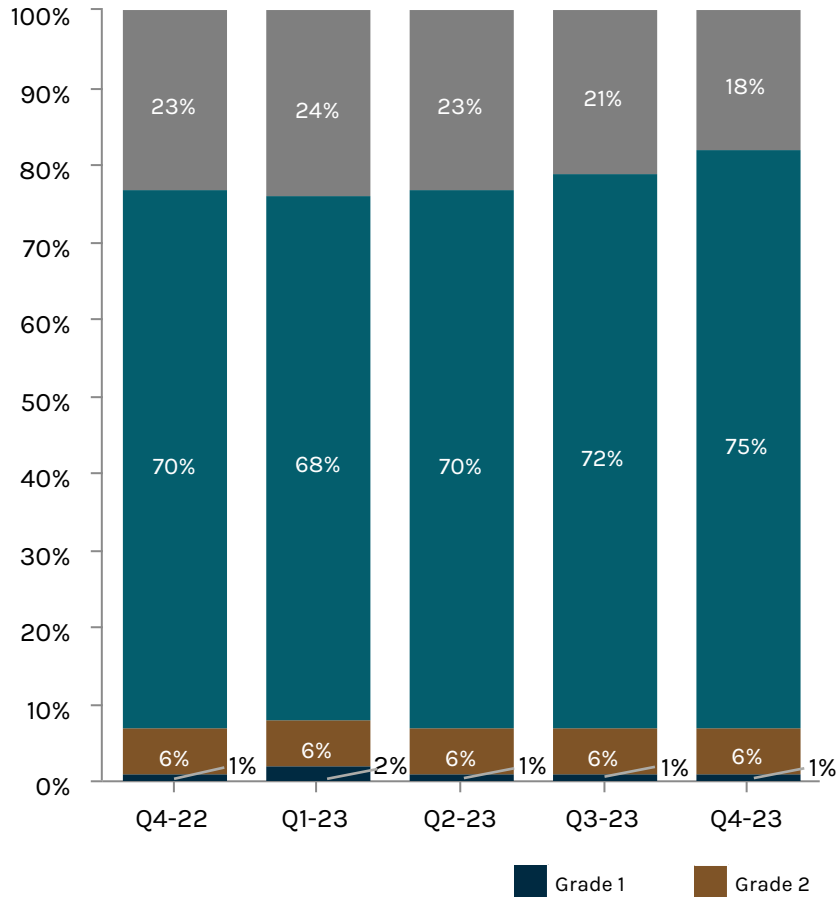


* For the portfolio companies included in the portfolio weighted average EBITDA data above (subject to additional exclusions described in the following sentence), the weighted average EBITDA growth rate as of Q4-23 was approximately 9% on a comparable basis for the most recently reported LTM period versus prior year LTM period. In addition to those portfolio companies excluded as noted⁽¹⁸⁾, this calculation excludes 58 companies where prior year comparable data was not available.⁽²³⁾

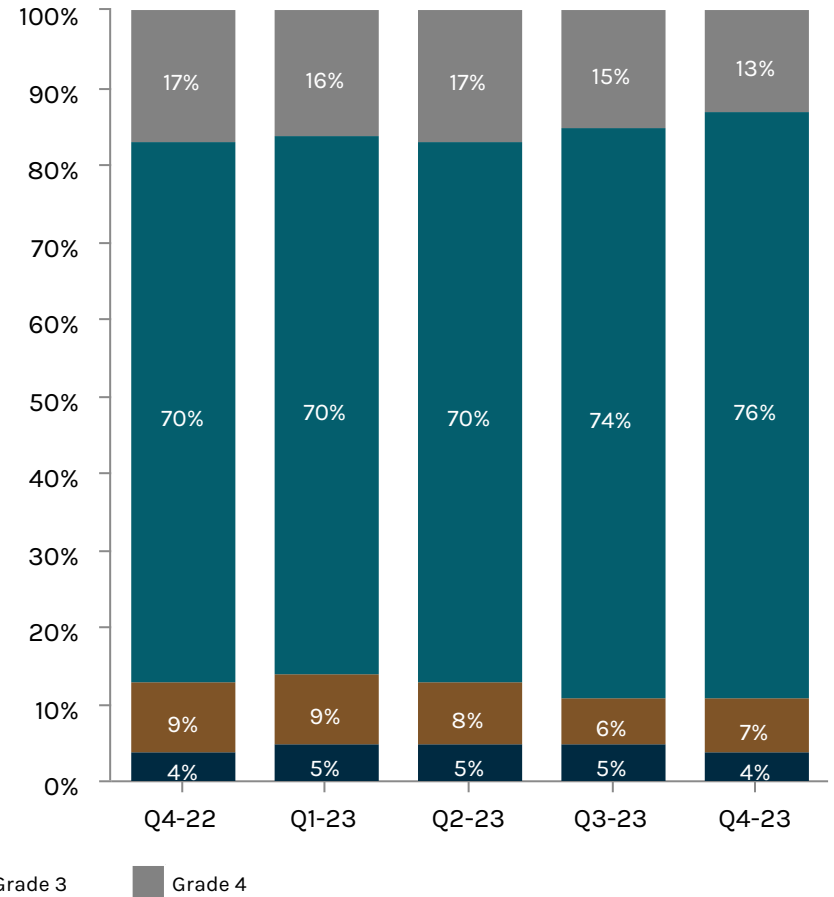
** Interest coverage represents portfolio companies' LTM EBITDA as a multiple of implied annualized cash interest based on the borrowing levels and market rates at quarter end.

Portfolio By Grade⁽²⁴⁾

% by Fair Value

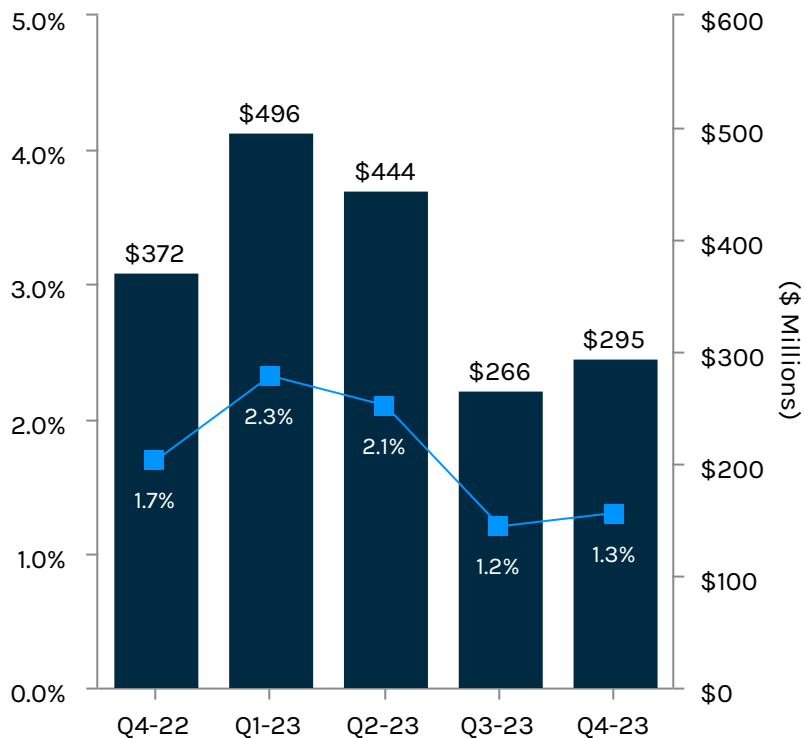


% by Number of Companies

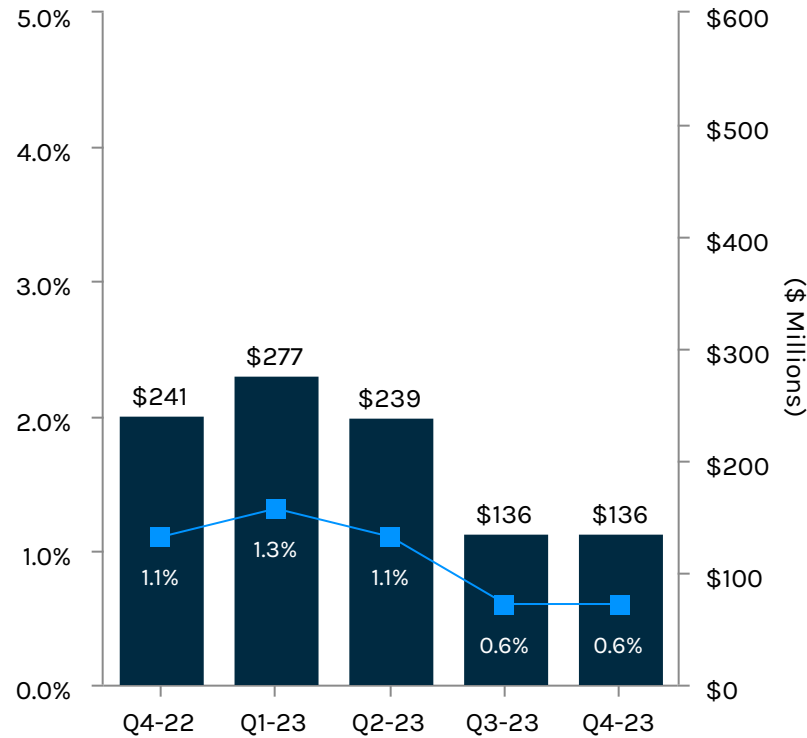


Loans on Non-Accrual Status

Amortized Cost



Fair Value



Investments on Non-Accrual Status
 Percentage of Total Investment Portfolio

Investment Activity from January 1, 2024 through February 1, 2024

Ares Capital made approximately \$705 million of new investment commitments

- 89% were in first lien senior secured loans, 3% were in second lien senior secured loans, 2% were in Ares Capital's subordinated loan investment in IHAM, 1% was in preferred equity and 5% were in other equity
- 94% were floating rate, 1% was fixed rate and 5% were non-income producing
- Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities funded at amortized cost was 11.3%
- Weighted average yield on total investments funded at amortized cost was 10.7%

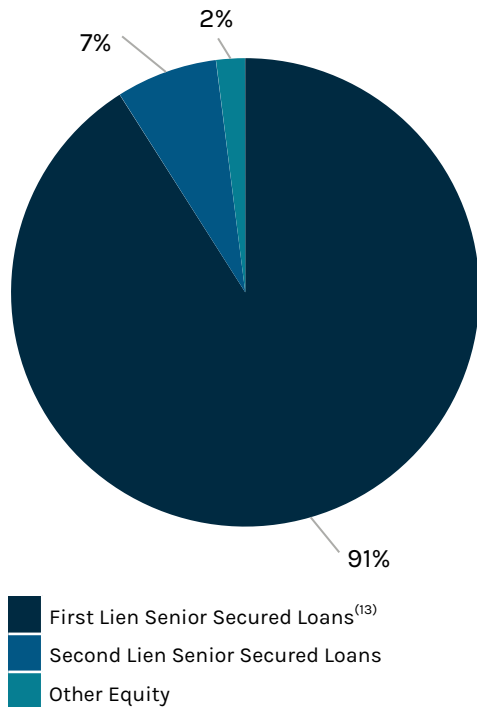
Ares Capital exited approximately \$695 million of investment commitments

- 30% were first lien senior secured loans, 45% were second lien senior secured loans, 13% were subordinated certificates of the SDLP, 11% were Ares Capital's subordinated loan investment in IHAM and 1% were other equity
- 99% were floating rate and 1% were non-income producing
- Weighted average yield of debt and other income producing securities exited or repaid at amortized cost was 12.6%
- Weighted average yield on total investments exited or repaid at amortized cost was 12.5%
- Total net realized gains of approximately \$19 million
- Exits include approximately \$12 million of loans sold to IHAM or certain vehicles managed by IHAM, resulting in no realized gains or losses

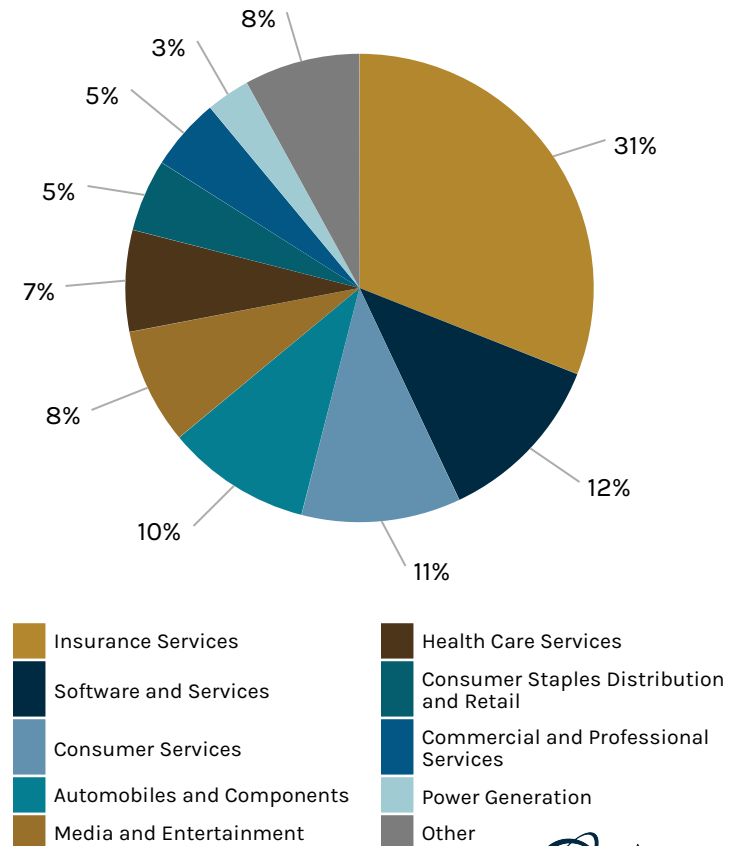
Backlog and Pipeline

- As of February 1, 2024, Ares Capital had a backlog and pipeline of approximately \$770 million and \$340 million, respectively⁽²⁵⁾
- The following is a breakdown of the backlog and pipeline by asset class and by industry

Asset Class



Industry



Debt Summary

(dollar amounts in millions)	As of 9/30/23			As of 12/31/23				Interest Rate	Maturity Date
	Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/Outstanding ⁽²⁷⁾	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value of Outstanding Debt	Aggregate Principal Amount Committed/Outstanding ⁽²⁷⁾	Principal Amount Outstanding	Carrying Value of Outstanding Debt	Weighted Average Stated Interest Rate ⁽²⁸⁾		
Secured Revolving Facilities⁽²⁶⁾:									
Revolving Credit Facility	\$ 4,758	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,392	\$ 4,758	\$ 1,413	\$ 1,413	7.166 %	SOFR + 1.75% ⁽³⁰⁾	April 2028 ⁽³⁰⁾
Revolving Funding Facility	1,775	887	887	1,775	863	863	7.327 %	SOFR + 1.90% ⁽³⁰⁾	December 2026 ⁽³⁰⁾
SMBC Funding Facility	800	401	401	800	401	401	7.212 %	SOFR + 1.75% ⁽³⁰⁾	May 2026 ⁽³⁰⁾
BNP Funding Facility	790	525	525	865	575	575	8.143 %	SOFR + 2.80% ⁽³⁰⁾	April 2028 ⁽³⁰⁾
Subtotal	8,123	3,205	3,205	8,198	3,252	3,252	7.387 %		
Unsecured Notes Payable*:									
2024 Convertible Notes	403	403	401 ⁽²⁸⁾	403	403	402 ⁽²⁸⁾	4.625 %		March 2024
2024 Notes	900	900	899 ⁽²⁸⁾	900	900	899 ⁽²⁸⁾	4.200 %		June 2024
March 2025 Notes	600	600	598 ⁽²⁸⁾	600	600	599 ⁽²⁸⁾	4.250 %		March 2025
July 2025 Notes	1,250	1,250	1,255 ⁽²⁸⁾	1,250	1,250	1,255 ⁽²⁸⁾	3.250 %		July 2025
January 2026 Notes	1,150	1,150	1,146 ⁽²⁸⁾	1,150	1,150	1,146 ⁽²⁸⁾	3.875 %		January 2026
July 2026 Notes	1,000	1,000	993 ⁽²⁸⁾	1,000	1,000	993 ⁽²⁸⁾	2.150 %		July 2026
January 2027 Notes	600	600	587 ⁽²⁸⁾	900	900	905 ⁽²⁸⁾	7.943 %	SOFR + 2.581%	January 2027
June 2027 Notes	500	500	495 ⁽²⁸⁾	500	500	495 ⁽²⁸⁾	2.875 %		June 2027
2028 Notes	1,250	1,250	1,247 ⁽²⁸⁾	1,250	1,250	1,247 ⁽²⁸⁾	2.875 %		June 2028
2031 Notes	700	700	691 ⁽²⁸⁾	700	700	691 ⁽²⁸⁾	3.200 %		November 2031
Subtotal	8,353	8,353	8,312	8,653	8,653	8,632	3.748 %		
Total Debt	\$ 16,476	11,558	11,517	\$ 16,851	\$ 11,905	\$ 11,884	4.814 %		

Floating and Fixed rate debt as of December 31, 2023

Debt (dollar amounts in millions)	Principal Amount Outstanding	Weighted Average Stated Interest Rate ⁽²⁹⁾	Weighted Average Remaining Maturity ^{***} (In years)
Floating**	\$ 4,152	7.51 %	3.47
Fixed	7,753	3.37 %	2.68
Total	\$ 11,905	4.81 %	2.96

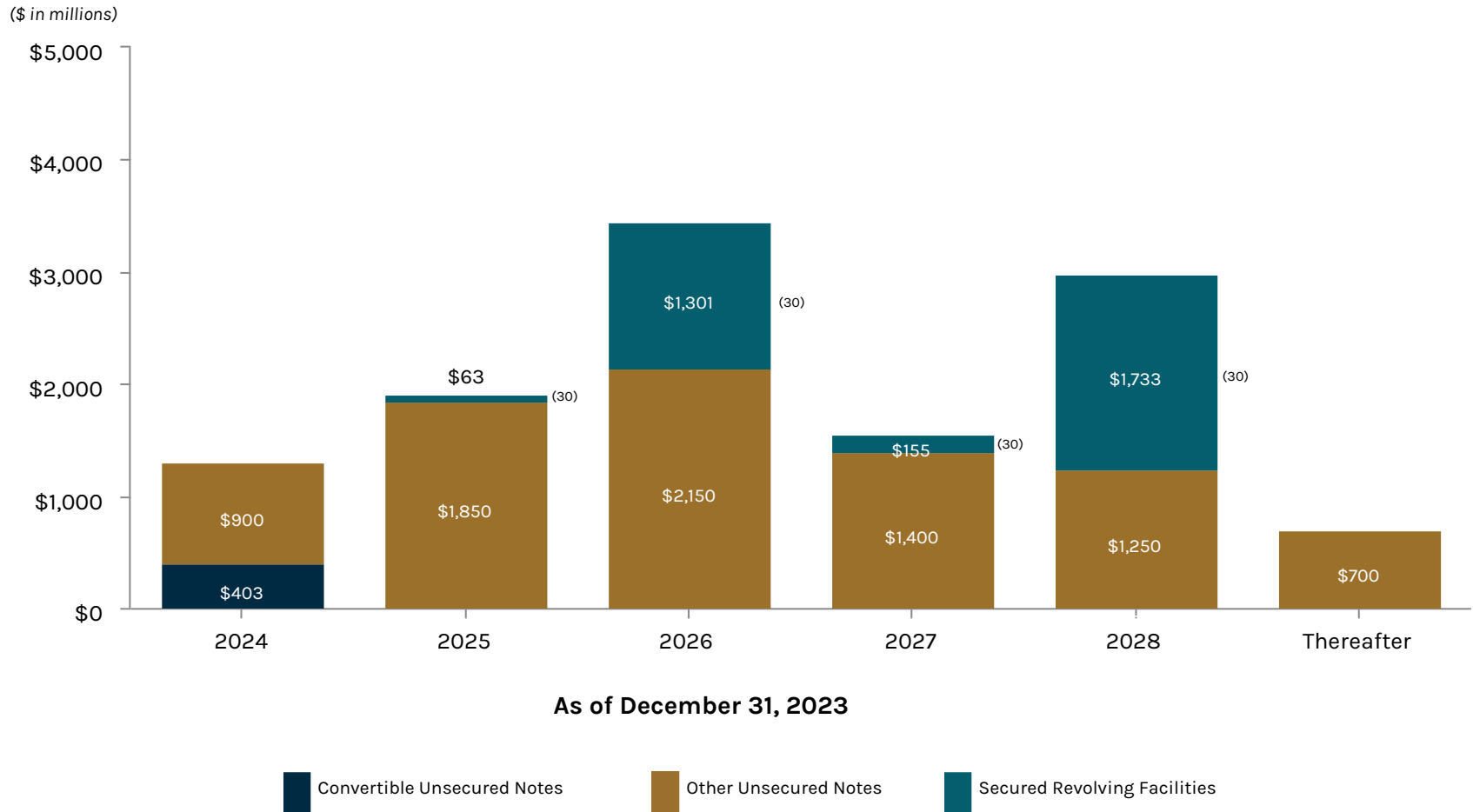
* In January 2024, Ares Capital issued \$1.00 billion in aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes that mature on March 1, 2029 and bear interest at a rate of 5.875% per year (the "2029 Notes"). In connection with the 2029 Notes, Ares Capital entered into an interest rate swap agreement for a total notional amount of \$1.00 billion that matures on March 1, 2029 to more closely align the interest rate of such liability with Ares Capital's investment portfolio. Under the interest rate swap agreement, Ares Capital receives a fixed interest rate of 5.875% and pays a floating interest rate of one-month SOFR plus 2.026%.

** Includes the January 2027 Notes

*** Represents the weighted average remaining maturity of outstanding debt as of December 31, 2023.

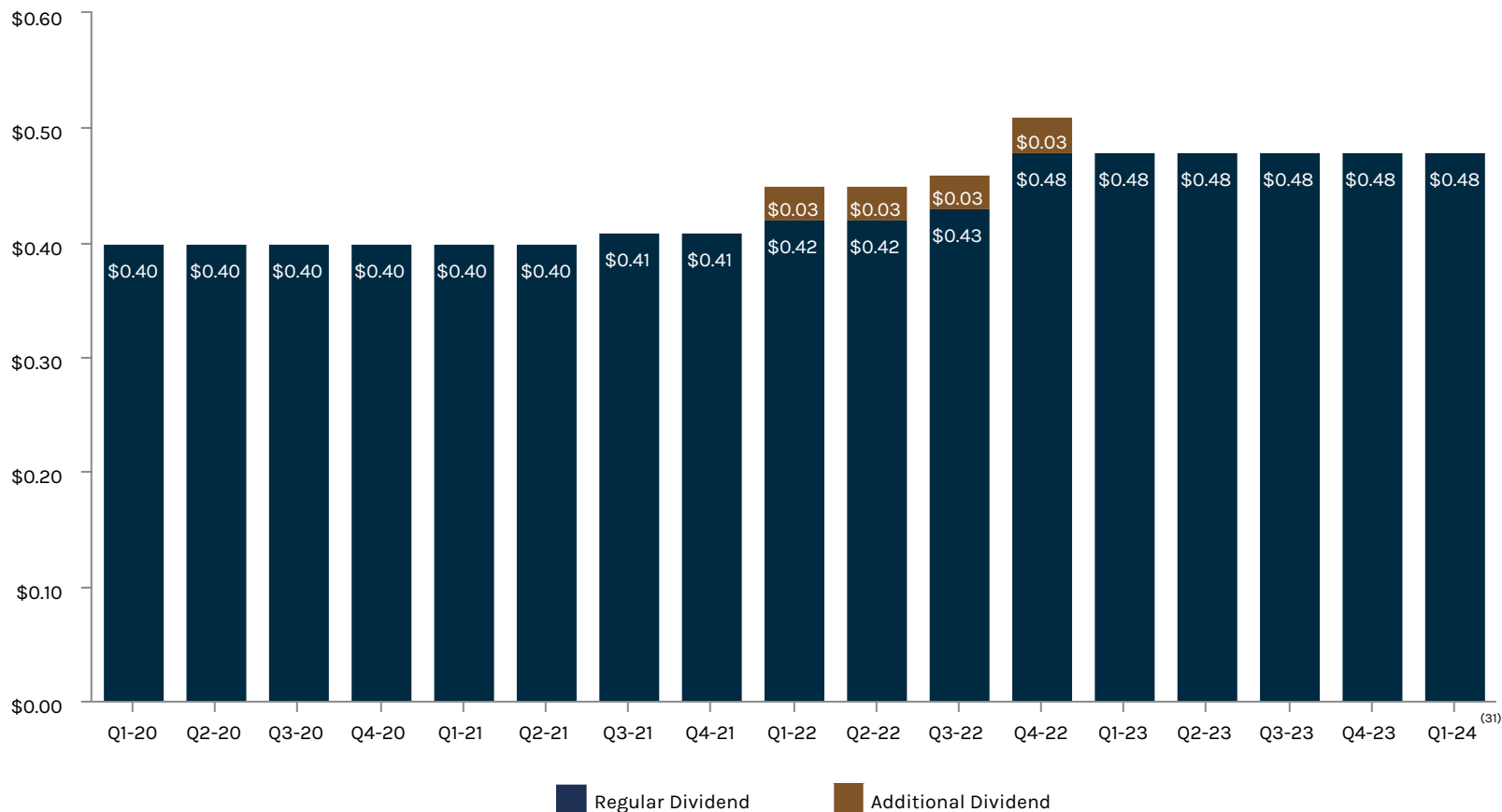
Debt Summary

Debt Maturities*



* Represents the total aggregate principal amount outstanding due on the stated maturity date.

Quarterly Dividends



- Ares Capital estimates that it will carry forward excess taxable income of approximately \$635 million or \$1.09 per share from 2023 for distribution to stockholders in 2024 ⁽³²⁾ ⁽³³⁾

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* Effective as of February 15, 2024, Ares Capital's board of directors appointed Scott Lem as Chief Financial Officer, Paul Cho as Chief Accounting Officer and Angela Lee as Vice President and Assistant Treasurer of Ares Capital. Concurrently with Scott Lem's appointment, Penni Roll will step down as Chief Financial Officer and remain an officer of Ares Capital.

Reconciliations of GAAP Net Income Per Share to Core EPS

The following are reconciliations of net income per share computed in accordance with GAAP to core earnings per share:

	For the Three Months Ended				
	12/31/23	9/30/23	6/30/23	3/31/23	12/31/22
GAAP net income per share⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.34
Adjustments:					
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses ⁽¹⁾	(0.12)	(0.37)	(0.04)	0.08	0.34
Capital gains incentive fees attributable to net realized and unrealized gains and losses ⁽¹⁾	0.03	0.07	0.01	(0.01)	(0.07)
Income tax expense (benefit) related to net realized gains and losses ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	(0.02)	0.02
Core EPS⁽³⁾	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.63

	For the Years Ended	
	12/31/23	12/31/22
GAAP net income per share⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 2.75	\$ 1.21
Adjustments:		
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses ⁽¹⁾	(0.47)	0.98
Capital gains incentive fees attributable to net realized and unrealized gains and losses ⁽¹⁾	0.10	(0.20)
Income tax expense (benefit) related to net realized gains and losses ⁽¹⁾	(0.01)	0.03
Core EPS⁽³⁾	\$ 2.37	\$ 2.02

Endnotes

- 1) Per share amounts and weighted average shares outstanding are basic. The basic weighted average shares outstanding for the three months ended December 31, 2023, September 30, 2023, June 30, 2023, March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 were approximately 572 million, 562 million, 547 million, 534 million and 514 million, respectively. The basic weighted average shares outstanding for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 were approximately 554 million and 498 million, respectively.
- 2) Ares Capital's diluted GAAP net income per share for the three months ended December 31, 2023, September 30, 2023, June 30, 2023, March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 was \$0.70, \$0.87, \$0.59, \$0.51 and \$0.34, respectively. The weighted average shares outstanding for the purpose of calculating the diluted GAAP net income per share for the three months ended December 31, 2023, September 30, 2023, June 30, 2023, March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 were approximately 593 million shares, 582 million shares, 567 million shares, 555 million shares and 534 million shares, respectively, which includes approximately 21 million shares, 20 million shares, 20 million shares, 21 million shares and 20 million shares, respectively, related to the assumed conversion of outstanding convertible notes. Ares Capital's diluted GAAP net income per share for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 was \$2.68 and \$1.19, respectively. The weighted average shares outstanding for the purpose of calculating the diluted GAAP net income per share for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 were approximately 575 million shares and 518 million shares, respectively, which includes 21 million shares and 20 million shares, respectively, related to the assumed conversion of outstanding convertible notes.
- 3) Core EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. Core EPS is the net increase (decrease) in stockholders' equity resulting from operations, and excludes net realized and unrealized gains and losses, any capital gains incentive fees attributable to such net realized and unrealized gains and losses, and any income taxes related to such net realized gains and losses, divided by the basic weighted average shares outstanding for the relevant period. GAAP net income (loss) per share is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. Ares Capital believes that Core EPS provides useful information to investors regarding financial performance because it is one method Ares Capital uses to measure its financial condition and results of operations. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP. Reconciliations of GAAP net income per share, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, to Core EPS are set forth on slide 23 hereof.
- 4) Includes investment commitments to IHAM, a wholly-owned portfolio company of Ares Capital, or vehicles managed by IHAM. Q4-23, Q3-23, Q2-23, Q1-23 and Q4-22 include investment commitments to IHAM of \$65 million, \$122 million, \$0, \$283 million and \$283 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 include investment commitments to IHAM of \$470 million and \$1.5 billion, respectively.
- 5) Q4-23, Q3-23, Q2-23, Q1-23 and Q4-22 include sales of loans to IHAM or vehicles managed by IHAM of \$351 million, \$151 million, \$39 million, \$652 million and \$943 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 include sales of loans to IHAM or vehicles managed by IHAM of \$1.2 billion and \$3.4 billion, respectively. Q4-23, Q3-23, Q2-23, Q1-23 and Q4-22 also include investment commitments repaid by IHAM of \$128 million, \$264 million, \$171 million, \$192 million and \$278 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 include investment commitments repaid by IHAM of \$755 million and \$278 million, respectively.
- 6) The weighted average yields on debt and other income producing securities are computed as (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities (including the annualized amount of the dividend received by Ares Capital related to its equity investment in IHAM during the most recent quarter end), divided by (b) total accruing debt and other income producing securities at amortized cost or at fair value (including the amortized cost or fair value of Ares Capital's equity investment in IHAM, as applicable), as applicable.
- 7) The weighted average yields on total investments are computed as (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount or premium earned on accruing debt and other income producing securities (including the annualized amount of the dividend received by Ares Capital related to its equity investment in IHAM during the most recent quarter end), divided by (b) total investments at amortized cost or at fair value, as applicable.
- 8) Computed as total principal debt outstanding less available cash divided by stockholders' equity. Available cash excludes restricted cash as well as cash held for uses specifically designated for paying interest and expenses on certain debt.
- 9) Computed as (a) the annual stated interest expense on our debt obligations divided by (b) total debt obligations at principal amount outstanding. Stated interest expense on debt excludes facility and other fees and the amortization of original issue discount or premium, market discounts and debt issuance costs. The stated interest on the January 2027 Notes reflects the floating rate paid under the interest rate swap. See Note 6 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding the interest rate swap agreements.
- 10) Net interest and dividend margin represents the difference between interest and dividend income (including dividend income from IHAM) and interest and credit facility fees expense for the last twelve month period divided by average total investments at amortized cost during the same period.

Endnotes (cont'd)

- 11) Excludes realized and unrealized gains (losses), incentive fees attributable to net realized and unrealized gains (losses) and income tax expense, including excise taxes. Fixed charges include interest and credit facility fees expense and amortization of debt issuance costs.
- 12) Includes portfolio companies for which there are outstanding commitments, but for which no amounts were funded at the end of the period.
- 13) First lien senior secured loans include certain loans that Ares Capital classifies as "unitranche" loans, which are loans that combine both senior and subordinated debt, generally in a first lien position. As of December 31, 2023, the total amortized cost and fair value of loans that Ares Capital classified as "unitranche" loans were \$5.8 billion and \$5.7 billion, respectively.
- 14) Represents Ares Capital's portion of co-investments with Varagon Capital Partners and its clients in first lien senior secured loans, including certain loans that the Senior Direct Lending Program LLC (the "SDLP") classifies as "unitranche" loans, to U.S. middle-market companies. See Note 4 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for information regarding the SDLP.
- 15) Includes Ares Capital's subordinated loan and equity investments in IHAM, as applicable. IHAM is an asset management services company and an SEC-registered investment adviser. See Note 4 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding IHAM.
- 16) As of December 31, 2023, excluding Ares Capital's investment in the subordinated certificates of the SDLP, 96% of the floating rate investments at fair value contained interest rate floor features.
- 17) Represents gross commitments or fundings less commitments or investments exited, respectively.
- 18) The portfolio weighted average EBITDA and average EBITDA for the underlying borrowers includes information solely in respect of corporate investments in Ares Capital's portfolio and the weighted average total net leverage multiple and interest coverage ratio data includes information solely in respect of corporate portfolio companies in which Ares Capital has a debt investment (in each case, subject to the exclusions described in the following sentence). Excluded from the data above is information in respect of the following: (i) the SDLP (and the underlying borrowers in the SDLP), (ii) portfolio companies that do not report EBITDA, including IHAM, (iii) portfolio companies with negative or de minimis EBITDA, (iv) investment funds/vehicles, (v) discrete projects in the project finance/power generation sector, (vi) certain oil and gas companies, (vii) venture capital backed companies and (viii) commercial real estate finance companies. The portfolio weighted average EBITDA for the underlying borrowers in the SDLP was \$93.4 million, \$92.3 million, \$95.8 million, \$95.7 million and \$99.6 million as of December 31, 2022, March 31, 2023, June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, respectively. The portfolio average EBITDA for the underlying borrowers in the SDLP was \$82.6 million, \$82.1 million, \$86.1 million, \$86.4 million and \$90.0 million as of December 31, 2022, March 31, 2023, June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, respectively.
- 19) Weighted average EBITDA amounts are weighted based on the fair value of the portfolio company investments. EBITDA amounts are estimated from the most recent portfolio company financial statements, have not been independently verified by Ares Capital and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount. Accordingly, Ares Capital makes no representation or warranty in respect of this information.
- 20) EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. For a particular portfolio company, EBITDA is generally defined as net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA amounts are estimated from the most recent portfolio company financial statements, have not been independently verified by Ares Capital and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount. Accordingly, Ares Capital makes no representation or warranty in respect of this information.
- 21) The net leverage multiple represents Ares Capital's last dollar of invested debt capital (net of cash) as a multiple of EBITDA. The portfolio weighted average net leverage multiple is weighted based on the fair value of the portfolio company investments. In addition to the data presented for the entire portfolio, the weighted average net leverage multiple for the underlying borrowers in the SDLP was 5.8x, 6.0x, 5.9x, 5.9x and 5.9x as of December 31, 2022, March 31, 2023, June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, respectively, which excludes certain portfolio companies with negative or de minimis EBITDA. Net leverage multiples for the underlying borrowers in the SDLP represent the SDLP's last dollar of invested debt capital (net of cash) as a multiple of EBITDA. The SDLP portfolio weighted average net leverage multiple is weighted based on the fair value of the underlying portfolio company investments. Portfolio company credit statistics for Ares Capital and the SDLP are derived from the most recently available portfolio company financial statements, have not been independently verified by Ares Capital and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount. Accordingly, Ares Capital makes no representation or warranty in respect of this information.

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- 22) The interest coverage ratio represents portfolio companies' LTM EBITDA as a multiple of implied annualized cash interest expense based on the borrowing levels and market rates at quarter end. The portfolio weighted average interest coverage ratio is weighted based on the fair value of the portfolio company investments. In addition to the data presented for the entire portfolio, the weighted average interest coverage ratio for the underlying borrowers in the SDLP was 1.7x, 1.7x, 1.6x, 1.6x and 1.7x as of December 31, 2022, March 31, 2023, June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, respectively, which excludes certain portfolio companies with negative or de minimis EBITDA. The SDLP portfolio weighted average interest coverage ratio is weighted based on the fair value of the underlying portfolio company investments. Portfolio company credit statistics for Ares Capital and the SDLP are derived from the most recently available portfolio company financial statements, have not been independently verified by Ares Capital and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount. Accordingly, Ares Capital makes no representation or warranty in respect of this information.
- 23) The EBITDA growth rate for each included portfolio company is calculated as the percentage change for the most recently reported fiscal year to date comparable periods and is weighted based on the fair value of the portfolio company investments to calculate the portfolio weighted average EBITDA growth rate. For a particular portfolio company, EBITDA is generally defined as net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA amounts used in the calculation are estimated from the most recent portfolio company financial statements, have not been independently verified by Ares Capital and may reflect a normalized or adjusted amount. Accordingly, Ares Capital makes no representation or warranty in respect of this information.
- 24) Based on our investment adviser's internal investment rating system scale from 1 to 4. Investments with a grade of 4 involve the least amount of risk to our initial cost basis and the trends and risk factors for these investments since origination or acquisition are generally favorable, which may include the performance of the portfolio company or a potential exit. Investments with a grade of 3 involve a level of risk to our initial cost basis that is similar to the risk to our initial cost basis at the time of origination or acquisition. This portfolio company is generally performing as expected and the risk factors to our ability to ultimately recoup the cost of our investment are neutral to favorable. Investments with a grade of 2 indicate that the risk to our ability to recoup the initial cost basis of such investment has increased materially since origination or acquisition, including as a result of factors such as declining performance and non-compliance with debt covenants; however, payments are generally not more than 120 days past due. Investments with a grade of 1 indicate that the risk to our ability to recoup the initial cost basis of such investment has substantially increased since origination or acquisition and our investment adviser does not anticipate that we will recoup our initial cost basis and we may realize a substantial loss on our initial cost basis upon exit. All investments or acquired investments in new portfolio companies are initially assessed a grade of 3.
- 25) Investment backlog includes transactions approved by our investment adviser's investment committee and/or for which a formal mandate, letter of intent or a signed commitment has been issued, and therefore we believe are likely to close. Investment pipeline includes transactions where due diligence and analysis are in process, but no formal mandate, letter of intent or signed commitment has been issued. The consummation of any of the investments in this backlog and pipeline depends upon, among other things, one or more of the following: satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation of the prospective portfolio company, our acceptance of the terms and structure of such investment and the execution and delivery of satisfactory transaction documentation. In addition, Ares Capital may sell all or a portion of these investments and certain of these investments may result in the repayment of existing investments. Ares Capital cannot assure you that we will make any of these investments or that we will sell all or any portion of these investments.
- 26) Requires periodic payments of interest and may require repayments of a portion of the outstanding principal once their respective reinvestment periods end but prior to the applicable stated maturity.
- 27) Subject to borrowing base and other restrictions. Represents total aggregate amount committed or outstanding, as applicable, under such instrument.
- 28) Represents the aggregate principal amount of the notes outstanding adjusted for the unaccreted discount or premium initially recorded at the time of issuance.
- 29) Effective stated rate as of December 31, 2023. In connection with the issuance of the January 2027 Notes, Ares Capital entered into interest rate swap agreements for a total notional amount of \$900 million that mature on January 15, 2027 to more closely align the interest rate of such liability with Ares Capital's investment portfolio. Under the interest rate swap agreements, Ares Capital receives a fixed interest rate of 7.00% and pays a floating interest rate of one-month SOFR plus 2.581%. The stated interest on the January 2027 Notes reflects the floating rate paid under the interest rate swaps. See Note 6 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding the interest rate swap agreements.

Endnotes (cont'd)

- 30) See Note 5 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information regarding each of Ares Capital's secured revolving facilities. See Note 15 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for a subsequent event relating to the BNP Funding Facility.
- 31) Declared. The first quarter 2024 regular dividend of \$0.48 per share to be paid on March 29, 2024 to stockholders of record on March 15, 2024.
- 32) The amount of excess 2023 U.S. federal taxable income available for carry over into 2024 is only an estimate based on estimated 2023 U.S. federal taxable income. The calculation of estimated 2023 U.S. federal taxable income includes a number of estimated inputs, including information received from third parties, and as a result, actual 2023 U.S. federal taxable income will not be finally determined until Ares Capital's 2023 tax return is filed in 2024. Consequently, both 2023 U.S. federal taxable income and the amount of excess U.S. federal taxable income available for carry over into 2024 are subject to change. See Note 11 to Ares Capital's consolidated financial statements included in the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more information.
- 33) The estimated taxable income per share carried forward from 2023 for distribution to stockholders in 2024 is based on the approximately 582 million shares outstanding as of February 1, 2024.

