

CLIFFWATER DIRECT LENDING INDEX

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The Cliffwater Direct Lending Index (“CDLI”) seeks to measure the performance of U.S. middle market corporate loans. Asset-weighted and calculated quarterly, the index represents a large share of the direct lending universe. Importantly, it represents loans that are originated and held to maximize risk-adjusted return to shareholders and investors.

~\$315B

Total Assets

~15,000

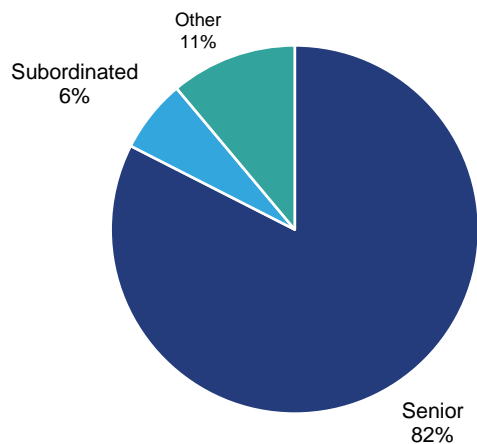
Loan Holdings

9.46%

Since Inception Return¹

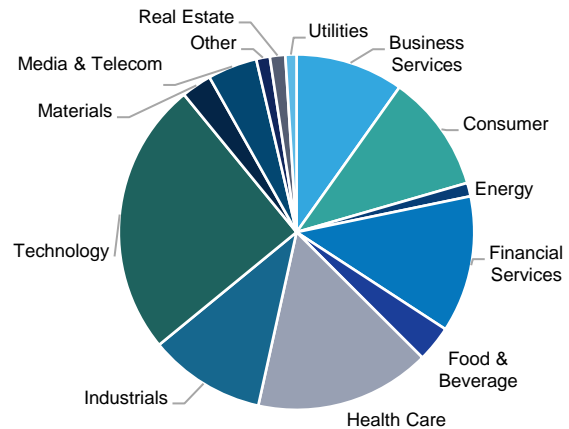
Asset Seniority

Senior loans make up a majority of the CDLI by assets.



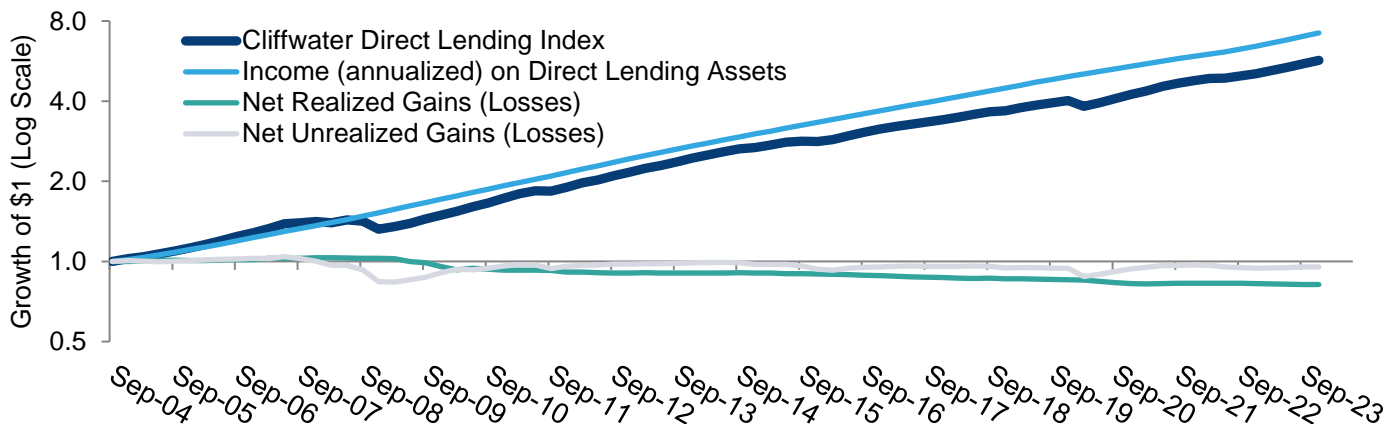
Industry Composition

The CDLI is well-diversified across industry groups and cyclical exposures.



Cumulative Returns by Component

Q4 2004 through Q4 2023 Annualized



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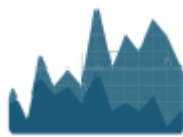
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The Cliffwater Direct Lending Index (“CDLI”) seeks to measure the unlevered, gross of fees performance of U.S. middle market corporate loans, as represented by the underlying assets of including both exchange-traded and unlisted Business Development Companies, subject to certain eligibility criteria.

INDEX HIGHLIGHTS



Longest live index among all private debt benchmarks, with reconstructed data spanning ~20 years



Comprehensive data set capturing a wide array of key metrics beyond performance to better understand direct lending risk



Widely accepted as the private debt benchmark of choice for institutions, asset managers, and more



Respected provider, with Cliffwater regarded as a pioneer and leader in private debt and alternative assets

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