

### **BDCs**

## BDC round-up: Q3 earnings recap

**Price Objective Change** 

### Positive Q3 results; fundamentals remain healthy

Large BDC Q3 core earnings largely beat Consensus expectations despite the complex market environment (Exhibit 5). And given elevated base rates and fading recessionary concerns, Consensus 2024 forward core earnings estimates increased about 1.5%. Notably, overall profitability was strong (average GAAP ROE of 12.6%), which drove a moderate 0.5% increase in the average NAV/share. And the average portfolio yield was fractionally higher at 12.6% given the rise in base rates. Importantly, non-accruals were stable at ~2.6% and remain well below the longer-term industry average of ~4%. We continue to favor BDCs with proprietary origination platforms, scale, late-cycle portfolios, and flexible liability structures such as Ares Capital (ARCC), Blue Owl Capital (OBDC), and Sixth Street (TSLX). We adjust our PO for Blue Owl Capital to \$16 (\$14.50 prior) and tweak our EPS estimates – details inside.

### Dividend tailwinds from rising rates have likely peaked

The average portfolio yield increased 10bp to 12.6% given the modest rise in base rates (Exhibit 4). Base rates have meaningfully increased this tightening cycle, driving larger BDC core earnings up 20%+ (core ROE ~13% at 3Q23 vs. ~10% at 4Q21). And stronger core profitability translated into a roughly 15% increase in the total dividend (core dividends plus variable supplemental dividends) for larger BDCs. While larger BDCs have pre-announced dividend stability in 4Q23, dividends (i.e. supplemental dividends) have likely peaked and should begin to slowly decline in 2024 based on the forward curve.

### Credit resilient; non-accruals unchanged at ~2.6%

Credit remains resilient as average non-accruals were 2.6% of investments (cost basis), unchanged vs the prior quarter. Looking at high frequency liquid credit market data, the lagging 12-month default rate for leveraged loans, a proxy for BDC credit, moderately improved in Q3 (1.3% in Sept vs. 1.3% in June; the long-term average is ~3%). That said, we acknowledge leveraged loan defaults continue to benefit from: (1) a favorable maturity wall as many issuers took advantage of low base rates in 2021; and (2) covenant-lite structures (uncommon for BDCs). Positively, leveraged loan defaults are 1.5% in early December, suggesting near-term BDC credit stability, in our view. And we note that leading credit indicators for leveraged loans (distressed ratio, shadow default rate, etc.) remain positive through early December.

### Strong profitability drives NAV/share up 0.5%

Average GAAP ROE for the group was strong at 12.6% (11.4% at Q2), the highest quarterly level the past ~5 years (excluding the 5 quarter post-COVID recovery period). And given strong profitability, average NAV/share growth for the group improved 0.5%, compared to 0.2% in Q2. The strongest NAV/share growth was: 1) Ares Capital (+2.2%), largely due to strong core income and portfolio appreciation (net). The largest decline was BlackRock TCP (-1.7%) principally due to write-downs on 6 investments. Economic return (dividend + change in NAV/share) was 3.3% in Q3, vs 2.9% the prior quarter.

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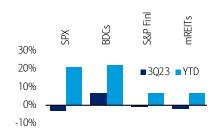
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## **Exhibit 1: BDC total return vs market** BDCs have outperformed SPX, financials in

BDCs have outperformed SPX, financials in 3Q and YTD



Source: Bloomberg

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### Exhibit 2: Raising OBDC PO to \$16

OBDC PO to \$16 from \$14.50

|        | Price Ol | ojective_ | Tar<br>Mult |       |
|--------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| Ticker | Old      | New       | Old         | New   |
| ORDC   | \$1450   | \$16.00   | 1.00x       | 1 00x |

Source: BofA Global Research estimates

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BDC: business development company

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Objective Basis/Risk on page 3.

### **Updating ests/POs for OBDC**

We are tweaking our '23/'24/'25 OBDC core EPS estimates to \$1.91/\$1.85/\$1.65 from \$1.90/\$1.85/\$1.65. Adjusting our PO to \$16 (\$14.50 prior) on an unchanged 1.0x NAV multiple.

### Exhibit 3: BDC comp sheet

BDCs currently trade at an average of 0.98x book value with an 11% dividend yield

|                                    |       |         |        | Total    | Market   | Stock   |         |         |       | GAAP   | '23e  | Core  | Core   |         |         |        |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
|                                    | Tick. | BofA    | S&P    | Assets   | Сар.     | Price   | BV      | P/BV    | Div.  | 2022   | Earn. | '23e  | '24e   |         | 52 Week | -      |
|                                    | Sym.  | Rating  | Rating |          | (\$M)    |         |         | Current | Yield | ROE    | Yield | ROE   | ROE    | High    | Low     | equity |
| Ares Capital Corp                  | ARCC  | Buy     | BBB-   | \$22,231 | \$11,398 | \$20.02 | \$18.59 | 1.08x   | 9.6%  | 6.4%   | 11.8% | 12.3% | 12.0%  | \$20.17 | \$16.95 | 1.10x  |
| FS KKR Capital Corp                | FSK   | NA      | NR     | \$15,488 | \$5,683  | \$20.29 | \$24.69 | 0.82x   | 13.7% | 1.2%   | 15.2% | 12.4% | 12.0%  | \$20.75 | \$16.88 | 1.18x  |
| Blue Owl Capital Corp              | OBDC  | Buy     | BBB-   | \$13,393 | \$5,760  | \$14.78 | \$15.26 | 0.97x   | 9.9%  | 8.0%   | 13.0% | 12.5% | 12.0%  | \$14.84 | \$11.26 | 1.18x  |
| Blackstone Secured Lending Fund    | BXSL  | Neutral | BBB-   | \$9,572  | \$4,796  | \$27.62 | \$26.30 | 1.05x   | 10.6% | 9.4%   | 13.7% | 14.2% | 13.3%  | \$29.11 | \$22.08 | 1.14x  |
| Prospect Capital Corp              | PSEC  | NA      | BBB-   | \$7,862  | \$2,358  | \$5.75  | \$9.24  | 0.62x   | 12.5% | 2.3%   | 17.5% | 10.1% | 9.4%   | \$7.70  | \$5.03  | 0.69x  |
| Main Street Capital Corp           | MAIN  | NA      | BBB-   | \$4,420  | \$3,506  | \$41.86 | \$27.83 | 1.50x   | 7.9%  | 12.4%  | 9.9%  | 14.4% | 13.3%  | \$43.15 | \$35.04 | 0.90x  |
| Golub Capital BDC Inc              | GBDC  | Neutral | BBB-   | \$5,737  | \$2,474  | \$14.59 | \$14.83 | 0.98x   | 11.1% | 4.5%   | 12.7% | 12.1% | 12.1%  | \$15.38 | \$12.23 | 1.25x  |
| Hercules Capital Inc               | HTGC  | NA      | NR     | \$3,225  | \$2,317  | \$15.33 | \$10.96 | 1.40x   | 11.1% | 7.5%   | 13.3% | 18.5% | 17.2%  | \$17.87 | \$10.77 | 1.00x  |
| Sixth Street Specialty Lending Inc | TSLX  | Buy     | BBB-   | \$3,141  | \$1,843  | \$21.05 | \$16.74 | 1.26x   | 9.6%  | 8.3%   | 11.1% | 13.7% | 13.2%  | \$21.21 | \$16.71 | 1.11x  |
| Oaktree Specialty Lending Corp     | OCSL  | NA      | NR     | \$3,336  | \$1,563  | \$20.24 | \$19.58 | 1.03x   | 11.0% | 0.3%   | 12.2% | 12.5% | 12.1%  | \$21.48 | \$17.70 | 1.15x  |
| New Mountain Finance Corp          | NMFC  | Buy     | NR     | \$3,297  | \$1,298  | \$12.80 | \$13.14 | 0.97x   | 10.3% | 5.6%   | 12.3% | 12.0% | 11.2%  | \$13.16 | \$11.21 | 1.43x  |
| Bain Capital Specialty Finance     | BCSF  | Neutral | NR     | \$2,675  | \$993    | \$15.38 | \$17.44 | 0.88x   | 10.4% | 9.5%   | 13.8% | 12.0% | 11.1%  | \$16.80 | \$11.06 | 1.32x  |
| MidCap Financial Investment Corp   | MFIC  | U/P     | NR     | \$2,503  | \$899    | \$13.78 | \$15.20 | 0.91x   | 11.0% | 2.7%   | 12.6% | 11.5% | 10.7%  | \$14.03 | \$10.39 | 1.49x  |
| Goldman Sachs BDC Inc              | GSBD  | Neutral | NR     | \$3,637  | \$1,626  | \$14.84 | \$14.59 | 1.02x   | 12.1% | 3.4%   | 15.2% | 15.4% | 14.8%  | \$16.52 | \$12.75 | 1.22x  |
| BlackRock TCP Capital Corp         | TCPC  | NA      | NR     | \$1,793  | \$701    | \$12.13 | \$12.94 | 0.94x   | 12.4% | -1.4%  | 15.4% | 14.8% | 13.8%  | \$13.41 | \$9.52  | 1.37x  |
| SLR Investment Corp                | SLRC  | NA      | NR     | \$2,553  | \$841    | \$15.41 | \$17.98 | 0.86x   | 10.6% | 1.7%   | 10.2% | 8.7%  | 9.5%   | \$16.09 | \$13.48 | 1.24x  |
| Carlyle Secured Lending Inc        | CGBD  | Buy     | NR     | \$1,983  | \$774    | \$15.23 | \$16.73 | 0.91x   | 11.6% | 9.1%   | 12.6% | 11.1% | 11.1%  | \$15.86 | \$13.01 | 1.15x  |
| Barings BDC Inc                    | BBDC  | Buy     | NR     | \$2,730  | \$928    | \$8.71  | \$11.34 | 0.77x   | 11.7% | 1.0%   | 13.7% | 10.5% | 10.5%  | \$9.47  | \$6.96  | 1.24x  |
| Crescent Capital BDC Inc           | CCAP  | Buy     | NR     | \$1,625  | \$622    | \$16.79 | \$19.58 | 0.86x   | 10.4% | 2.4%   | 13.4% | 11.3% | 11.0%  | \$17.55 | \$12.56 | 1.18x  |
| PennantPark Investment Corp        | PNNT  | NA      | NR     | \$1,156  | \$424    | \$6.50  | \$7.72  | 0.84x   | 12.9% | -21.3% | 16.6% | 13.9% | 11.7%  | \$7.07  | \$4.70  | 1.23x  |
| BlackRock Capital Investment       | BKCC  | NA      | NR     | \$619    | \$282    | \$3.88  | \$4.33  | 0.90x   | 10.3% | 1.0%   | 12.8% | 11.3% | 10.5%  | \$3.92  | \$3.03  | 0.90x  |
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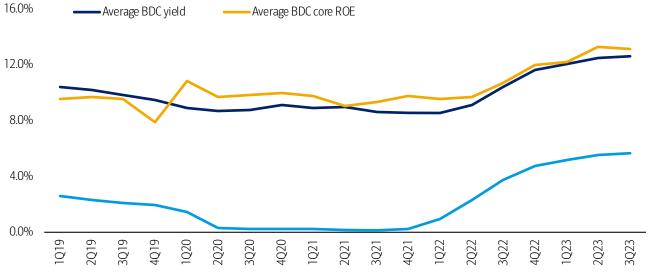
|   | Average |         | 0.98x | 11.0% | 3.5% | 13.3% | 12.6% | 12.0%   |         | 1.17x |
|---|---------|---------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|
| Cliffwater BDC Index - Total Return CWBDC | \$4,183 | \$4,143 | 1.01x | 10.8% | 6.0% | NA    | 11.9% | \$4,183 | \$3,353 |       |

**Source:** Bloomberg, S&P Cap IQ Pro, BofA Global Research

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### Exhibit 4: Core BDC ROEs have benefited from rising rates, which have likely peaked

Core BDC ROE, BDC yield vs base rates



Source: Company reports, Bloomberg

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### Exhibit 5: 3Q23 BDC earnings recap

BDC earnings in 3Q were largely positive, with NAV/share growth and stable credit

|         | 3Q23<br>Act. | 3Q23<br>Street Est. | 3Q23   | 3Q23<br>GAAP | 3Q23<br>Core | 3Q23<br>GAAP | 3Q23<br>Economic | 3Q23      | NAV/share | Portfolio | 3Q23         |
|---------|--------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Ticker  | Core EPS     | Core EPS            | DPS    | EPS          | ROE          | ROE          | Return           | NAV/share | Pct Chg   | Pct Chg   | Non-accruals |
| ARCC    | \$0.59       | \$0.58              | \$0.48 | \$0.89       | 12.4%        | 18.9%        | 4.8%             | \$19.01   | 2.2%      | 2.0%      | 1.2%         |
| PSEC    | \$0.25       | \$0.22              | \$0.18 | \$0.18       | 10.8%        | 12.4%        | 2.1%             | \$9.25    | 0.2%      | 0.2%      | 2.2%         |
| FSK     | \$0.80       | \$0.77              | \$0.75 | \$0.95       | 12.9%        | 15.3%        | 3.8%             | \$24.89   | 0.8%      | -0.7%     | 4.8%         |
| MFIC    | \$0.43       | \$0.43              | \$0.38 | \$0.46       | 11.3%        | 12.1%        | 3.0%             | \$15.28   | 0.5%      | -1.7%     | 1.0%         |
| OCSL    | \$0.62       | \$0.63              | \$0.55 | \$0.62       | 12.6%        | 12.2%        | 3.0%             | \$19.63   | 0.2%      | -7.8%     | 2.4%         |
| MAIN    | \$1.04       | \$1.00              | \$0.97 | \$1.25       | 14.7%        | 17.9%        | 5.3%             | \$28.33   | 1.8%      | 2.0%      | 3.1%         |
| HTGC    | \$0.52       | \$0.49              | \$0.48 | \$0.19       | 19.0%        | 6.9%         | 4.1%             | \$10.93   | -0.3%     | 4.8%      | 2.7%         |
| TCPC    | \$0.49       | \$0.47              | \$0.44 | \$0.22       | 15.4%        | 6.9%         | 1.7%             | \$12.72   | -1.7%     | -2.9%     | 1.7%         |
| TSLX    | \$0.60       | \$0.56              | \$0.52 | \$0.74       | 14.1%        | 17.6%        | 4.5%             | \$16.97   | 1.4%      | 0.8%      | 0.9%         |
| SLRC    | \$0.43       | \$0.43              | \$0.41 | \$0.49       | 9.5%         | 11.0%        | 2.7%             | \$18.06   | 0.5%      | -0.5%     | 2.1%         |
| NMFC    | \$0.40       | \$0.40              | \$0.36 | \$0.27       | 12.2%        | 8.6%         | 2.2%             | \$13.06   | -0.6%     | -2.1%     | 5.2%         |
| GBDC    | \$0.50       | \$0.47              | \$0.41 | \$0.60       | 13.3%        | 16.0%        | 4.0%             | \$15.02   | 1.3%      | -0.2%     | 1.6%         |
| PNNT    | \$0.24       | \$0.22              | \$0.21 | \$0.19       | 12.5%        | 9.8%         | 2.4%             | \$7.70    | -0.3%     | -6.9%     | 1.2%         |
| BBDC    | \$0.31       | \$0.31              | \$0.26 | \$0.17       | 11.0%        | 6.1%         | 1.5%             | \$11.25   | -0.8%     | 0.6%      | 2.5%         |
| GSBD    | \$0.64       | \$0.57              | \$0.45 | \$0.47       | 17.5%        | 12.9%        | 3.2%             | \$14.61   | 0.1%      | -3.1%     | 1.6%         |
| BKCC    | \$0.13       | \$0.12              | \$0.10 | \$0.15       | 11.9%        | 13.7%        | 3.4%             | \$4.38    | 1.1%      | -0.1%     | 12.0%        |
| CGBD    | \$0.52       | \$0.50              | \$0.44 | \$0.54       | 12.3%        | 13.3%        | 3.4%             | \$16.86   | 0.8%      | -1.9%     | 3.2%         |
| BCSF    | \$0.55       | \$0.54              | \$0.42 | \$0.52       | 12.5%        | 12.0%        | 3.0%             | \$17.54   | 0.6%      | 0.2%      | 1.5%         |
| OBDC    | \$0.49       | \$0.47              | \$0.41 | \$0.53       | 12.7%        | 13.9%        | 3.5%             | \$15.40   | 0.9%      | 0.0%      | 1.1%         |
| CCAP    | \$0.59       | \$0.56              | \$0.50 | \$0.61       | 12.0%        | 12.4%        | 3.2%             | \$19.70   | 0.6%      | -1.0%     | 2.2%         |
| BXSL    | \$0.95       | \$0.97              | \$0.77 | \$1.01       | 14.3%        | 15.3%        | 3.8%             | \$26.54   | 0.9%      | 2.3%      | 0.1%         |
| Average |              |                     |        |              | 13.1%        | 12.6%        | 3.3%             |           | 0.5%      | -0.8%     | 2.6%         |

Source: Company reports, Bloomberg, BofA Global Research

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#### **Exhibit 6: Stocks mentioned**

Prices and ratings for stocks mentioned in this report

| <b>BofA Ticker</b> | Bloomberg ticker | Company name        | Price      | Rating |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|--------|
| ARCC               | ARCC US          | Ares Capital        | US\$ 20.08 | B-1-7  |
| OBDC               | OBDC US          | Blue Owl Capital Co | US\$ 14.90 | B-1-7  |
| TSLX               | TSLX US          | Sixth Street Spec.  | US\$ 21.14 | B-1-7  |

Source: BofA Global Research

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### Price objective basis & risk

### **Ares Capital Corporation (ARCC)**

Our \$21 price objective is based on a roughly 1.1x multiple to net asset value (NAV), which in our view is achievable in a stable operating backdrop with intensifying demand for yield bearing investments. BDC peers are currently trading at roughly 0.9x NAV. We believe ARCC's premium valuation to peers is justified due to its superior profitability and strong credit performance.

Downside risks to achieving our price objective are 1) material weakening in credit markets, 2) a significant slowdown in investment activity, 3) a deteriorating macroeconomic environment, 4) disruptions in the capital markets, and 5) weaker-than-expected investment performance.

Upside risks to achieving our price objective are 1) material strengthening in credit markets, 2) a significant pickup in investment activity, 3) an improving macroeconomic environment, 4) disruptions in the capital markets, and 5) stronger-than-expected investment performance.



### **Blue Owl Capital Corporation (OBDC)**

Our \$16 PO is based on a roughly 1.0x multiple to NAV, which we think is achievable as OBDC maintains stable margins and modest portfolio growth.

Downside risks to achieving our price objective are 1) material weakening in credit markets, 2) a significant slowdown in investment activity, 3) a deteriorating macroeconomic environment, 4) disruptions in the capital markets, and 5) weaker-than-expected investment performance.

Upside risks to achieving our price objective are 1) material strengthening in credit markets, 2) a significant pickup in investment activity, 3) an improving macroeconomic environment, 4) disruptions in the capital markets, and 5) stronger-than-expected investment performance.

### Sixth Street Specialty Lending, Inc (TSLX)

Our \$22 PO is based on an approximate 1.3x multiple to NAV. Peers are trading at 0.95x NAV. We believe TSLX's premium valuation relative to peers is justified given its focus on late-cycle risk, proprietary origination platform, access to growth capital, and superior risk-adjusted returns.

Downside risks to achieving our price objective are 1) material weakening in credit markets, 2) a significant slowdown in investment activity, 3) a deteriorating macroeconomic environment, 4) disruptions in the capital markets, and 5) weaker-than-expected investment performance.

Upside risks to achieving our price objective are 1) material strengthening in credit markets, 2) a significant pickup in investment activity, 3) an improving macroeconomic environment, 4) disruptions in the capital markets, and 5) stronger-than-expected investment performance.

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| vestment rating | Company                                 | BofA Ticker | Bloomberg symbol | Analyst              |
|-----------------|---|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| UY              |   |             |                  |                      |
|                 | Ares Capital Corporation                | ARCC        | ARCC US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation | ACRE        | ACRE US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Barings BDC Inc                         | BBDC        | BBDC US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Blackstone Mortgage Trust Inc           | BXMT        | BXMT US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Blue Owl Capital Corporation            | OBDC        | OBDC US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Carlyle Secured Lending Inc             | CGBD        | CGBD US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Citigroup Inc.                          | С           | C US             | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Compass Diversified Holdings            | CODI        | CODIUS           | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Crescent Capital BDC                    | CCAP        | CCAP US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Cullen/Frost Bankers Inc                | CFR         | CFR US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | East West Bancorp, Incorporated         | EWBC        | EWBC US          | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Fifth Third Bank                        | FITB        | FITB US          | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | First Bancorp Puerto Rico               | FBP         | FBP US           | Brandon Berman       |
|                 | First Horizon Corporation               | FHN         | FHN US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Goldman Sachs                           |             |                  |                      |
|                 |   | GS          | GS US            | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | JPMorgan Chase & Co.                    | JPM         | JPM US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | KeyCorp                                 | KEY         | KEY US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | M&T Bank                                | MTB         | MTB US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Morgan Stanley                          | MS          | MS US            | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | New Mountain Finance Corporation        | NMFC        | NMFC US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | New York Community Bancorp              | NYCB        | NYCB US          | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Northern Trust Corporation              | NTRS        | NTRS US          | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Safehold, Inc                           | SAFE        | SAFE US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Sixth Street Specialty Lending, Inc     | TSLX        | TSLX US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Starwood Property Trust                 | STWD        | STWD US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Synovus Financial Corp.                 | SNV         | SNV US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation | BK          | BK US            | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | ·                                       | TD          | TD US            | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Toronto-Dominion Bank                   |             |                  |                      |
|                 | Toronto-Dominion Bank                   | YTD         | TD CN            | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | U.S. Bancorp                            | USB         | USB US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Wells Fargo & Company                   | WFC         | WFC US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Western Alliance Bancorp                | WAL         | WAL US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
| JTRAL           |   |             |                  |                      |
|                 | AGNC Investment Corp                    | AGNC        | AGNC US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Ally Financial                          | ALLY        | ALLY US          | Brandon Berman       |
|                 | Annaly Capital Management               | NLY         | NLY US           | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance   | ARI         | ARIUS            | Derek Hewett         |
|                 |   | ASB         | ASB US           |                      |
|                 | Associated Banc-Corp                    |             |                  | Brandon Berman       |
|                 | Bain Capital Specialty Finance, Inc.    | BCSF        | BCSF US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Bank of Montreal                        | ВМО         | BMO US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Bank of Montreal                        | YBMO        | BMO CN           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Bank of Nova Scotia                     | YBNS        | BNS CN           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Bank of Nova Scotia                     | BNS         | BNS US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Blackstone Secured Lending Fund         | BXSL        | BXSL US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | BrightSpire Capital Inc.                | BRSP        | BRSP US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Citizens Financial Group                | CFG         | CFG US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Comerica Incorporated                   | CMA         | CMA US           | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Goldman Sachs BDC, Inc.                 | GSBD        | GSBD US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Golub Capital BDC, Inc.                 | GBDC        | GBDC US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | Huntington Bancshares Inc.              | HBAN        | HBAN US          | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
|                 | Ladder Capital Corp                     | LADR        | LADR US          | Derek Hewett         |
|                 |   | PMT         | PMT US           | Derek Hewett         |
|                 | PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust      |             |                  |                      |
|                 | Popular Inc                             | BPOP        | BPOP US          | Brandon Berman       |
|                 | Regions Financial                       | RF          | RF US            | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
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|                 | Royal Bank of Canada                    | YRY         | RY CN            | Ebrahim H. Poonawala |
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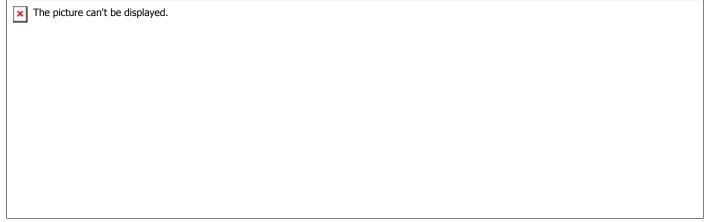
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| Investment rating | Company                            | BofA Ticker | Bloomberg symbol | Analyst              |
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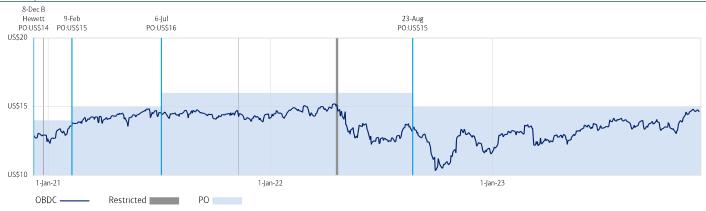
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