

Ares Strategic Income Fund

ASIF

Differentiated Access to Private Credit, Powered by a Leading Credit Platform

Fact Sheet (as of 2/28/2025)

Ares Strategic Income Fund ("ASIF" or the "Fund") is a private credit solution that benefits from Ares Credit Group, an experienced and differentiated credit platform. ASIF seeks to generate current income, the potential for capital appreciation and attractive risk-adjusted returns through market cycles. The Fund primarily invests in directly originated, senior secured, floating-rate loans to U.S. companies.¹

Fund Structure

- **Structure:** Perpetually issued Non-traded BDC
- **Monthly:** Valuation, Subscriptions² and Distributions³
- **Expected Liquidity:** Quarterly repurchases at net asset value ("NAV") limited to 5.0% of aggregate shares outstanding (either by number of shares or aggregate NAV)⁴
- **Tax Reporting:** Form 1099

Performance Summary^{2,3,5}

	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	ITD ⁷
Class S with Upfront Placement Fees and Brokerage Commissions ⁶	-3.27%	-1.83%	-2.62%	6.13%	7.53%
Class S	0.24%	1.73%	0.91%	9.98%	9.98%
Class D with Upfront Placement Fees and Brokerage Commissions ⁶	-1.72%	-0.16%	-1.01%	8.42%	9.23%
Class D	0.29%	1.88%	1.01%	10.64%	10.63%
Class I with Upfront Placement Fees and Brokerage Commissions ⁶	-1.70%	-0.10%	-0.97%	8.69%	10.38%
Class I	0.31%	1.94%	1.05%	10.91%	11.38%

The performance data quoted represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. Inception date is December 5, 2022 for Class I shares and August 1, 2023 for Class D and S shares. Returns quoted less than one year are cumulative. Your returns and the principal value of your investment will fluctuate so that your shares, when repurchased, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted above. For information current to the most recent month-end, go to <https://areswmsresources.com/investment-solutions/asif/>.

Distribution Summary³

	Annualized Distribution Yield
Class S	8.51%
Class D	9.11%
Class I	9.36%

At-A-Glance

12/05/22

INCEPTION DATE⁷

\$12.9B

TOTAL ASSETS

614

NUMBER OF PORTFOLIO COMPANIES

88%

SENIOR SECURED

94%

FLOATING RATE⁸

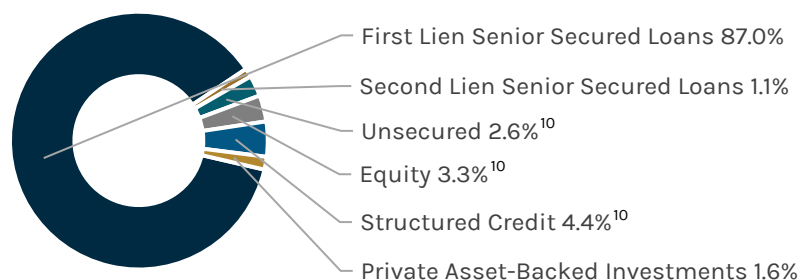
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FUND LEVERAGE

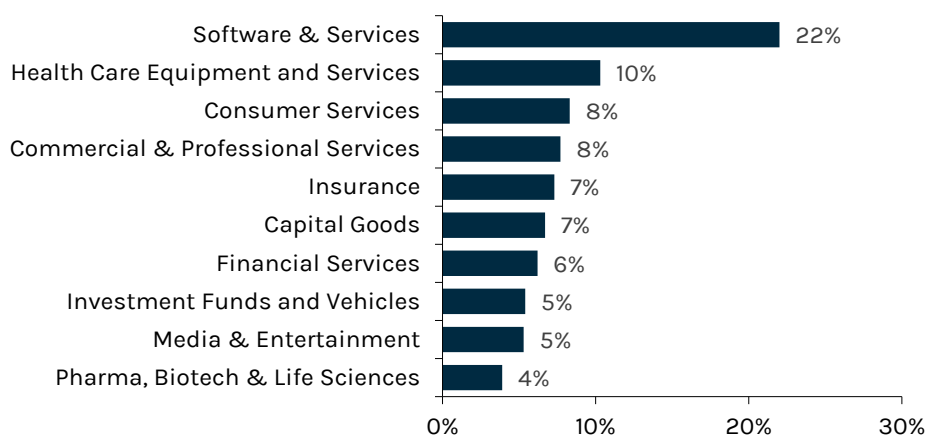
38%

AVERAGE LOAN-TO-VALUE⁹

Portfolio by Asset Class



Top 10 Industries



Top 10 Holdings¹¹

Company Name	Investment Type	Sector	(%)
Gula Buyer Inc.	First lien	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	1.2%
FinEquity Holdings, LLC	Equity	Media & Entertainment	1.2%
Global Music Rights, LLC	First lien	Media & Entertainment	1.1%
Badia Spices, LLC	First lien	Food & Beverage	1.1%
Creek Parent, Inc. and Creek Feeder, L.P.	First lien	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	1.0%
Al Aqua Merger Sub, Inc.	First lien	Consumer Durables & Apparel	1.0%
Eclipse Topco, Inc., Eclipse Investor Parent, L.P. and Eclipse Buyer, Inc.	First lien	Software & Services	1.0%
Severin Acquisition, LLC	First lien	Software & Services	0.9%
Adonis Bidco Inc.	First lien	Software & Services	0.9%
Spaceship Purchaser, Inc.	First lien	Software & Services	0.9%

Why Ares Strategic Income Fund?



Ares Credit Group (Ares Credit) has one of the most experienced direct lending capabilities having invested across market cycles since 2004.



ASIF is designed to leverage the power of the entire Ares Credit platform for sourcing, diligence and origination with the ability to be highly selective and drive terms.



ASIF is offered in a client-friendly format providing private credit exposure upon subscription.

Ares Credit Group¹²

25+ YEARS INVESTING THROUGHOUT MARKET CYCLES

\$348.8 BILLION IN AUM

545+ DEDICATED INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS

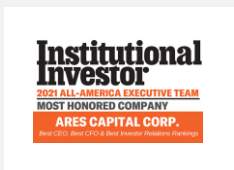
Offering Terms

Advisor / Distributor	• Ares Capital Management LLC / Ares Wealth Management Solutions, LLC
Structure	• Perpetually non-traded business development company (BDC)
Investor Eligibility¹³	• A gross annual income of at least \$70,000 and a net worth of \$70,000 OR a net worth of at least \$250,000
Minimum Initial Investment¹⁴	• Class S - \$2,500, Class D - \$2,500, Class I - \$1,000,000
Subscriptions²	• Monthly at NAV (fully funded)
Distributions³	• Monthly (Distributions are not guaranteed, may represent a return of capital and may be paid from sources other than cash flow from operations)
Expected Liquidity⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly repurchases at NAV limited to 5.0% of aggregate shares outstanding (either by number of shares or aggregate NAV) • Shares held for less than one year and tendered for repurchase will be repurchased at 98% of NAV • The Fund's board of trustees has final discretion on offered liquidity each quarter
Tax Reporting	• Form 1099
Management Fee	• Annual rate of 1.25% of NAV payable monthly
Incentive Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.5% of net investment income subject to a 5.0% annualized hurdle and catch-up paid quarterly • 12.5% of realized gains net of realized and unrealized losses paid annually

Share Class Fees⁶

	Class S	Class D	Class I
Upfront Placement Fee	Up to 3.5%	Up to 2.0%	Up to 2.0%
Shareholder Servicing and/or Distribution Fees	0.85%	0.25%	None

Ares Credit Group Accolades¹⁶



ARCC Received Most Honored Designation & Highest Rankings for Best Investor Relations Program

2021



Ares Management: *Global Fund Manager of the Year 2022; Senior Lender of the year (Europe) 2022, Senior Lender of the Year (Americas) 2022; Infrastructure Debt Investor of the Year Asia-Pacific 2022*

2022



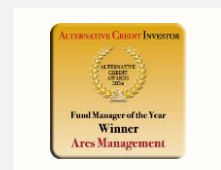
2023 Distressed Debt Investor of the Year in North America

2023



Top Quartile Rankings for Several Funds 2Q'24

2Q'24



2024 Alternative Fund Manager of the Year

2024

Ares Credit Group

The Ares Credit Group, one of Ares Management Corporation's investment management divisions, is an experienced platform of direct lending, alternative credit and liquid credit strategies. The Ares Credit Group takes a value-oriented approach, which, among other factors, uses fundamental bottom-up research to identify investments that may offer attractive risk-adjusted return profiles.

Ares Wealth Management Solutions

Ares Wealth Management Solutions' ('AWMS') mission is to provide advisors and their clients access to innovative, solutions-oriented investment opportunities across Ares, an industry-leading platform of credit, private equity, real estate, infrastructure and secondaries strategies. Through our range of institutional and retail investment vehicles, coupled with excellent client service and educational resources, we help professionals diversify their clients' portfolios with private market solutions that seek to deliver consistent, long-term growth.

1. ASIF seeks to invest primarily in first lien senior secured loans, second lien senior secured loans, subordinated secured and unsecured loans, subordinated debt, and other types of credit instruments made to or issued by U.S. middle-market companies. ASIF generally defines U.S. middle-market companies as companies with annual net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") between \$10 million and \$250 million.
2. Shares will be offered monthly on the first day of the applicable month. All capital is funded upfront (no capital calls). Subscription requests must be received at least five business days before the first day of each month (unless waived by the intermediary manager) and NAV will be available generally within 20 business days after the effective date of the purchase.
3. **Distributions are not guaranteed.** Distributions are calculated by annualizing the next month's declared distribution per share and dividing by the most recent month-end NAV. Distributions may be funded through cash flow from operations, as well as other sources including the sale of assets, borrowings, return of capital or offering proceeds. Distributions may be funded, directly or indirectly, from temporary waivers or expense reimbursements borne by the Fund's investment adviser that may be subject to reimbursement. The Fund has not established limits on the amounts it may distribute from such sources. As of February 28, 2025, 100% of inception to date distributions were funded from cash flows from operations.
4. Quarterly tender offers are expected but not guaranteed. The Fund's board of trustees may amend, suspend or terminate these share repurchases in its discretion if it deems such action to be in the best interest of shareholders.
5. Total return is calculated as the change in monthly NAV per share during the period plus distributions per share (assuming any distributions, net of distribution and/or shareholder servicing fees, are reinvested in accordance with the Fund's distribution reinvestment plan) divided by the beginning NAV per share, which is calculated after the deduction of ongoing expenses that are borne by investors, such as management fees, incentive fees, distribution and/or shareholder fees, interest expense, offering costs, professional fees, trustee fees and other general and administrative expenses. There can be no assurance that ASIF will achieve its investment objective or avoid substantial losses. The information presented is for a very limited amount of time and is not representative of the long-term performance of the Fund.
6. ASIF does not charge investors an upfront sales load with respect to Class S, Class D or Class I shares. However, if you buy Class S, Class D or Class I shares through certain selling agents, they may directly charge you transaction or other fees, including upfront placement fees or brokerage commissions, in such amount as they may determine, provided that selling agents limit such charges to a maximum of 3.5% of NAV for Class S shares, 2.0% of NAV for Class D shares and 2.0% of NAV for Class I shares. Class S, Class D and Class I shares listed as With Upfront Placement Fees and Brokerage Commissions reflect the returns after the maximum upfront placement fees and brokerage commissions. Class S, Class D and Class I shares listed as Without Upfront Placement Fees and Brokerage Commissions exclude upfront placement fees and brokerage commissions.
7. Inception date is December 5, 2022 for Class I shares and August 1, 2023 for Class D and S shares.
8. As a percentage of debt investments.
9. As of December 31, 2024. Includes all private debt investments for which fair value is determined in good faith by the investment adviser, subject to Board oversight and excludes quoted assets. Weighted average loan-to-value ("LTV") represents the net ratio of LTV for each portfolio company, weighted based on the fair value of total applicable ASIF private debt investments. LTV is calculated as the current total net debt through each respective loan tranche held by ASIF divided by the estimated enterprise value of the portfolio company as of the most recent quarter end. Fair value is determined in good faith by the investment adviser, subject to Board oversight, based on among other things, the input of ASIF's independent third-party valuation firms that have been engaged to support the valuation of such portfolio investments at least quarterly (with certain de minimis exceptions) and under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process.
10. "Unsecured" includes 1.8% of senior subordinated loans and 0.8% bonds. "Equity" includes 1.0% of preferred equity 2.2% of common equity and 0.1% of warrants. "Structured Credit" includes 2.5% CLO debt, 1.4% CLO Equity and 0.5% CMBS. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.
11. Measured as the fair value of investments for each category against the total fair value of all investments.
12. Ares Credit Group data is as of December 31, 2024 unless otherwise noted. In Q1 2024, we moved our Special Opportunities strategy from our Private Equity Group into our Credit Group as Opportunistic Credit. The fund name remains Special Opportunities. Opportunistic Credit has been reclassified and presented within the Credit Group and reflected on a historical basis.
13. Certain states have higher suitability standards, please refer to the Fund prospectus (the "Prospectus") for full details.
14. Certain broker-dealers may not offer all share classes, and/or may offer the Fund at a higher or lower minimum initial investment. Please see the Prospectus for more information regarding the subscription process.
15. The performance, awards/ratings noted herein relate only to selected funds/strategies and may not be representative of any given client's experience and should not be viewed as indicative of Ares' past performance or its funds' future performance, including ASIF. Ares has not provided any compensation in connection with obtaining or using these awards. All investments involve risk, including loss of principal.

Important Information and Risks

Summary of Risk Factors

Investing in the Fund's common shares of beneficial interest (Shares) involves a number of significant risks. The following information is a list of material risk factors associated with an investment in the Shares specifically, as well as those factors generally associated with an investment in the Fund. In addition to the other information contained in this fact sheet and the Fund's prospectus (Prospectus), you should consider carefully the following information before making an investment in the Shares. If any of the following events occur, the Fund's business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In such cases, the NAV of the Shares could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment. Along with the risks listed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Prospectus, please also consider the following:

- The Fund has a limited operating history and there is no assurance that it will achieve its investment objective.
- There may be changes in laws or regulations (including interpretations thereof), including tax laws, governing the Fund's operations or the operations of its portfolio companies or the operations of its competitors.
- The Fund does not intend to list the Shares on any securities exchange and does not expect a secondary market in the Shares to develop. Because you may be unable to sell your Shares, you will be unable to reduce your exposure in any market downturn.
- You should consider that you may not have access to the money you invest for an extended period of time. An investment in the Shares is not suitable for you if you need access to the money you invest. See "Suitability Standards" and "Share Repurchase Program" in the Prospectus. An investment in the Shares is suitable only for investors with the financial ability and willingness to accept the high risks and lack of liquidity inherent in an investment in the Shares.
- At the discretion of the Board, the Fund commenced a share repurchase program, but only a limited number of Shares will be eligible for repurchase and repurchases will be subject to available liquidity and other significant restrictions. The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the share repurchase program at any time. See "Share Repurchase Program" in the Prospectus.
- The Fund cannot guarantee that it will make distributions, and if it does, the Fund may fund such distributions from sources other than cash flow from operations, including the sale of assets, borrowings, return of capital or offering proceeds, and there are no limits on the amounts that the Fund may pay from such sources. Distributions may exceed the Fund's earnings and profits, especially during the period before the Fund has substantially invested the proceeds from the offering. As a result, a portion of the distributions that the Fund makes may represent a return of capital for tax purposes. A return of capital is a return of a portion of your original investment in the Shares.
- Distributions may also be funded in significant part, directly or indirectly, from temporary waivers or expense reimbursements borne by Fund's investment adviser or its affiliates that may be subject to reimbursement to the Fund's investment adviser or its affiliates. The repayment of any amounts owed to the Fund's affiliates will reduce the Fund's net asset value and may reduce future distributions to which you would otherwise be entitled.
- The Fund uses leverage, which will magnify the potential for loss on amounts invested in the Fund.
- The Fund invests in instruments that are typically unrated or rated below investment grade. Generally, the Fund believes that if its unrated investments were rated, they would be rated below investment grade. Bonds that are rated below investment grade are sometimes referred to as "high yield bonds" or "junk bonds." These unrated and below investment grade instruments have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. They may also be illiquid and difficult to value. The Fund intends to invest significantly in the junk bonds.
- Certain Ares funds may have investment objectives that compete or overlap with, and may from time to time invest in asset classes similar to those targeted by, the Fund. As a result, the Fund, on the one hand, and these other entities, on the other hand, may from time to time pursue the same or similar capital and investment opportunities. Ares and the Fund's investment adviser endeavor to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, and in any event consistent with any fiduciary duties owed to the Fund, nevertheless, it is possible that the Fund may not be given the opportunity to participate in certain investments made by investment funds managed by investment

managers affiliated with Ares (including the Fund's investment adviser and its affiliates).

- Economic recessions or downturns could impair the Fund's portfolio companies and harm its operating results.

See the Prospectus for more detailed risk information. The list above is not a complete list of Fund risks. You should rely only on the information contained in the Prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. You should assume that the information provided by the Prospectus is accurate as of its date. No offering is made except by the Prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Department of Law of the State of New York. Neither the SEC, the Attorney-General of the State of New York nor any other state securities regulator has approved or disapproved of the securities or determined if the Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. An investment in the Fund involves a high degree of risk and therefore should only be undertaken by qualified investors whose financial resources are sufficient to enable them to assume these risks and to bear the loss of all or part of their investment. The Fund and Ares do not guarantee any level of return or risk on investments and there can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

An investment in the Fund should be considered illiquid. An investment in the Fund is not suitable for investors who need access to the money they invest. Although the Fund may offer to repurchase a limited amount of its shares via quarterly tender offers, the Fund's shares will not be redeemable, transferable or otherwise exchangeable at an investor's option. As a result, an investor may not be able to sell or otherwise liquidate its shares. There can be no assurance that the Fund will conduct tender offers in any particular period and investors may be unable to tender their shares for repurchase for an indefinite period of time.

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