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About ArrowMark Financial Corp.

ArrowMark Financial Corp. is an SEC registered non-diversified, closed-end fund listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "BANX." Its investment objective is to provide shareholders with current income. BANX's primary investment objective is to provide stockholders with current income. We attempt to achieve our investment objectives through investments in preferred equity, subordinated debt, convertible securities, regulatory capital relief securities and, to a lesser extent, common equity. Together with banks, we refer to these types of companies as banking-related and intend, under normal circumstances, to invest at least 80% of the value of our net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes in such businesses. There is no guarantee that we will achieve our investment objective. The Fund is managed by ArrowMark Asset Management LLC ("ArrowMark").

ArrowMark Asset Management, LLC is majority owned by ArrowMark Colorado Holdings LLC ("ArrowMark Partners"). ArrowMark Partners is a registered investment adviser. ArrowMark has entered into a staffing agreement (the "Staffing Agreement") with its parent company, ArrowMark Partners and several of its affiliates. Under the Staffing Agreement, ArrowMark Partners provides experienced investment professionals to ArrowMark and provides access to their senior investment personnel. ArrowMark capitalizes on the significant deal origination, credit underwriting, due diligence, investment structuring, execution, portfolio management and monitoring of ArrowMark Partners' investment professionals.

About Destra Capital Advisors

Founded in 2008, Destra Capital Advisors LLC ("Destra") was built to help independent thought leaders achieve better wealth outcomes by sourcing the next generation of investment solutions. Destra provides secondary market services for eleven listed closed-end funds by responding to investor inquiries, providing information about the Funds and their portfolios, assisting with communication efforts, and speaking with institutional investors and financial advisors.

Destra Capital Advisors LLC, a registered investment advisor, is providing secondary market servicing for the Fund. To learn more, visit ir.arrowmarkfinancialcorp.com or contact Destra Capital Advisors at 877-855-3434 or BANX@destracapital.com.



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ArrowMark Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: BANX) Overview

ArrowMark Financial Corp. (BANX) (the “Fund”) SEC registered closed-end investment management fund

Inception Date	November 13, 2013
Investment Objective	Provide shareholders with current income. The Fund’s strategy has a focus on income generation, capital preservation, and providing risk-adjusted rates of return.
Investment Adviser	ArrowMark Asset Management LLC (“ArrowMark”) and its affiliates are one of the largest and longest-tenured investors in the regulatory capital relief or risk-sharing market, with a 15-year track record of partnering with the leading global bank issuers.
Investment Positioning	Meaningful floating rate assets (approximately 89%) positions well in an elevated interest rate environment and can be considered as a potential hedge to inflation.
History	ArrowMark was appointed investment advisor to the Fund in February 2020. Subsequently, the Fund changed its name from StoneCastle Financial Corp. to ArrowMark Financial Corp.
Total Assets¹	\$202 million
Historical Distribution Rate²	9.6%
Premium / (Discount) to NAV³	(2.1%)

Data as of 9/30/2025 unless otherwise indicated. Source: ArrowMark Financial Corp. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** ¹Total Gross Assets. ²Distribution yield calculation based on last four quarters and includes quarterly and special income distributions divided by closing share price as of 9/30/2025. Distributions from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid quarterly. Distributions, if any, of net short-term capital gain and net capital gain (the excess of net long-term capital gain over the short-term capital loss) realized by the Fund, after deducting any available capital loss carryovers, are declared and paid to shareholders at least annually. Income distributions and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These differences include the treatment of non-taxable distributions, losses deferred due to wash sales and excise tax regulations. Permanent book and tax basis differences relating to shareholder distributions will result in reclassifications within the components of net assets. ³Closing share price and NAV as of 9/30/25.

Differentiated Closed-End Fund¹ with a Strong Track Record



**9.6%
Distribution
Yield²**



**RCRS typically issued by
large, global banks**



**11
Industry Focused Credit
Analysts**



**12.5% Q3 2025 Portfolio
Investment Yield³**

Unique investment vehicle dedicated to investments in regulatory capital relief securities (89% of Total Assets)

- 99% of BANX regulatory capital relief securities issued by banks with Total Assets > \$500 billion (e.g. global money center banks) and rank as senior unsecured obligations
- Reference loan portfolios consist of strong credit quality loans, with a dollar weighted average rating typically ranging from BB+ to BBB-
- Reference loan portfolios benefit from strong borrower, geographic, and sector diversification
- Regulatory capital relief securities coupons float using a base rate plus contractual spread

Fund supported by established investment firm & seasoned leadership team

- ArrowMark Partners manages \$18.5bn platform with proprietary investment sourcing and significant resources including 42 investment professionals with an average of 20 years of experience
- BANX benefits from an experienced senior management team with decades of experience as credit and risk managers
- Disciplined investment approval process focused on asymmetric, risk-adjusted returns. Regulatory capital relief securities reference loans are individually analyzed by our 11 industry focused credit analysts

Strong earning performance under ArrowMark leadership⁴

- BANX has consistently outearned its distribution with quarterly EPS having increased by +51% (Q3 2025 vs Q4 2019)⁴. For Q3 2025, EPS of \$0.61 exceeded the declared distribution of \$0.45 per share
- Distributions increased by +38.2% (LTM Q3 2025 vs YE 2019)^{4,5}. The Q3 2025 distribution represents a yield of approximately 9.6%.² All distributions during this period have come from net income or realized long-term capital gains
- Net asset value has remained relatively stable since Q4 2019
- Q3 2025 portfolio investment yield increased to 12.5% from ~9.6% (Q4 2019)³

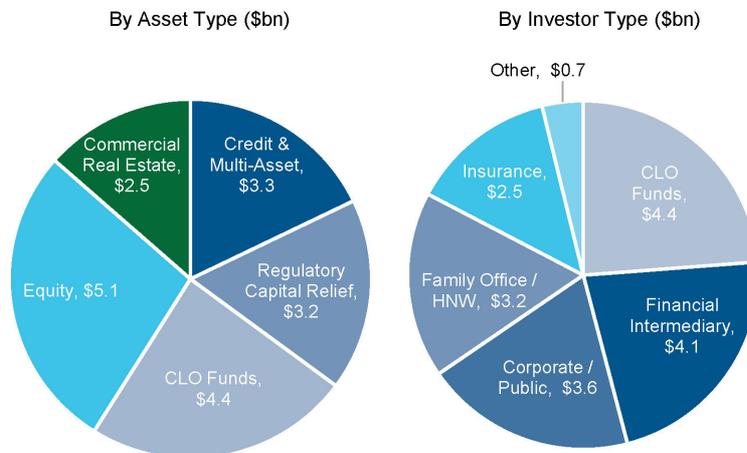
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ArrowMark Partners has significant capabilities and expertise as a well-established investment manager

ArrowMark Partners At-A-Glance

- Active investment process, driven by fundamental research and analysis
- Specialized expertise in nuanced credit and inefficient equity markets
- Manage alternative, traditional, and customized investment strategies in public and private vehicles
- 102 employees
- 42 tenured investment professionals
- 100% employee-owned
- Headquartered in Denver, CO with presence in California, London, and New York

\$18.5 billion in Assets Under Management¹



As of 9/30/2025. ¹CRE AUM includes real estate related assets originated and/or currently managed or advised by ArrowMark or its affiliate. Other includes sovereign wealth, not-for-profit institutions, union, multi-employer and internal capital. Firm level track record is available upon request. ²Firm AUM breakdowns by asset type and investor type are expressed in billions.

Partnership with an Experienced, Senior Investment Team

REGULATORY CAPITAL RELIEF TEAM

Nine Denver- and London-Based Investment Analysts
Average 15 Years' Experience

LEVERAGED CREDIT TEAM

Sanjai Bhonsle
31 Years' Experience

Dana Staggs
23 Years' Experience

AJ Somers
19 Years' Experience

BANX INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Sanjai Bhonsle
Partner

Karen Reidy, CFA
Partner
37 Years' Experience

Kaelyn Abrell
Partner
27 Years' Experience

13 Corporate Credit Investment Professionals

2 CRE Investment Professionals & 19 Originators/Underwriters

16 Equity Investment Professionals

3 Additional Investment Professionals

ArrowMark Partners' 42 Investment Professionals Average 20 Years' Experience and have a presence in Denver, London, New York, and San Francisco



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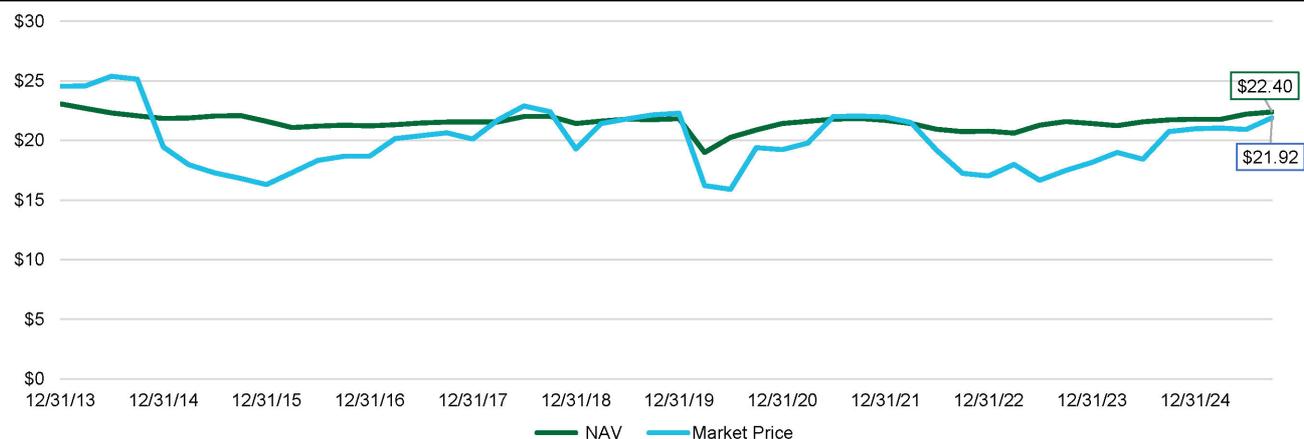
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BANX has produced a relatively stable and consistent NAV from a high-quality investment portfolio

NAV and Market Price Over Time (As of 9/30/2025)



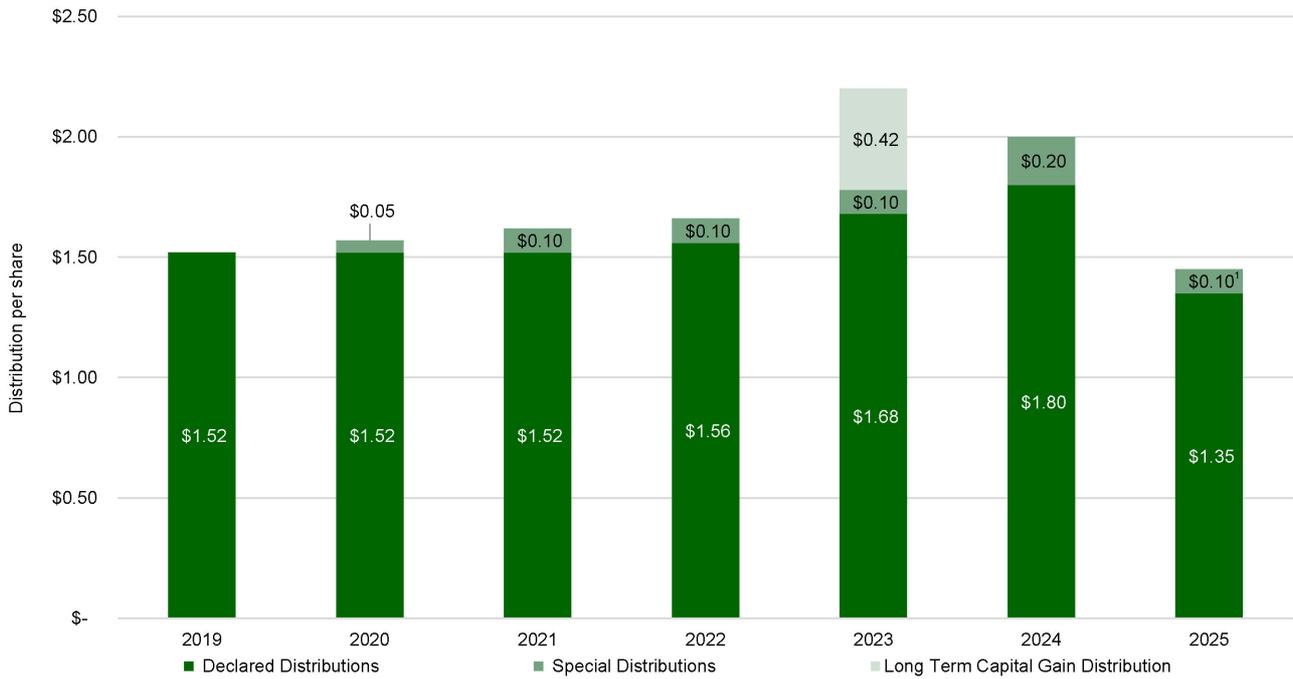
Total Return Based on NAV (As of 9/30/2025)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
BANX	13.99%	14.34%	11.71%	9.38%
Bloomberg Aggregate ¹	2.88%	4.93%	-0.45%	1.84%
Bloomberg High Yield ²	7.41%	11.09%	5.55%	6.17%

Data as of 9/30/2025. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** ArrowMark Financial Corp. commenced operations on November 13, 2013. Source: BNY, ArrowMark Financial Corp. NAV calculation includes management fee and all other expenses paid by the Fund. Dividends are reinvested in accordance with the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Market Price calculation based on share market price and reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Total return does not include sales load and offering expenses. ¹Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index ("Bloomberg Aggregate") (including interest income) covers the U.S. dollar-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of SEC-registered securities. The index includes bonds from the Treasury, government agency, corporate, plus mortgage- and asset-backed sectors. ²Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index ("Bloomberg High Yield") represents the U.S. dollar denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market.

Historically provided relatively stable declared distribution

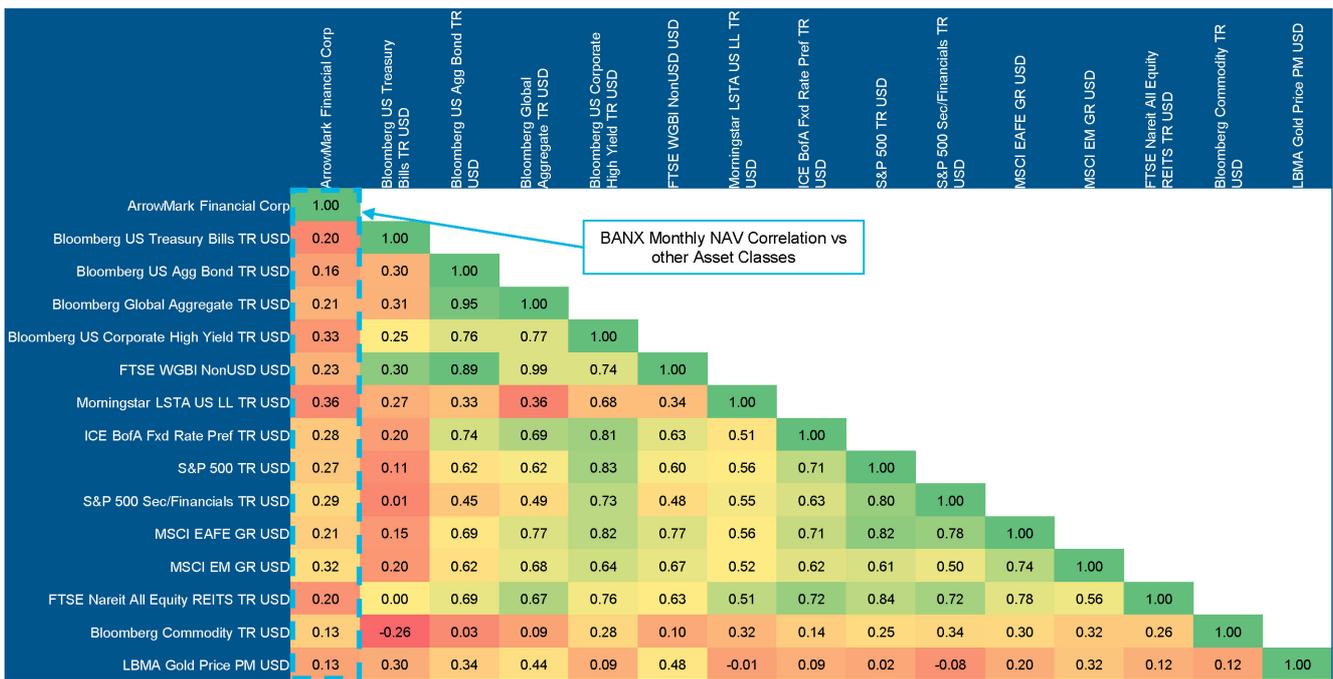
7+ Years of Consistent Distributions¹ (As of 1/1/2019 – 9/30/2025)



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BANX NAV shows low correlation with key asset classes

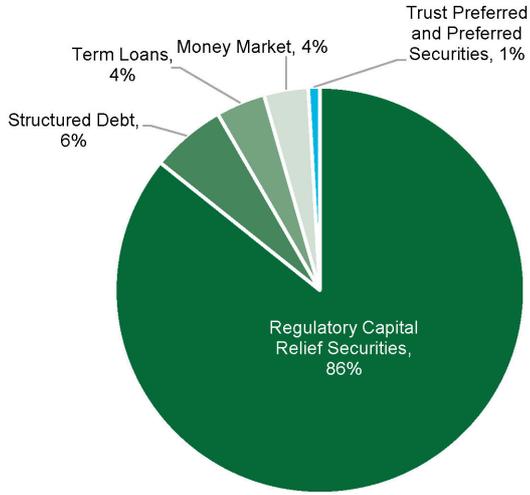
BANX Net Asset Value (“NAV”) Correlation (9/30/2020 – 9/30/2025)



Data as of 9/30/2025 per Morningstar. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** ArrowMark Financial Corp. commenced operations on November 13, 2013. Source: BNY, ArrowMark Financial Corp. NAV calculation includes management fee and all other expenses paid by the Fund. Dividends are reinvested in accordance with the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Market Price calculation based on share market price and reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Total return does not include sales load and offering expenses. Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (including interest income) covers the U.S. dollar-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of SEC-registered securities. The index includes bonds from the Treasury, government agency, corporate, plus mortgage- and asset-backed sectors. Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index is an index that measures the performance of high yield, non-investment grade corporate bonds, with a maximum allocation of 2% to any one issuer.

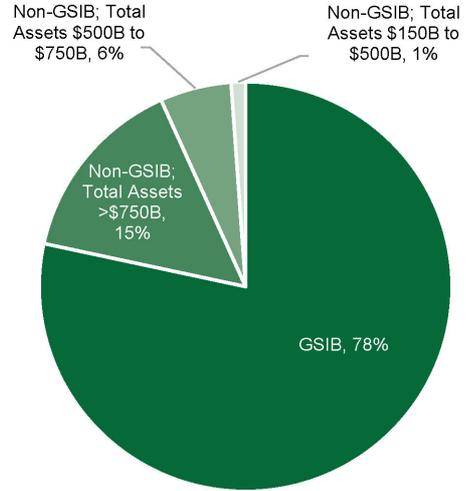
Regulatory capital relief securities comprise majority of total assets

Fund Exposure (9/30/2025)



Regulatory Capital Relief Issuers by Bank Type¹ (9/30/2025)

G-SIBs (Globally Systemic Important Banks) are large, global banking institutions subject to more stringent regulatory oversight



G-SIB: Globally Systemic Important Banks per Financial Stability Board as of 11/27/2023. As of 9/30/2025, BANX G-SIB issuers consist of banks with >\$800 billion in Total Assets with a median and mean Total Assets of over \$1.6 trillion in assets
Diversification does not eliminate the risk of experiencing investment loss.



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (unaudited)

	September 30, 2025	June 30, 2025
Assets		
Unaffiliated Investments in securities, at fair value (cost: \$181,531,878 and \$196,636,205 respectively)	\$ 186,069,814	\$ 200,057,640
Affiliated Investments in securities, at fair value (cost: \$14,748,427 and \$14,739,691 respectively)	11,568,510	11,427,340
Interest and dividends receivable	3,509,541	3,681,533
Foreign cash (cost: \$505,941 and \$525,449 respectively)	505,941	530,572
Cash	263,871	7,829,453
Prepaid assets	824,265	911,449
Total assets	<u>202,741,943</u>	<u>224,437,987</u>
Liabilities		
Loan payable	40,500,000	64,500,000
Dividends payable	81	77
Investment advisory fee payable	888,205	982,342
Loan interest payable	17,175	361,429
Written options, at value	1,381,755	38,870
Accrued expenses payable	194,981	140,841
Total liabilities	<u>42,982,198</u>	<u>66,023,559</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$ 159,759,746</u>	<u>\$ 158,414,429</u>
Net Assets consist of:		
Common stock at par (\$0.001 per share)	\$ 7,131	\$ 7,129
Paid-in-Capital	156,144,546	156,104,505
Total distributable earnings / (loss)	3,608,069	2,302,795
Net Assets	<u>\$ 159,759,746</u>	<u>\$ 158,414,429</u>
Net Asset Value Per Share:		
Common Stock Shares Outstanding	<u>7,130,725</u>	<u>7,128,872</u>
Net asset value per common share	<u>\$ 22.40</u>	<u>\$ 22.22</u>
Market price per share	<u>\$ 21.92</u>	<u>\$ 20.93</u>
Market price premium/(discount) to net asset value per share	<u>-2.14%</u>	<u>-5.81%</u>

Statement of Operations (unaudited)

	For The Three Months Ended September 30, 2025	For The Three Months June 30, 2025
Investment Income		
Interest from unaffiliated investments	\$ 6,421,863	\$ 6,477,788
Interest from affiliated investments	313,641	313,643
Dividends	61,495	3,731
Other income	32,575	58,260
Total Investment Income	6,829,574	6,853,422
Expenses		
Investment advisory fees	888,205	982,342
Interest expense	870,384	1,109,425
Directors' fees	53,891	52,912
Transfer agent, custodian fees and administrator fees	84,306	80,723
Bank administration fees	128,784	141,288
Professional fees	272,962	266,873
Investor relations fees	53,333	52,263
Delaware franchise tax	40,831	19,095
Insurance expense	13,240	13,096
Valuation fees	53,271	30,044
Miscellaneous fees (proxy, etc.)	25,034	73,146
Total expenses	2,484,240	2,821,206
Less: Advisory fee waiver	(20,734)	(20,509)
Net expenses after waivers	2,463,506	2,800,697
Net Investment Income	4,366,067	4,052,725
Realized and Unrealized Gain / (Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency Transactions		
Net realized gain / (loss) on investments	(897,499)	(1,574,026)
Net realized gain / (loss) from forward foreign currency contracts	(8,338)	(3,336,070)
Net realized gain / (loss) from foreign currency translations	50,301	(185,831)
Net change in net unrealized appreciation / (depreciation) on unaffiliated investments	1,117,641	7,363,854
Net change in net unrealized appreciation / (depreciation) affiliated on investments	131,293	88,045
Net change in unrealized appreciation / (depreciation) on written options	(211,919)	(14,846)
Net change in unrealized appreciation / (depreciation) on forward currency contracts	-	(25,739)
Net change in unrealized appreciation / (depreciation) on foreign currency translations	(34,281)	22,947
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, forward foreign currency contracts and foreign currency translations	147,199	2,338,333
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	\$ 4,513,266	\$ 6,391,058

Financial Highlights (unaudited)

	For The Three Months Ended September 30, 2025	For The Three Months Ended June 30, 2025
Per Share Operating Performance		
Net Asset Value, beginning of period	\$ 22.22	\$ 21.78
Net investment income(1)	0.61	0.57
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	0.02	0.32
Total from investment operations	0.63	0.89
Less distributions to shareholders		
From net investment income	(0.45)	(0.45)
Total distributions	(0.45)	(0.45)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 22.40	\$ 22.22
Per share market value, end of period	\$ 21.92	\$ 20.93
Total Investment Return (2)		
Based on market value	6.91%	1.65%
Based on net asset value	2.91%	4.29%
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$ 159.8	\$ 158.4
Ratios (as a percentage to average net assets):		
Expenses before waivers(3)(4)*	6.16%	7.24%
Expenses after waivers(5)*	6.11%	7.19%
Net investment income(6)*	10.83%	10.40%
Portfolio turnover rate **	8%	10%
Revolving Credit Agreement		
Total revolving credit agreement outstanding (000's)	\$ 40,500	\$ 64,500
Asset coverage per \$1,000 for revolving credit agreement(7)	4,945	3,456

(1) Based on the average shares outstanding during quarter.

(2) Reflects reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Total return does not include sales load and offering expenses and are not annualized.

(3) Excluding interest expense, the ratio would have been 4.34% and 4.07%.

(4) Ratio of expenses before waivers to average managed assets equals 5.18% and 4.71%.

(5) Ratio of expenses after waivers to average managed assets equals 5.14% and 4.67%.

(6) Ratio of net investment income to average managed assets equals 7.44% and 8.06%.

(7) Calculated by subtracting the Company's total liabilities (excluding the loan) from the Company's total assets and dividing the amount by the loan outstanding in 000's.

* Annualized

** Not-annualized



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SANJAI BHONSLE | CHAIRMAN & CEO

Mr. Bhonsle was elected Chairman & CEO of ArrowMark Financial Corp. in February 2020.

Mr. Bhonsle joined ArrowMark Partners in October 2012 and serves as Partner and Portfolio Manager for ArrowMark's Partners leveraged loan investments and collateralized loan obligation funds. Prior to joining the firm, he founded MB Consulting Partners in 2009, where he specialized in financial and operational restructuring advisory to stressed and distressed middle-market companies. With decades of restructuring experience, he has led numerous assignments across various industries.

Sanjai was a Senior Portfolio Manager at GSO Capital Partners, a subsidiary of The Blackstone Group, and member of the Investment and Management Committee (2005-2009). Prior to joining GSO Capital Partners, Sanjai was an Assistant Portfolio Manager for RBC Capital Partners' debt investment group and was a member of the Investment Committee (2001-2005). He also led the group's restructuring efforts related to distressed investments and represented the firm's interests on creditor committees. From 1999-2001, Sanjai was a Senior Investment Analyst at Indosuez Capital Partners. Sanjai received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and an MBA from the Eli Broad Graduate School of Management at Michigan State University.

DANA STAGGS | PRESIDENT

Mr. Staggs was elected President of ArrowMark Financial Corp in June 2022.

Mr. Staggs joined ArrowMark in June of 2017 and is a team member of ArrowMark's Private Capital Solutions group where he sources, structures, and manages private debt and non-control private equity investments. Prior to joining ArrowMark Partners in 2017, he worked in similar capacities at firms to include Goldman Sachs & Co., Barclays Private Credit Partners LLC and GE Capital. Mr. Staggs previously served over 10 years as a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy, having attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from the United States Naval Academy and an MBA from The Mason School of Business at the College of William and Mary.

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PATRICK J. FARRELL | CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Farrell was re-elected as ArrowMark Financial Corp.'s Chief Financial Officer in February 2020. He has served in this role since April 2014. Mr. Farrell is responsible for all financial and accounting activities at ArrowMark Financial.

Mr. Farrell has served as Chief Financial Officer at StoneCastle Partners, LLC since 2014. Mr. Farrell has served as a Director of StoneCastle Trust Co. since January 2021. He has over forty years of hands-on management experience in finance and accounting, specifically focused on domestic and off-shore mutual funds, bank deposit account programs, investment advisory and broker dealer business.

Previously, Mr. Farrell was CFO/COO of the Emerging Managers Group, LP, a specialty asset management firm focused on offshore mutual funds. Prior to that, Pat was CFO at Reserve Management. Earlier in his career, Pat held financial positions at Lexington Management, Drexel Burnham Lambert, Alliance Capital and New York Life Investment Management, all focused on investment advisory activities. He began his career as an auditor at Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. in New York. Pat holds a BS in Business Administration-Accounting from Manhattan College.

Mr. Farrell is a Certified Public Accountant in New York State and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

RICK GROVE | CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Mr. Grove was elected Chief Compliance Officer of ArrowMark Financial Corp. in February 2020.

He is a Principal and Chief Compliance Officer at ArrowMark Partners. He is also the Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary for Meridian Fund, Inc. Before joining ArrowMark Partners in 2008, he was Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer for Black Creek Global Advisors (2007-2008). Prior to that position, Rick served as Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer for Madison Capital Management (2005-2007), Assistant Vice President and Director of Compliance at Janus Capital Group (1993-2005), and Fund Accountant for Oppenheimer Funds (1992-1993). Rick graduated from the University of Wyoming with a bachelor's degree in Accounting.

Risk Considerations

Risks are inherent in all investing. The following summarizes some, but not all, of the risks that should be considered for the Company. For additional information about the risks associated with investing in the Company, please see the Company's prospectus as well as other Company regulatory filings.

Investment and Market Risk: An investment in the Company's common shares ("Common Shares") is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal invested. Common Shares at any point in time may be worth less than the original investment, even after taking into account the reinvestment of Company dividends and distributions. The Company expects to utilize leverage, which will magnify investment risk.

Regulatory Capital Relief Securities Risk: Regulatory capital relief securities are subject to several risks. In particular, to all capital securities, banking regulators could change or amend existing banking regulations which could affect the regulatory treatment of regulatory capital relief securities, where stricter regulation could make regulatory capital relief securities less desirable, or undesirable, for banks to issue, reducing the supply of new investments. Should an adverse regulatory development occur in the future, it would likely result in the bank issuer of such securities being able to redeem an investment early, which subjects the Company to reinvestment risk. Regulatory capital relief securities remain subject to the same sector specific and other risks as any banking-related investment that the Company may acquire, including, but not limited to, credit risk, interest rate risk, prepayments, adverse changes in market value or liquidity and the quality of the loans extended by each bank to its clients.

Preferred and Debt Securities Risk: Preferred and debt securities in which the Company invests are subject to various risks, including credit risk, interest rate risk, call/prepayment risk and reinvestment Annual Report | ArrowMark Financial Corp. 28 risk. In addition, preferred securities are subject to certain other risks, including deferral and omission risk, subordination risk, limited voting rights risk and special redemption rights risk.

Credit Risk: The Company is subject to credit risk, which is the risk that an issuer of a security may be unable or unwilling to make dividend, interest and principal payments when due and the related risk that the value of a security may decline because of concerns about the issuer's ability or willingness to make such payments.

Leverage Risk: The use of leverage by the Company can magnify the effect of any losses. If the income and gains from the securities and investments purchased with leverage proceeds do not cover the cost of leverage, the return on the Common Shares will be less than if leverage had not been used. Moreover, leverage involves risks and special considerations for holders of Common Shares including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of the Common Shares than a comparable portfolio without leverage, and the risk that fluctuations in interest rates on reverse repurchase agreements, borrowings and short-term debt or in the dividend rates on any preferred shares issued by the Company will reduce the return to the holders of Common Shares or will result in fluctuations in the dividends paid on the Common Shares. There is no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful.

Call/Prepayment and Reinvestment Risk: If an issuer of a security exercises an option to redeem its issue at par or prepay principal earlier than scheduled, the Company may be forced to reinvest in lower yielding securities. A decline in income could affect the Common Shares' market price or the overall return of the Company.

Risk Considerations

Risks of Concentration in the Banking industry/Financial Sector: Because the Company concentrates in the banking industry and may invest up to 100% of its managed assets in the banking industry and financials sector, it will be more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting the banking industry and financials sector, such as changes in interest rates, loan concentration and competition.

Regulatory Risk: Financial institutions, including community banks, are subject to various state and federal banking regulations that impact how they conduct business, including but not limited to how they obtain funding. Changes to these regulations could have an adverse effect on their operations and operating results and our investments. We expect to make long-term investments in financial institutions that are subject to various state and federal regulations and oversight. Congress, state legislatures and the various bank regulatory agencies frequently introduce proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking industry in response to the Dodd-Frank Act, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (the "CFPB") rulemaking or otherwise. The likelihood and timing of any proposals or legislation and the impact they might have on our investments in financial institutions affected by such changes cannot be determined and any such changes may be adverse to our investments. Federal banking regulators recently proposed amended regulatory capital regulations in response to The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") and Basel III protocols which would impose even more stringent capital requirements. In the event that a regulated bank falls below certain capital adequacy standards, it may become subject to regulatory intervention including, but not limited to, being placed into a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)-administered receivership or conservatorship. The effect of inadequate capital can have a potentially adverse consequence on the institution's financial condition, its ability to operate as a going concern and its ability to operate as a regulated financial institution and may have a material adverse impact on our investments.

Interest Rate Risk: The market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common stock. Contingent convertible securities provide for mandatory conversion into common stock of the issuer under certain circumstances. Since the common stock of the issuer may not pay a dividend, investors in these instruments could experience a reduced income rate, potentially to zero; and conversion would deepen the subordination of the investor, hence worsening standing in a bankruptcy. In addition, some such instruments have a set stock conversion rate that would cause a reduction in value of the security if the price of the stock is below the conversion price on the conversion date.

Convertible Securities/Contingent Convertible Securities Risk: The Company is subject to credit risk, which is the risk that an issuer of a security may be unable or unwilling to make dividend, interest and principal payments when due and the related risk that the value of a security may decline because of concerns about the issuer's ability or willingness to make such payments.

Illiquid and Restricted Securities Risk: Investment of the Company's assets in illiquid and restricted securities may restrict the Company's ability to take advantage of market opportunities. Illiquid and restricted securities may be difficult to dispose of at a fair price at the times when the Company believes it is desirable to do so. The market price of illiquid and restricted securities generally is more volatile than that of more liquid securities, which may adversely affect the price that the Company pays for or recovers upon the sale of such securities. Illiquid and restricted securities are also more difficult to value, especially in challenging markets. The risks associated with illiquid and restricted securities may be particularly acute in situations in which the Company's operations require cash and could result in the Company borrowing to meet its short-term needs or incurring losses on the sale of illiquid or restricted securities.

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