

CRYSTAL
FUND

BK Opportunities Fund 7

CLO Mezzanine Fund



NAV
52.55%

Distribution
6.25%

Monthly Return ¹	-1.1%
Year-to-Date	-3.4%
Annual Return since inception ²	13.0%
Cumulative Distributions ^{2,3}	89.9%
Cumulative Return ^{2,3}	45.8%

1. Non-annualized — 2. Weighted average distribution of all classes — 3. since inception in October 2021.

The eurozone started 2026 with improving momentum, but the Middle East conflict has clouded the outlook — growth revised down, inflation revised up, ECB on hold. Corporate earnings remain still after three years without profit growth. Bank lending is tightening, though demand is picking up. Leveraged loan issuance hit records in 2025 but was mostly refinancing, not new deals. CLO issuance also hit records with strong pipeline activity, though the arbitrage is squeezed by tight loan spreads. Across the board, the market needs M&A to come back for fresh supply.

BK Opportunities Fund 7 is a closed-end fund investing in a diverse portfolio of BB tranches in European CLOs, with a time horizon of seven years from inception.

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March 31st, 2025

The fund is now in reinvestment mode, a 2-year amortisation period, during which we will focus on monetising our positions. As we collect coupons & principal and now distribute all proceeds, the fund's performance should continue to strengthen, and distribution will accelerate.

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*Payments will be wired on
or around May 1, 2026.*

MARKET COMMENTARY

The Economy

The eurozone's early 2026 momentum—marked by a 51.9 PMI and recovering manufacturing—is now threatened by escalating Middle East conflict, driving oil toward \$90/bbl. Consequently, GDP forecasts have cooled to 0.8–1.3%, with a 0.2% drag from energy shocks. While Spain outperforms (1.8%), Germany and France lag (0.9%). Meanwhile, the ECB has raised inflation forecasts by 0.7pp and is expected to hold rates at 2% pending further data.

Corporate Markets

European Q4 2025 earnings fell 1.1%, a notable recovery from the 3.1% decline initially feared—yet the market’s three-year rally remains fragile without stronger corporate results. While 2026 EPS growth for Europe is projected at a modest 4%, sectoral performance is split: autos and chemicals struggle with Chinese competition and high energy costs, whereas energy giants like TotalEnergies and Eni have surged 40–50% in Q1.

Despite these headwinds, corporate balance sheets remain resilient due to high cash reserves and inflation's erosion of real debt value. Furthermore, Europe's limited exposure to private credit (1.5% of total corporate credit vs. 7% in the US) provides a significant structural buffer against potential contagion from US private credit volatility.

Corporate Loans

Gross European loan issuance reached a post-GFC record of over €235bn in 2025, though activity was heavily dominated by refinancings, with net new issuance accounting for less than 30% of total volume. Looking ahead to 2026, forecasts project overall issuance between €95bn and €100bn, a target largely contingent on a sustained recovery in M&A and LBO activity. On the credit front, the European loan default rate remains low at 1.1%, though consensus estimates suggest speculative-grade defaults could rise toward the 2.4–3.25% range by late 2026 as higher-risk credits face increased pressure.

Despite these headwinds, the Morningstar ELLI delivered a 3.86% return in 2025, and analysts anticipate 2026 returns to climb into the 4.50–4.75% range.

CLO Markets

Primary European CLO issuance reached a record near €60bn in 2025, supported by an additional €49bn in resets, bringing the total market outstanding to approximately €300bn. The outlook for 2026 remains robust, with bank forecasts projecting between €50bn and €65bn in new issuance and a significant surge in resets as 2024 vintages exit their non-call periods. While AAA spreads have tightened considerably to around 123bps, market participants are preparing for modest widening throughout the year, even as lower funding costs begin to improve equity economics. Despite the entry of several debut managers and growing interest in private credit CLOs, the sector faces headwinds from geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and a deepening bifurcation in loan quality that is driving increased manager tiering.



NET PERFORMANCE			
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Year-to-Date	-3.4%	52.55%	6.25%
Annual Return since inception ³	13.0%	<i>Payments will be wired on or around May 1, 2026.</i>	
Cumulative Distributions since inception/October 2021 ³	89.9%		
Cumulative Return since inception/October 2021 ³	45.8%		

EUR FUND AND MARKET PERFORMANCES

Returns	BK 7	JPM CLO BB Index ⁵	Palmer Square Index	Hedge Fund Index ⁶	Euro S&L Loan Index ⁷	EuroStoxx 600
Monthly Return ¹	-1.1%	-2.0%	0.2%	-3.3%	-0.3%	-8.0%
Year-to-Date Return ¹	-3.4%	-3.2%	-0.4%	0.0%	-1.1%	-1.5%
Annual Return ^{2, 3}	13.0%	9.9%	7.5%	5.2%	4.9%	5.7%

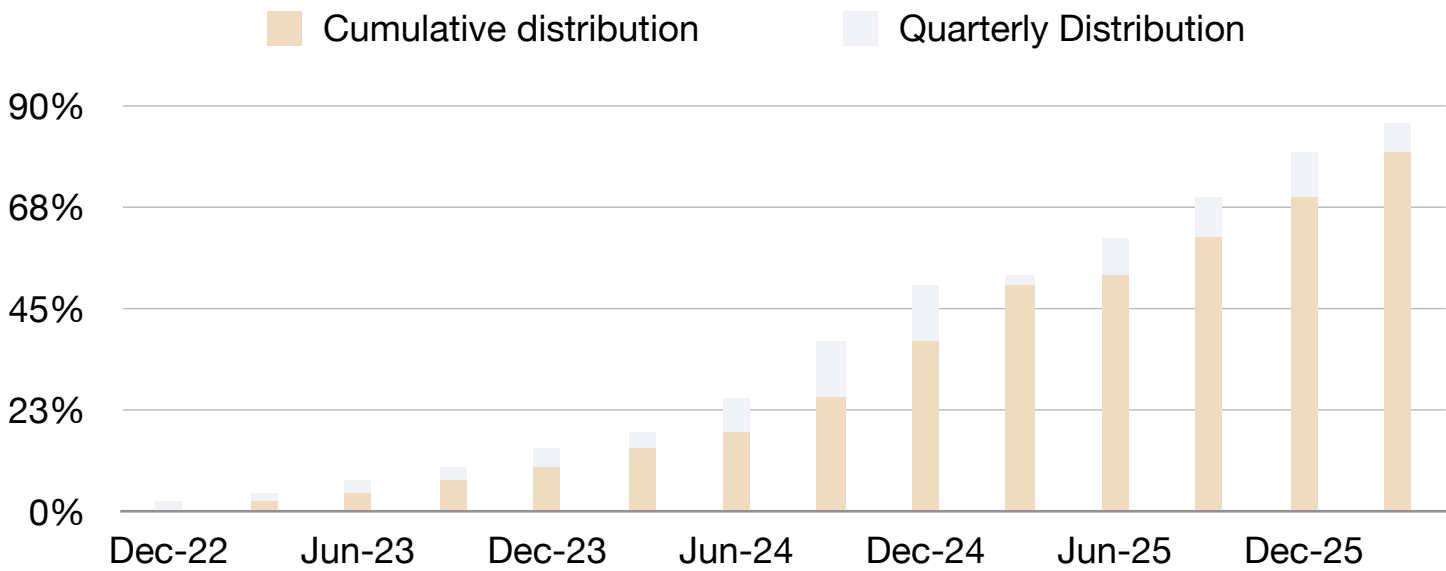
EUR MONTHLY PERFORMANCE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2026	0.6%	(2.9%)	(1.1%)										(3.41%)
2025	2.0%	1.3%	0.5%	(0.5%)	1.6%	1.0%	0.8%	1.2%	0.6%	0.1%	0.4%	1.3%	10.7%
2024	5.0%	2.9%	2.3%	1.5%	1.3%	0.9%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	1.5%	0.2%	1.4%	19.6%
2023	5.8%	7.2%	(2.6%)	4.6%	0.6%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	6.1%	34.1%
2022	0.1%	(2.5%)	(1.1%)	0.9%	(9.0%)	(8.4%)	(1.4%)	5.0%	(3.3%)	(1.7%)	2.6%	1.3%	(17.1%)
2021										2.4%	1.0%	0.5%	4.0%

QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION

Quarterly Distribution ⁸	6.25%
Cumulative Distribution ^{8, 9}	86.00%
NAV ¹⁰	52.55%
Investor Value ¹¹	138.55%

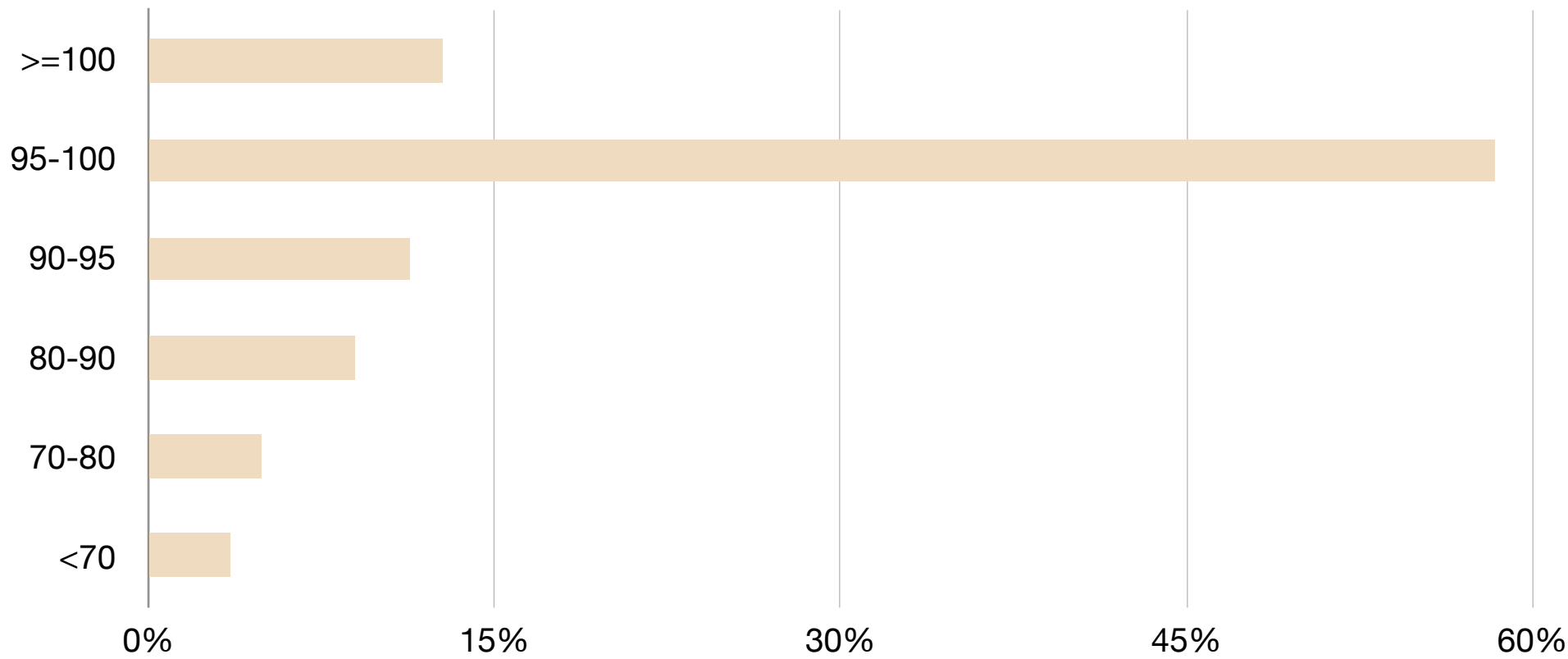
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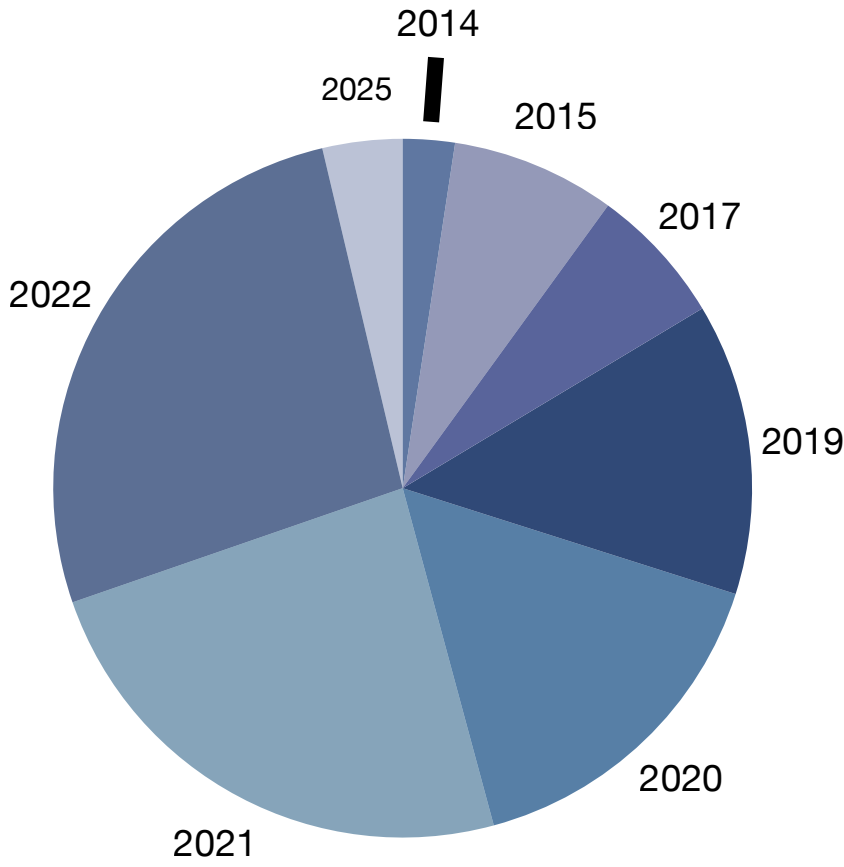
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FUND SUMMARY



Currency: EUR
Fund's Inception: October 2021
Maturity*: October 2026
Distribution: Quarterly
Investment Manager: Oristan Ireland DAC
Administrator: Apex Funds Services
Custodian: CIBC Bank & Trust
Banker: Northern Trust
Counsel: Dillon Eustace
Auditor: Deloitte

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TOP 10 INDUSTRY

Industry	% of Portfolio
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	14.6%
Services: Business	9.2%
High Tech Industries	7.2%
Chemicals, Plastics, & Rubber	6.9%
Telecommunications	6.2%
Construction & Building	5.7%
Banking, Finance, Insurance	5.4%
Beverage, Food & Tobacco	5.1%
Capital Equipment	4.7%
Services: Consumer	4.2%

TOP 10 ISSUERS EXPOSURE

Issuer	% of Portfolio
Ineos Ltd	2.0%
Liberty Global Plc	1.9%
Lorca JVCO	1.2%
Vmed O2	1.1%
3i Group	1.0%
TK Elevator Topco	0.8%
Kantar Global	0.8%
ICV Acquisition Pickco	0.8%
Ion Platform	0.8%
Quimper	0.8%

CRYSTAL FUND RECENT AWARDS



Best CLO Fund
2025



Best CLO Fund
2024



Worldwide Finance
Awards

Best CLO Investment
Management Firm 2024
– Europe



Top Performing Credit
Strategy hedge funds
2024



Best CLO Fund
2023

* Excluding the possible 2-year extension

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