

# **Semi-Annual Report**

July 31, 2023

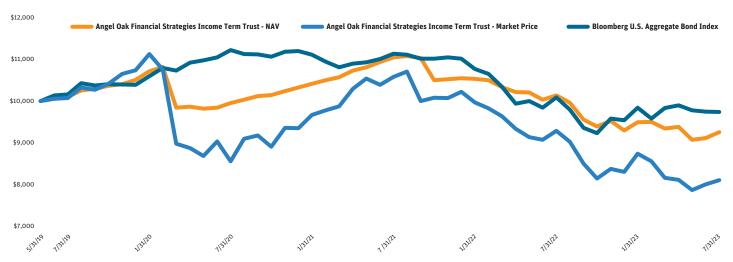
**Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust** 

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### **Investment Results – (Unaudited)**

#### Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust Total Return Based on a \$10,000 Investment



The chart above assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on May 31, 2019 (commencement of operations). Returns shown include the reinvestment of all dividends. Returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the sale of Fund shares. In the absence of fee waivers and reimbursements, when they are necessary to keep expenses at the expense cap, total return would be reduced. Past performance is not predictive of future performance. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Performance data current to the most recent month-end can be obtained by calling (855) 751-4324. Index returns do not reflect the effects of fees or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Market Price	\$11.86
NAV	\$13.82
Premium (Discount) to NAV	-14.18%
Market Price Distribution Rate(1)	4.81%
NAV Distribution Rate(1)	4.12%

(1) Distribution rates are not performance and are calculated by annualizing the most recent distribution per share and dividing by the NAV or Market Price, as applicable, as of the reported date. Distributions may be comprised of ordinary income, net capital gains, and/or a return of capital ("ROC") of your investment in the Fund. Because the distribution rate may include a ROC, it should not be confused with yield or income. If the Fund estimates that a portion of its distribution may be comprised of amounts from sources other than net investment income in accordance with its policies and good accounting practices, the Fund will notify shareholders of the estimated composition of such distribution through a Section 19 Notice.

## Total Returns<sup>(1)</sup> (For the Period Ended July 31, 2023)

	Average Annual Returns		
	One Year	Three Year	Since Inception <sup>(2)</sup>
Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust – NAV	-8.45%	-2.33%	-1.79%
Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust – Market Price	-12.31%	-1.74%	-4.76%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>(3)</sup>	-3.37%	-4.46%	-0.62%

(1) Return figures reflect any change in price per share and assume the reinvestment of all distributions under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

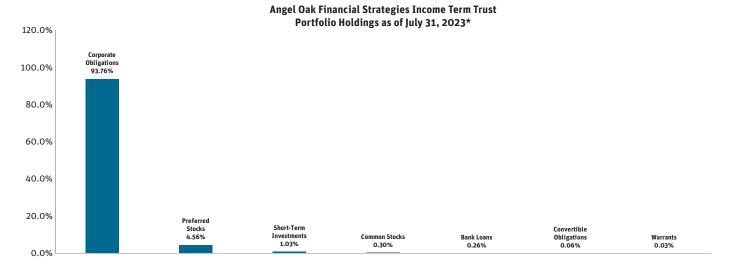
### **Investment Results – (Unaudited) (continued)**

(2) Inception date is May 31, 2019.

(3) The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index measures the performance of the investment-grade, fixed-rate bond market, including government and credit securities, agency pass-through securities, asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities. Performance figures include the change in value of the bonds in the index and the reinvestment of interest. The index return does not reflect expenses. You cannot invest directly in an index; however, an individual can invest in exchange-traded funds or other investment vehicles that attempt to track the performance of a benchmark index.

### **Portfolio Holdings – (Unaudited)**

The investment objective of Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust is to seek current income with a secondary objective of total return.



<sup>\*</sup> As a percentage of total investments. The percentages presented in the table above may differ from those in the Schedule of Investments because the percentages in the Schedule of Investments are calculated based on net assets.

#### Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust Statement of Assets and Liabilities July 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

Assets	
Investments in unaffiliated securities at fair value*	\$479,569,223
Receivable for investments sold	848,215
Dividends and interest receivable	5,287,720
Prepaid expenses	106,256
Total Assets	485,811,414
Liabilities	
Payable for senior notes (net of unamortized deferred issuance costs of \$642,321)	84,357,679
Payable for reverse repurchase agreements	54,070,000
Payable to Adviser	550,451
Interest payable for senior notes	140,556
Interest payable for reverse repurchase agreements	132,817
Payable to administrator, fund accountant, and transfer agent	35,867
Payable for distributions to shareholders	6,211
Payable to custodian	3,690
Other accrued expenses	49,020
Total Liabilities	139,346,291
Net Assets	\$346,465,123
Net Assets consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$427,165,739
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Net asset value ("NAV") and offering price per share

\*Cost of Investments:

**Net Assets** 

Total distributable earnings (accumulated deficit)

Shares outstanding (unlimited number of shares authorized, no par value)

Investments in unaffiliated securities \$539,561,405

(80,700,616)

25,062,638

\$13.82

\$346,465,123

#### Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust **Statement of Operations** For the Period Ended July 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

Investment Income	
Interest	\$13,791,177
Dividends from unaffiliated investments	1,926,515
Total Investment Income	15,717,692
Expenses	
Investment Advisory (See Note 6)	3,321,107
Interest & commissions (See Note 9)	3,004,437
Service Fees (See Note 6)	172,206
Fund accounting	38,688
Administration	37,156
Legal	30,759
Trustee	27,745
Printing	26,466
Audit & tax	19,038
Registration	14,332
Transfer agent	13,680
Custodian	11,268
Insurance	5,792
Compliance Miscellaneous	5,611
	22,003
Total Expenses	6,750,288
Fees contractually recouped by Adviser (See Note 6)	6,911
Net Expenses	6,757,199
Net Investment Income (Loss)	8,960,493
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments in unaffiliated securities	(1,939,541)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on unaffiliated investments	(15,997,479)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(17,937,020)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(\$8,976,527)

## Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust Statement of Cash Flows

For the Period Ended July 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

#### **CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

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Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(\$8,976,527)
Net adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets from operations to net cash provided by (used in)	
operating activities:	
Net amortization and accretion of premium and discount on investments and other cost adjustments	67,751
Purchases of short-term investments, net	(1,399,147)
Purchases of investments	(11,155,580)
Proceeds from sales of long-term investments	33,527,559
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	15,997,479
Net realized (gain) loss on investments	1,939,541
Change in:	
Receivable for investments sold	(848,215)
Dividends and interest receivable	235,683
Prepaid expenses	(89,364)
Interest payable for reverse repurchase agreements	(95,821)
Payable to Adviser	(42,679)
Payable to administrator, fund accountant and transfer agent	90
Payable to custodian	(110)
Other accrued expenses	(43,654)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	29,117,006
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Distributions paid to shareholders	(14,290,291)
Proceeds from reverse repurchase agreements	54,070,000
Repayments of reverse repurchase agreements	(69,008,000)
Net amortization of deferred issuance costs of senior notes	108,775
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(29,119,516)
Net change in cash	(2,510)
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CASH:	2.540
Beginning Balance	2,510
Ending Balance	\$-
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES:	
Cash paid for interest	\$2,991,483
Cash held in money market investments	\$4,948,885
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## Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	For the Period Ended July 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	For the Year Ended January 31, 2023
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets due to:		
Operations	40.060.400	4.4.4.4.4.
Net investment income (loss)	\$8,960,493	\$16,311,917
Net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions	(1,939,541)	(1,183,340)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	(15,997,479)	(53,114,905)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(8,976,527)	(37,986,328)
Distributions to Shareholders		
Total distributions	(8,960,493)	(16,477,092)
Return of capital	(5,325,211)	(11,365,728)
Total distributions to shareholders	(14,285,704)	(27,842,820)
Capital Transactions		
Proceeds from shares issued in connection with reorganization (Note 1)		77,701,037
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from capital transactions		77,701,037
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(23,262,231)	11,871,889
Net Assets		
Beginning of year or period	369,727,354	357,855,465
End of year or period	\$346,465,123	\$369,727,354
Share Transactions		
Shares issued in connection with reorganization (Note 1)		4,757,307
Net increase (decrease) in share transactions		4,757,307

## Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust Financial Highlights

(For a share outstanding during each year or period)

	For the Period Ended July 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	For the Year Ended January 31, 2023	For the Year Ended January 31, 2022	For the Year Ended January 31, 2021	For the Period Ended January 31, 2020 (a)
<b>Selected Per Share Data:</b> Net asset value, beginning of year or period	\$14.75	\$17.62	\$18.69	\$20.53	\$20.00
Income from investment operations: Net investment income (loss) Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on	0.36 (b)	0.72 (b)	0.73 (b)	0.82	0.55
investments (c)	(0.72)	(2.36)	0.37	(1.41)	0.80
Total from investment operations	(0.36)	(1.64)	1.10	(0.59)	1.35
Less distributions to shareholders: From net investment income Return of capital	(0.36) (0.21)	(0.73) (0.50)	(0.77) (0.54)	(0.79) (0.46)	(0.67) (0.15)
Total distributions	(0.57)	(1.23)	(1.31)	(1.25)	(0.82)
Capital share transactions: Dilution due to rights offering Offering costs due to rights offering	- -	<u>-</u>	(0.84) (d) (0.02) (d)	=	<u>-</u> -
Total capital share transactions		_	(0.86)		
Net asset value, end of year or period	\$13.82	\$14.75	\$17.62	\$18.69	\$20.53
Total return on net asset value (e)(f) Total return on market value (e)(g)	-2.45% -6.99%	-9.57% -11.97%	1.11% 2.99%	-2.71% -12.70%	6.89% 10.86%
Ratios and Supplemental Data: Net assets, end of year or period (000's omitted) Ratio of expenses to average net assets before	\$346,465	\$369,727	\$357,855	\$284,580	\$236,462
waiver and reimbursement/recoupment (h) Ratio of expenses to average net assets before waiver and reimbursement/recoupment excluding interest	3.84%	3.63%	3.22%	3.34%	2.41%
and merger expense (h) Ratio of expenses to average net assets after waiver	2.13%	2.17%	2.18%	2.25%	1.93%
and reimbursement/recoupment (h) Ratio of expenses to average net assets after waiver	3.84%	3.63%	3.27%	3.20%	1.91%
and reimbursement/recoupment excluding interest and merger expense (h) Ratio of expenses to average managed assets after	2.13%	2.17%	2.23%	2.11%	1.43%
waiver and reimbursement/recoupment excluding interest and merger expense. Average managed assets represent the total assets of the fund, including the assets attributable to the proceeds from any forms of financial leverage, less liabilities, other than liabilities related to any					
form of leverage (h) Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets before waiver and reimbursement/	1.53%	1.52%	1.59%	1.50%	1.25%
recoupment (h) Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets after waiver and reimbursement/	5.09%	4.51%	4.02%	4.05%	3.58%
recoupment (h) Portfolio turnover rate (e)	5.09% 2%	4.51% 6%	3.97% 14%	4.19% 25%	4.08% 21%

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- (a) Fund commenced operations on May 31, 2019.
- (b) Net investment income/(loss) per share has been calculated based on average shares outstanding during the year or period.
- (c) Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) per share may include balancing amounts necessary to reconcile the change in net asset value per share for the year or period, and may not reconcile with the aggregate gain/(loss) in the Statement of Operations due to share transactions for the period.
- (d) Amount represents per share impact related to a rights offering. See Note 10.
- (e) Not annualized for periods less than one year.
- (f) Total return on net asset value is computed based upon the net asset value of common stock on the first business day and the closing net asset value on the last business day of the year or period. Dividends and distributions are assumed to be reinvested at the prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (g) Total return on market value is computed based upon the New York Stock Exchange market price of the Fund's shares and includes the effect of brokerage commissions. Dividends and distributions are assumed to be reinvested at the prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (h) Annualized for periods less than one year.

	Principal Amount	Value
Bank Loans - 0.36%		
BJ Services LLC, 0.000%, 6/30/2024	\$865,706	\$796,450
Premier Brands, 12.384% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 8.250%), 3/20/2024 (a)	472,568	458,391
TOTAL BANK LOANS (Cost – \$1,337,909)		\$1,254,841
Common Stocks – 0.41%	Shares	
Real Estate Investment Trust – 0.41%		
AGNC Investment Corp.	30,500	310,795
Annaly Capital Management, Inc.	15,000	301,350
Ellington Financial, Inc.	15,750	212,940
PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust	13,000	166,140
Redwood Trust, Inc.	25,750	193,897
Rithm Capital Corp.	25,000	252,000
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		¢4 /27 422
(Cost – \$2,020,603)		\$1,437,122
Convertible Obligations – 0.09%	Principal Amount	
Financial – 0.09%		
FedNat Holding Co., 5.000%, 4/19/2026 (b)(c)(d)	\$1,000,000	310,000
TOTAL CONVERTIBLE OBLIGATIONS		
(Cost - \$1,000,000)		\$310,000
Corporate Obligations – 129.78%		
Financial – 129.78%		
A10 Capital LLC, 5.875%, 8/17/2026 (b)	4,000,000	3,724,319
Alpine Banks of Colorado, 5.875% (TSFR3M + 5.690%), 6/15/2030 (a)(b)(e)	4,000,000	3,689,508
Ameris Bancorp, 4.250% (TSFR3M + 2.940%), 12/15/2029 (a)(e)	2,250,000	2,055,061
Amur Equipment Finance, Inc., 6.125%, 3/15/2026 (b)	1,500,000	1,427,664
ANB Corp., 4.000% (TSFR3M + 3.875%), 9/30/2030 (a)(b)	2,500,000	2,170,644
Arbor Realty SR, Inc., 7.750%, 3/30/2026 (b)	3,000,000	2,937,657
Arbor Realty Trust, Inc., 5.000%, 4/30/2026	2,000,000	1,805,373
Arbor Realty Trust, Inc., 4.500%, 3/15/2027 (b) Arena Finance LLC, 6.750%, 9/30/2025 (b)(e)	500,000	423,709
Avidbank Holdings, Inc., 5.000% (TSFR3M + 3.595%), 12/30/2029 (a)(b)	2,000,000 6,000,000	1,877,500 5,419,200
B. Riley Financial, Inc., 6.500%, 9/30/2026 (f)	298,650	265,321
B. Riley Financial, Inc., 6.375%, 2/28/2025 (f)	1,000,000	951,600
B. Riley Financial, Inc., 5.500%, 3/31/2026 (f)	1,000,000	908,000
B. Riley Financial, Inc., 5.000%, 12/31/2026 (f)	2,000,000	1,632,000
B. Riley Financial, Inc., 6.000%, 1/31/2028 (f)	3,000,000	2,540,400
Banc of California, Inc., 5.250%, 4/15/2025 (e)	3,000,000	2,785,975
Banc of California, Inc., 4.375% (SOFR + 4.195%), 10/30/2030 (a)	1,675,000	1,461,865
Bancorp Bank, 4.750%, 8/15/2025 (e)	1,500,000	1,343,233
BancPlus Corp., 6.000% (TSFR3M + 5.860%), 6/15/2030 (a)(b)	5,000,000	4,532,528
BankGuam Holding Co., 6.350% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 4.660%), 6/30/2029 (a)	9,000,000	8,499,811
BankGuam Holding Co., 4.750% (TSFR3M + 4.130%), 7/1/2031 (a)(b)	3,000,000	2,576,972
BankSouth Holding Co., 5.875% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 4.020%), 7/30/2029 (a)(b)	5,000,000	4,690,138
BankUnited, Inc., 4.875%, 11/17/2025	1,000,000	945,375

	Principal Amount	Value
Corporate Obligations – (continued)		
Financial – (continued)		
Banterra Bank, 6.000% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 4.120%), 6/7/2029 (a)	\$7,500,000	\$7,101,752
Banterra Corp., 8.000% (TSFR3M + 3.850%), 9/30/2032 (a)(b)	1,250,000	1,139,340
Bar Harbor Bankshares, 4.625% (TSFR3M + 3.270%), 12/1/2029 (a)	6,000,000	5,422,035
BayCom Corp., 5.250% (TSFR3M + 5.210%), 9/15/2030 (a)	2,000,000	1,689,102
BayFirst Financial Corp., 4.500% (SOFRINDX + 3.780%), 6/30/2031 (a)(b)	1,000,000	852,750
Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc., 5.500% (TSFR3M + 2.490%), 7/1/2032 (a)	1,000,000	837,834
Big Poppy Holdings, Inc., 6.500%, 7/1/2027	3,500,000	2,975,000
Brookline Bancorp, Inc., 6.000% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 3.315%), 9/15/2029 (a)(e)	1,000,000	934,718
Byline Bancorp, Inc., 6.000% (TSFR3M + 5.880%), 7/1/2030 (a)(e)	6,000,000	5,422,285
Cadence Bank, 4.750% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 3.030%), 6/30/2029 (a)(e)	2,000,000	1,791,967
Capstar Financial Holdings, Inc., 5.250% (SOFR + 5.130%), 6/30/2030 (a)(e)	3,000,000	2,686,312
CB Financial Services, Inc., 3.875% (TSFR3M + 2.800%), 12/15/2031 (a)(b)	6,000,000	4,897,134
CB&T Holding Corp., 6.250% (TSFR3M + 6.015%), 12/15/2030 (a)(b)	5,000,000	4,250,000
Central Bancshares, Inc., 5.750% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 3.870%), 6/30/2029 (a)(b)	5,000,000	4,708,683
Central Pacific Financial Corp., 4.750% (TSFR3M + 4.560%), 11/1/2030 (a)	1,000,000	867,584
Citizens Community Bancorp, Inc., 6.000% (TSFR3M + 5.910%), 9/1/2030 (a)(b)	2,000,000	1,793,134
Citizens Community Bancorp, Inc., 4.750% (TSFR3M + 3.290%), 4/1/2032 (a)(b)	1,500,000	1,236,312
Clear Blue Financial Holdings LLC, 5.375%, 12/30/2028 (b)(c)(e)	10,000,000	8,225,000
Clear Street Holdings LLC, 6.000%, 10/15/2025 (b)(e)	5,000,000	4,618,750
CoastalSouth Bancshares, Inc., 5.950% (TSFR3M + 5.820%), 9/15/2030 (a)(b)	2,000,000	1,787,782
Colony Bankcorp, Inc., 5.250% (TSFR3M + 2.650%), 5/20/2032 (a)(b)	1,000,000	834,356
Columbia Banking System, Inc., 10.581% (TSFR3M + 5.522%), 12/10/2025 (a)(b)	6,500,000	6,432,251
Commercial Credit Group, Inc., 4.875%, 5/30/2026 (b)	1,500,000	1,365,505
Community Financial Corp., 4.750% (TSFR3M + 4.580%), 10/15/2030 (a)	1,000,000	880,603
Community Heritage Financial, Inc.,		
5.750% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 4.395%), 10/30/2029 (a)(b)	4,500,000	4,149,329
ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc., 5.750% (TSFR3M + 5.605%), 6/15/2030 (a)(e)	2,000,000	1,714,553
CRB Group, Inc., 6.500% (TSFR3M + 6.380%), 9/1/2030 (a)(b)(e)	2,000,000	1,877,133
Customers Bancorp, Inc., 2.875% (TSFR3M + 2.350%), 8/15/2031 (a)	1,000,000	769,235
Customers Bank, 6.125% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 3.443%), 6/26/2029 (a)(b)(e)	4,500,000	3,922,288
Dime Community Bancshares, Inc., 5.000% (TSFR3M + 2.180%), 5/15/2032 (a)	1,250,000	1,033,507
Eagle Bancorp, Inc., 5.750%, 9/1/2024	1,000,000	913,926
EF Holdco, Inc. / EF Cayman Holdings Ltd., 5.875%, 4/1/2027 (b)(e)	5,000,000	4,637,501
Enterprise Bancorp, Inc., 5.250% (TSFR3M + 5.175%), 7/15/2030 (a)	3,500,000	3,126,442
Equity Bancshares, Inc., 7.000% (TSFR3M + 6.880%), 6/30/2030 (a)(e)	9,000,000	8,179,589
Evans Bancorp, Inc., 6.000% (SOFR + 5.900%), 7/15/2030 (a)(e)	4,000,000	3,608,948
FedNat Holding Co., 7.750%, 3/15/2029 (c)(d)	7,000,000	2,170,000
Fidelity Bank, 5.875% (TSFR3M + 3.892%), 5/31/2030 (a)(e)	7,000,000	6,333,868
Fidelity Federal Bancorp, 6.000% (TSFR3M + 4.650%), 11/1/2029 (a)(b)(e)	2,000,000	1,849,376
Fidelity Federal Bancorp, 4.500% (TSFR3M + 3.840%), 3/30/2031 (a)(b)	1,000,000	863,803
Fidelity Financial Corp., 5.000% (TSFR3M + 2.470%), 4/30/2032 (a)(b)	5,000,000	4,138,368
Financial Institutions, Inc., 4.375% (TSFR3M + 4.265%), 10/15/2030 (a)	3,000,000	2,579,691
FineMark Holdings, Inc., 8.508% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 2.970%), 6/30/2028 (a)	1,000,000	981,281
First Bancshares, Inc., 4.250% (TSFR3M + 4.126%), 10/1/2030 (a)	1,000,000	872,872
First Bank, 5.500% (TSFR3M + 5.380%), 6/1/2030 (a)	1,500,000	1,349,257
First Business Financial Services, Inc., 5.500% (SOFR + 4.332%), 8/15/2029 (a)(b)(e)	9,500,000	8,853,950
First Help Financial LLC, 6.000%, 11/15/2026 (b)	5,000,000	4,653,854
First Internet Bancorp, 6.000% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 4.114%), 6/30/2029 (a)(f)	7,427,800	6,818,720

	Principal Amount	Value
Corporate Obligations – (continued)		
Financial – (continued)		
First Midwest Capital Trust, 6.950%, 12/1/2033	\$1,761,000	\$1,408,800
First Northwest Bancorp, 3.750% (SOFR + 3.000%), 3/30/2031 (a)	1,000,000	846,758
First Paragould Bankshares, Inc., 8.647% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 3.095%), 12/15/2027 (a)(b)	2,250,000	2,208,542
FirstBank, 4.500% (S0FR + 4.390%), 9/1/2030 (a)(e)	4,500,000	3,967,958
Firstsun Capital Bancorp, 6.000% (TSFR3M + 5.890%), 7/1/2030 (a)(b)(e)	6,500,000	5,875,109
Five Star Bancorp, 6.000% (SOFR + 3.290%), 9/1/2032 (a)(b)	1,000,000	848,498
Flagstar Bancorp, Inc., 4.125% (TSFR3M + 3.910%), 11/1/2030 (a)	2,375,000	2,091,338
Flushing Financial Corp., 3.125% (TSFR3M + 2.035%), 12/1/2031 (a)	2,000,000	1,613,491
FNB Corp., 4.950% (TSFR3M + 2.662%), 2/14/2029 (a)	600,000	559,746
Forbright, Inc., 5.750% (TSFR3M + 4.390%), 12/1/2029 (a)(b)	2,000,000	1,834,286
Franklin BSP Lending Corp., 4.850%, 12/15/2024 (b)	2,000,000	1,907,652
Georgia Banking Co., Inc., 4.125% (TSFR3M + 3.400%), 6/15/2031 (a)(b)	1,000,000	845,496
Golden Pear Funding HoldCo LLC, 6.375%, 12/22/2026	5,000,000	4,661,593
Golden State Bancorp, 4.500% (TSFR3M + 3.350%), 12/15/2031 (a)(b)	1,000,000	833,611
Hallmark Financial Services, Inc., 6.250%, 8/15/2029	9,182,000	5,050,100
Hanmi Financial Corp., 3.750% (TSFR3M + 3.100%), 9/1/2031 (a)	3,500,000	2,813,729
HBT Financial, Inc., 4.500% (TSFR3M + 4.370%), 9/15/2030 (a)(b)	3,000,000	2,587,866
Hilltop Holdings, Inc., 6.125% (TSFR3M + 5.800%), 5/15/2035 (a)	250,000	196,866
Home Bancshares, Inc., 5.500% (TSFR3M + 5.345%), 7/31/2030 (a)(b)	4,500,000	4,010,655
HomeStreet, Inc., 3.500% (TSFR3M + 2.150%), 1/30/2032 (a)	3,000,000	1,754,896
Independent Bank Corp., 5.950% (TSFR3M + 5.825%), 5/31/2030 (a)(b)	1,000,000	906,859
Independent Bank Group, Inc., 4.000% (TSFR3M + 3.885%), 9/15/2030 (a)	1,000,000	880,925
Investar Holding Corp., 5.125% (SOFR + 3.752%), 12/30/2029 (a)(b)	4,000,000	3,619,677
Kingstone Cos, Inc., 12.000%, 12/30/2024 (b)	4,811,000	4,594,505
Level One Bancorp, Inc., 4.750% (TSFR3M + 3.110%), 12/18/2029 (a)	1,500,000	1,353,262
Limestone Bancorp, Inc., 5.750% (TSFR3M + 4.212%), 7/31/2029 (a)(b)	5,000,000	4,682,798
Luther Burbank Corp., 6.500%, 9/30/2024 (b)(e)	2,000,000	1,907,013
Malvern Bancorp, Inc., 9.466% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 4.145%), 2/15/2027 (a)	1,250,000	1,237,518
Maple Financial Holdings, Inc., 5.000% (TSFR3M + 4.670%), 2/15/2031 (a)(b)	2,000,000	1,760,960
Marble Point Loan Financing Ltd. / MPLF Funding LLC, 7.500%, 10/16/2025 (b)(e)	1,500,000	1,423,125
Mercantile Bank Corp., 3.250% (SOFR + 2.120%), 1/30/2032 (a)	1,500,000	1,199,582
Meridian Corp., 5.375% (TSFR3M + 3.950%), 12/30/2029 (a)(e)	4,000,000	3,631,489
MidWestOne Financial Group, Inc., 5.750% (TSFR3M + 5.680%), 7/30/2030 (a)(e)	5,000,000	4,479,786
Nano Financial Holdings, Inc., 7.000%, 7/1/2024 (b)	5,000,000	4,903,648
National Bank of Indianapolis Corp., 5.500% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 4.209%), 9/15/2029 (a)(b)	7,000,000	6,487,776
NewtekOne, Inc., 8.125%, 2/1/2025 (b)	1,250,000	1,256,752
NexBank Capital, Inc., 4.000% (TSFR3M + 3.390%), 8/15/2031 (a)(b)	2,000,000	1,616,615
NexBank Capital, Inc., 6.000%, 7/15/2032 (b)	1,500,000	1,277,452
Northern Bancorp, Inc., 4.750% (TSFR3M + 3.275%), 12/30/2029 (a)(b)	2,000,000	1,717,126
Northpointe Bancshares, Inc., 6.000% (TSFR3M + 4.905%), 9/30/2029 (a)(b)	4,000,000	3,718,129
Northwest Bancshares, Inc., 4.000% (TSFR3M + 3.890%), 9/15/2030 (a)	1,000,000	862,338
Oakstar Bancshares, Inc., 4.250% (TSFR3M + 3.516%), 4/15/2031 (a)(b)	1,000,000	856,192
Obsidian Insurance Holdings, Inc., 6.500%, 12/30/2025 (b)(e)	5,000,000	4,525,000
OceanFirst Financial Corp., 5.250% (TSFR3M + 5.095%), 5/15/2030 (a)	1,000,000	901,339
Ohio National Financial Services, Inc., 6.625%, 5/1/2031 (b)(e)	6,000,000	5,463,012
Olney Bancshares of Texas, Inc., 4.000% (TSFR3M + 3.320%), 3/15/2031 (a)(b)	1,000,000	854,482
Origin Bank, 4.250% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 2.820%), 2/15/2030 (a)	2,500,000	2,266,733
Pacific Premier Bancorp, Inc., 5.375% (TSFR3M + 5.170%), 6/15/2030 (a)(e)	5,000,000	4,585,235

	Principal Amount	Value
Corporate Obligations – (continued) Financial – (continued)		
PCAP Holdings LP, 6.500%, 7/15/2028 (b)	\$2,000,000	\$1,782,594
PhenixFIN Corp., 5.250%, 11/1/2028 (f)	1,750,000	1,452,500
Piedmont Bancorp, Inc., 5.750% (TSFR3M + 5.615%), 9/1/2030 (a)(b)	2,500,000	2,230,091
Preferred Bank, 3.375% (TSFR3M + 2.780%), 6/15/2031 (a)	2,500,000	1,962,831
Premia Holdings Ltd., 6.900%, 9/23/2030 (b)	9,000,000	8,910,000
Primis Financial Corp., 5.400% (TSFR3M + 5.310%), 9/1/2030 (a)(e)	2,000,000	1,810,945
Queensborough Co., 6.000% (TSFR3M + 5.880%), 10/15/2030 (a)(b)	3,000,000	2,673,327
RBB Bancorp, 4.000% (TSFR3M + 3.290%), 4/1/2031 (a)	1,500,000	1,305,392
Ready Capital Corp., 5.750%, 2/15/2026 (f)	1,567,500	1,470,315
Ready Capital Corp., 6.200%, 7/30/2026 (f)	4,491,700	4,241,961
Reliant Bancorp, Inc., 5.125% (TSFR3M + 3.765%), 12/15/2029 (a)	500,000	453,584
River Financial Corp., 4.000% (TSFR3M + 3.420%), 3/15/2031 (a)(b)	1,000,000	854,482
Salisbury Bancorp, Inc., 3.500% (SOFR + 2.800%), 3/31/2031 (a)	1,000,000	839,463
SCRE Intermediate Holdco LLC, 6.500%, 2/15/2027 (b)	2,000,000	1,863,057
Silver Queen Financial Services, Inc.,	_,,	_,==,==
8.834% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 3.338%), 12/1/2027 (a)(b)(e)	3,800,000	3,770,077
SmartFinancial, Inc., 5.625% (TSFR3M + 2.812%), 10/2/2028 (a)(b)(e)	2,190,000	2,171,412
South Street Securities Funding LLC, 6.250%, 12/30/2026 (b)	6,000,000	5,573,186
Southern Financial Corp., 4.875% (TSFR3M + 3.930%), 10/20/2031 (a)(b)	1,500,000	1,274,919
Spirit of Texas Bancshares, Inc., 6.000% (TSFR3M + 5.920%), 7/31/2030 (a)(b)	5,000,000	4,496,074
Stellar Bancorp, Inc., 4.700% (SOFR + 3.392%), 10/1/2029 (a)(e)	1,750,000	1,595,829
Summit Financial Group, Inc., 3.250% (TSFR3M + 2.300%), 12/1/2031 (a)	2,000,000	1,601,123
Texas State Bankshares, Inc., 5.750% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 3.550%), 6/15/2029 (a)(b)	4,000,000	3,776,590
TIAA FSB Holdings, Inc., 5.750%, 7/2/2025	1,000,000	938,799
TIAA FSB Holdings, Inc., 10.256% (3 Month LIBOR USD + 4.704%), 3/15/2026 (a)	1,000,000	998,527
Transverse Insurance Group LLC, 6.000%, 12/15/2026 (b)	5,000,000	4,515,710
Trinitas Capital Management LLC, 6.000%, 7/30/2026 (b)	6,000,000	5,587,500
Trinity Capital, Inc., 7.000%, 1/16/2025 (f)	7,500,000	7,387,500
Triumph Financial, Inc., 4.875% (SOFR + 3.592%), 11/27/2029 (a)(e)	10,000,000	9,306,883
Tulsa Valley Bancshares Corp., 5.000% (TSFR3M + 4.210%), 4/15/2031 (a)(b)	1,250,000	1,091,949
United Insurance Holdings Corp., 7.250%, 12/15/2027	3,670,000	2,825,900
Universal Insurance Holdings, Inc., 5.625%, 11/30/2026	7,000,000	6,178,454
Univest Financial Corp., 7.250% (TSFR3M + 3.098%), 11/15/2032 (a)	1,250,000	1,104,692
US Metro Bancorp, Inc., 5.650% (TSFR3M + 5.430%), 11/1/2030 (a)(b)(e)	3,000,000	2,670,467
VCT Holdings LLC, 6.000%, 12/30/2026 (b)	5,000,000	4,506,250
Velocity Commercial Capital LLC, 7.125%, 3/15/2027 (b)	3,000,000	2,855,366
Veritex Holdings, Inc., 4.750% (TSFR3M + 3.470%), 11/15/2029 (a)	1,750,000	1,588,822
Volunteer State Bancshares, Inc., 5.750% (TSFR3M + 4.365%), 11/15/2029 (a)(b)	2,000,000	1,839,212
VyStar Credit Union, 4.250%, 3/15/2032 (b)	3,000,000	2,424,999
Webster Financial Corp., 4.000% (TSFR3M + 2.530%), 12/30/2029 (a)	200,000	185,624
Webster Financial Corp., 3.875% (TSFR3M + 3.690%), 11/1/2030 (a)	1,000,000	888,474
White River Bancshares Co., 5.875% (TSFR3M + 4.420%), 12/31/2029 (a)(b)	5,000,000	4,569,731
Wintrust Financial Corp., 4.850%, 6/6/2029 (e)	5,000,000	4,595,339
Zais Group LLC, 7.000%, 11/15/2023 (b)	190,800	190,561
Zions Bancorp NA, 3.250%, 10/29/2029	2,000,000	1,569,862
TOTAL CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS		¢440 629 224
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Clear Street Group, Inc., 7.000% (b)(g)	Financial – 2.85%		
Clear Street Group, Inc., 7.000% (b)(g)	B. Riley Financial, Inc., 7.375%	40,000	\$966,400
Sub Financial Corp., 7.125%   2.601   57,040     Dime Community Bancshares, Inc., 5.500%   447,500     First Citizens Bancshares, Inc., 5.375%   140,000   2.800,000     First Merchants Corp., 7.500%   40,000   974,000     Northpointe Bancshares, Inc., 8.250% (SOFR + 7.990%) (a)(b)   80,000   1,938,000     OceanFirst Financial Corp., 7.000% (SOFR + 6.845%) (a)   19,500   462,735     United Fidelity Bank, 7.000% (b)(c)   1,000   832,000     OceanFirst Financial Corp., 7.000% (b)(c)   1,000   823,000     OceanFirst Financial Corp., 10.681% (3 Month LIBOR + 5.111%) (a)   40,000   1,026,400     Annaly Capital Management, Inc., 10.531% (3 Month LIBOR + 4.993%) (a)   40,000   896,800     Annaly Capital Management, Inc., 10.531% (3 Month LIBOR + 4.993%) (a)   40,000   443,000     Ellington Financial, Inc., 6.750% (3 Month LIBOR + 5.196%) (a)   20,000   443,000     Ellington Financial, Inc., 6.250% (HISTSY + 4.990%) (a)   80,000   1,524,800     Lument Finance Trust, Inc., 7.875%   40,000   732,000     Rithm Capital Corp., 7.000% (HISTSY + 6.223%) (a)   200,000   4,260,000     TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS (Cost - \$25,265,482)   233,775   145,876    **TOTAL WARRANTS (Cost - \$25,265,482)   233,775   145,876    **TOTAL WARRANTS (Cost - \$4,948,885   4,948,885    **TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost - \$4,948,885   4,948,885    **TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost - \$4,948,885   4,948,885    **TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost - \$4,948,885   4,948,885    **TOTAL LINVESTMENTS - 138,42% (Cost - \$539,561,405)   (33,104,104)    **TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 138,42% (Cost - \$539,561,405)   (33,104,104)    **TOTAL Company of the As		80,000	1,400,000
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(Cost - \$25,265,482)       \$21,844,275         Warrants - 0.04%       \$145,876         Kingstone Cos, Inc. (b)       233,775       145,876         TOTAL WARRANTS (Cost - \$0)       \$145,876         Short-Term Investments - 1.43%       \$4948,885         Money Market Funds - 1.43%       \$4,948,885         First American Government Obligations Fund, Class U, 5.162% (h)       4,948,885         TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost - \$4,948,885)       \$4,948,885         TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 138.42% (Cost - \$539,561,405)       \$479,569,223         Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets - (38.42%)       (133,104,100)			11,966,600
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(Cost - \$539,561,405)       \$479,569,223         Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets - (38.42%)       (133,104,100)	(Cost - \$4,948,885)		\$4,948,885
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			\$479,569,223
NET ASSETS – 100.00% \$346,465,123	Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets – (38.42%)		(133,104,100)
	NET ASSETS – 100.00%		\$346,465,123

LIBOR: London Inter-Bank Offered Rate SOFR: Secured Overnight Financing Rate

SOFRINDX: Secured Overnight Financing Rate Compounded Index

TSFR3M: 3 Month Term Secured Overnight Financing Rate H15T5Y: 5 Year Treasury Note Constant Maturity Rate

- (a) Variable or floating rate security based on a reference index and spread. Certain securities are fixed to variable and currently in the fixed phase. Securities that reference SOFR may have been subject to a credit spread adjustment, particularly legacy holdings that previously referenced LIBOR and have transitioned to SOFR as the base lending rate. Rate disclosed is the rate in effect as of July 31, 2023.
- (b) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A or Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933. The security may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. These securities are determined to be liquid by the Adviser, under the procedures established by the Fund's Board of Trustees, unless otherwise denoted. At July 31, 2023, the value of these securities amounted to \$257,332,704 or 74.27% of net assets.
- (c) As of July 31, 2023, the Fund has fair valued these securities under the procedures established by Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC as Valuation Designee pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The value of these securities amounted to \$11,537,000 or 3.33% of net assets. Value determined using significant unobservable inputs.
- (d) Security identified as in default as to the payment of interest. Income is not being accrued.
- (e) All or a portion of the security has been pledged as collateral in connection with open reverse repurchase agreements. At July 31, 2023, the value of securities pledged amounted to \$138,186,194.
- (f) Security issued as a "Baby Bond", with a par value of \$25 per bond. The principal balance disclosed above represents the issuer's outstanding principal that corresponds to the bonds held in the Fund.
- (g) Variable rate security. The coupon is based on an underlying pool of assets. Rate disclosed is the rate in effect as of July 31, 2023
- (h) Rate disclosed is the seven day yield as of July 31, 2023.

#### **Schedule of Open Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

Counterparty	Interest Rate	Trade Date	Maturity Date	Net Closing Amount	Face Value
Lucid Management and Capital Partners LP	6.705%	7/20/2023	8/17/2023	\$32,476,475	\$32,308,000
Lucid Management and Capital Partners LP	7.151%	7/13/2023	10/12/2023	7,032,872	6,908,000
Lucid Management and Capital Partners LP	6.976%	7/20/2023	10/19/2023	15,115,937	14,854,000
Total					\$54,070,000

A reverse repurchase agreement, although structured as a sale and repurchase obligation, acts as a financing transaction under which the Fund will effectively pledge certain assets as collateral to secure a short-term loan. Generally, the other party to the agreement makes the loan in an amount less than the fair value of the pledged collateral. At the maturity of the reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund will be required to repay the loan and interest and correspondingly receive back its collateral. While used as collateral, the pledged assets continue to pay principal and interest which are for the benefit of the Fund.

#### **NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION**

Angel Oak Financial Strategies Income Term Trust (the "Fund") is organized as a Delaware statutory trust under a Declaration of Trust dated June 14, 2018. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") and, since May 31, 2022, has operated as a diversified closed-end management investment company listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). Please see the table below for a summary of Fund specific information:

Ticker	Investment Objective	Commencement of Operations
FINS	Current Income & Total Return	05/31/19

The Fund will terminate on or before May 31, 2031 (the "Termination Date"); provided, that if the Board of Trustees (the "Board") believes that, under then-current market conditions, it is in the best interest of the Fund to do so, the Fund may extend the Termination Date: (i) once for up to one year (i.e., up to May 31, 2032), and (ii) once for up to an additional six months (i.e., up to November 30, 2032), in each case upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board and without approval of the Fund's shareholders. In determining whether to extend the Termination Date, the Board may consider the inability to sell the Fund's assets in a time frame consistent with termination due to lack of market liquidity or other extenuating circumstances. Additionally, the Board may determine that market conditions are such that it is reasonable to believe that, with an extension, the Fund's remaining assets will appreciate and generate income in an amount that, in the aggregate, is meaningful relative to the cost and expense of continuing the operation of the Fund.

At a meeting of the Board on March 30-31, 2022, the Board approved an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") providing for the transfer of all of the assets of Angel Oak Dynamic Financial Strategies Income Term Trust ("DYFN") in exchange solely for newly issued common shares of beneficial interest of the Fund and the assumption by the Fund of the liabilities of DYFN and the distribution of common shares of beneficial interest of the Fund to the shareholders of DYFN and complete liquidation of DYFN (the "Reorganization"). The purpose of the reorganization was to combine two funds with principal investment strategies and objectives that were virtually identical. Benefits of the Plan considered by the Board for approval included economies of scale related to trading best execution, analyst coverage, operating expenses, financing opportunities and improvements in secondary market trading for the surviving Fund's shares. The Plan was approved at a meeting of shareholders held on June 30, 2022.

The Reorganization closed as of the close of business July 29, 2022, as a non-taxable event. The Fund and DYFN bore the expenses relating to the Reorganization. Each Fund bore expenses directly attributable to such Fund and its pro rata portion of expenses attributable to both Funds based on the Funds' relative net assets. Under the terms of the Plan, shareholders of DYFN received shares of the Fund equal in U.S. dollar value to the interests of such shareholders in DYFN as of July 29, 2022. For financial reporting purposes, assets received, and shares issued by the Fund were recorded at fair value; however, the cost basis of the investments received was carried forward. The following table illustrates the specifics of the Reorganization:

	Pre- Reorganzation Net Assets	Pre- Reorganzation Shares Outstanding	Pre- Reorganzation Net Asset Value	Post- Reorganzation Net Asset Value	Post- Reorganzation Shares Outstanding	Exchange Ratio
FINS	\$331,647,740	20,305,331	\$16.3330	\$409,348,777	25,062,638	1.17319
DYFN	\$77,701,037	4,055,000	\$19.1618	_	_	_

#### **NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The Fund follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Codification Topic 946 "Financial Services-Investment Companies."

**Securities Valuation and Fair Value Measurements**: The Fund records its investments at fair value in accordance with fair valuation accounting standards which establish an authoritative definition of fair value and set out a hierarchy for measuring fair value. These standards require additional disclosures about the various inputs and valuation techniques used to develop the

#### NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

measurements of fair value and a discussion of changes in valuation techniques and related inputs, if any, during the period. In addition, these standards require expanded disclosure for each major category of assets. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1: quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2: other significant observable inputs (including, but not limited to, quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3: significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining fair value of investments based on the best information available)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities.

Investments in registered open-end management investment companies, including money market funds, will be valued based upon the NAV of such investments and are categorized as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Fair values for long-term debt securities, including asset-backed securities ("ABS"), collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"), corporate obligations and trust preferred securities are normally determined on the basis of valuations provided by independent pricing services. Vendors typically value such securities based on one or more inputs, including but not limited to, benchmark yields, transactions, bids, offers, quotations from dealers and trading systems, new issues, spreads and other relationships observed in the markets among comparable securities; and pricing models such as yield measurers calculated using factors such as cash flows, financial or collateral performance and other reference data. In addition to these inputs, ABS may utilize cash flows, prepayment information, default rates, delinquency and loss assumptions, collateral characteristics, credit enhancements and specific deal information. Securities that use similar valuation techniques and inputs are categorized as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. To the extent the significant inputs are unobservable; the values generally would be categorized as Level 3.

Equity securities, including preferred stocks, that are traded on a national securities exchange, except those listed on the Nasdaq Global Market®, Nasdaq Global Select Market®, and the Nasdaq Capital Market® exchanges (collectively, "Nasdaq"), are valued at the last sale price at the close of that exchange. Securities traded on Nasdaq will be valued at the Nasdaq Official Closing Price. If, on a particular day, an exchange-listed or Nasdaq security does not trade, then: (i) the security shall be valued at the mean between the most recent quoted bid and asked prices at the close of the exchange; or (ii) the security shall be valued at the latest sales price on the Composite Market (defined below) for the day such security is being valued. "Composite Market" means a consolidation of the trade information provided by national securities and foreign exchanges and over-the-counter markets as published by a pricing service. In the event market quotations or Composite Market pricing are not readily available, fair value will be determined in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Board. All equity securities that are not traded on a listed exchange are valued at the last sale price at the close of the over-the counter market. If a non-exchange listed security does not trade on a particular day, then the mean between the last quoted bid and asked price will be used as long as it continues to reflect the value of the security. If the mean is not available, then bid price can be used as long as the bid price continues to reflect the value of the security. Otherwise, fair value will be determined in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Board. These securities will generally be categorized as Level 3 securities. When using the market quotations or close prices provided by the pricing service and when the market is considered active, the security will be classified as a Level 1 security. Sometimes, an equity security owned by the Fund will be valued by the pricing service with factors other than market quotations or when the market is considered inactive. When this happens, the security will be classified as a Level 2 security.

Short term debt securities having a maturity of 60 days or less are generally valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair market value. These investments are categorized as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Reverse repurchase agreements and repurchase agreements are priced at their acquisition cost, and assessed for credit adjustments, which represents fair value. These securities will generally be categorized as Level 2 securities.

Participation loans are priced by a third-party pricing service. These firms primarily obtain their market color from model inputs based on business, economic, market, and other conditions. The principal sources of information used to conduct valuation include historical and projected financial information, governing legal documents, discussions with related personnel,

#### NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

remittance data and various other documents and schedules available from public or private sources. These securities will be categorized as Level 2 securities.

Securities may be fair valued in accordance with the fair valuation procedures approved by the Board. The Valuation and Risk Management Oversight Committee is generally responsible for overseeing the Fund's valuation processes and reports quarterly to the Board. The Board has selected Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser") as the Valuation Designee. As such, the Valuation Committee of the Adviser has been delegated the day-to-day responsibilities for making all necessary determinations of the fair value of portfolio securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available or if the prices obtained from independent pricing services are deemed to be unreliable indicators of market or fair value. Representatives of the Valuation Designee's Valuation Committee report quarterly to the Valuation and Risk Management Oversight Committee.

The following is a summary of the investments by their inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of July 31, 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Bank Loans	\$-	\$1,254,841	\$-	\$1,254,841
Common Stocks	1,437,122	_	_	1,437,122
Convertible Obligations	_	-	310,000	310,000
Corporate Obligations	_	439,233,224	10,395,000	449,628,224
Preferred Stocks	16,149,475	4,862,800	832,000	21,844,275
Warrants	_	145,876	_	145,876
Short-Term Investments	4,948,885	_	-	4,948,885
Total	\$22,535,482	\$445,496,741	\$11,537,000	\$479,569,223
Other Financial Instruments				
Liabilities				
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	\$-	(\$54,070,000)	\$-	(\$54,070,000)

See the Schedule of Investments for further disaggregation of investment categories. During the period ended July 31, 2023, the Fund did not recognize any transfers to or from Level 3. See the summary of quantitative information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements for more information.

The following is a reconciliation of investments in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

	Balance as of 01/31/23	Amortization/ Accretion/ Distributions	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/ Depreciation	Purchases	Sales	Transfers Into Level 3	Transfers Out of Level 3	Balance as of 07/31/23
Convertible Obligations	\$310,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$310,000
Corporate Obligations	\$10,520,000	\$-	\$-	(\$125,000)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$10,395,000
Preferred Stocks	\$709,000	\$-	\$-	\$123,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$832,000

The total change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation included in the Statement of Operations attributable to Level 3 investments still held at July 31, 2023, is (\$2,000).

#### NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

The following is a summary of quantitative information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements:

	Fair Value as of 07/31/23	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input*	Range/Weighted Average Unobservable Input**
Convertible Obligations	\$310,000	Model Valuation	Debt recovery estimate based on 2023 and 2024 projected earnings, and EBITDA multiples	Recovery Estimate: 31% EBITDA Multiples: 6x-9x
Corporate Obligations	\$2,170,000	Model Valuation	Debt recovery estimate based on 2023 and 2024 projected earnings, and EBITDA multiples	Recovery Estimate: 31% EBITDA Multiples: 6x-9x
Corporate Obligations	\$8,225,000	Consensus Pricing	Trading colors of comparable securities and other deals with similar coupons and characteristics	\$82.25
Preferred Stocks	\$832,000	Consensus Pricing	Trading colors of comparable securities and other deals with similar coupons and characteristics	\$832.00

<sup>\*</sup> Significant increases and decreases in the unobservable inputs used to determine fair value of Level 3 assets could result in significantly higher or lower fair value measurements. An increase to the unobservable input would result in an increase to the fair value. A decrease to the unobservable input would have the opposite effect.

**Federal Income Taxes:** The Fund intends to elect and continue to qualify to be taxed as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. If so qualified, the Fund generally will not be subject to federal income tax to the extent it distributes substantially all of its net investment income and capital gains to shareholders. The Fund generally intends to operate in a manner such that it will not be liable for federal income or excise taxes.

The Fund has adopted financial reporting rules regarding recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense on the Statement of Operations. During the period ended July 31, 2023, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties. The Fund has reviewed all open tax years and major jurisdictions and concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's Federal and state income and Federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

Security Transactions and Income Recognition: Investment security transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Gains and losses realized on sales of securities are determined on a specific identification basis. Interest income and expense is recorded on an accrual basis. Discounts and premiums on securities purchased are accreted or amortized using the effective yield method, based on each security's estimated life and recoverable principal and recorded in interest income on the Statement of Operations. Dividend income and corporate transactions, if any, are recorded on the ex-date. Paydown gains and losses on mortgage related and other ABS are recorded as components of interest income on the Statement of Operations. Payments received from certain investments held by the Fund may be comprised of dividends, capital gains and return of capital. The Fund originally estimates the expected classification of such payments. The amounts may subsequently be reclassified upon receipt of the information from the issuer. The actual character of distributions to the Fund's shareholders will be reflected in the Form 1099 received by shareholders after the end of the calendar year.

**Distributions to Shareholders:** Distributions from the Fund's net investment income are declared and paid monthly. The Fund intends to distribute its net realized long term capital gains and net realized short term capital gains, if any, at least annually.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Each input presents information for one security and reflects the value as of July 31, 2023.

#### NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

Distributions to shareholders, which are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The treatment for financial reporting purposes of distributions made to shareholders during the period from net investment income or net realized capital gains may differ from their ultimate treatment for federal income tax purposes. These differences are caused primarily by differences in the timing of the recognition of certain components of income, expense or realized capital gain for federal income tax purposes. Where such differences are permanent in nature, they are reclassified in the components of the net assets based on their ultimate characterization for federal income tax purposes. Any such reclassifications will have no effect on net assets, results of operations or net asset value per share of the Fund. For the year ended January 31, 2023, certain differences were reclassified. These differences were primarily related to distribution reclassifications and the Reorganization; the amounts did not affect net assets. The reclassifications were as follows:

Paid-in capital	Distributable earnings (accumulated deficit)
(\$1,004,082)	\$1,004,082

**Share Valuation**: The NAV per share of the Fund is calculated by dividing the sum of the value of the securities held by the Fund, plus cash and other assets, minus all liabilities (including estimated accrued expenses) by the total number of shares outstanding, rounded to the nearest cent. The Fund's NAV will not be calculated on the days on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed for trading.

**Use of Estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of income and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Indemnifications:** Under the Fund's organizational documents, the Fund will indemnify its officers and trustees for certain liabilities that may arise from performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties which provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: Cash and cash equivalents are highly liquid assets including coin, currency and short-term investments that typically mature in 30-90 days. Short-term investments can include U.S. Government and government agency securities, investment grade money market instruments, investment grade fixed-income securities, repurchase agreements, commercial paper and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are extremely low risk assets that are liquid and easily converted into cash. These investments are only considered equivalents if they are readily available and are not restricted by some agreement. When the Adviser believes market, economic or political conditions are unfavorable for investors, the Adviser may invest up to 100% of a Fund's net assets in cash, cash equivalents or other short-term investments. Unfavorable market or economic conditions may include excessive volatility or a prolonged general decline in the securities markets, or the U.S. economy. The Adviser also may invest in these types of securities or hold cash while looking for suitable investment opportunities or to maintain liquidity. Included in Investments in unaffiliated securities at fair value on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities are investments in First American money market funds held at major financial institutions totaling \$4,948,885.

**Reverse Repurchase Agreements:** A reverse repurchase agreement is the sale by the Fund of a security to a party for a specified price, with the simultaneous agreement by the Fund to repurchase that security from that party on a future date at a higher price. Proceeds from securities sold under reverse repurchase agreements are reflected as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Interest payments made are recorded as a component of interest expense on the Statement of Operations. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the counterparty will become subject to bankruptcy or other insolvency proceedings or fail to return a security to the Fund. In such situations, the Fund may incur losses as a result of a possible decline in the value of the underlying security during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce their rights, a possible lack of access to income on the underlying security during this period, or expenses of enforcing its rights.

#### **NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (continued)**

The gross obligations for secured borrowing by the type of collateral pledged and remaining time to maturity on reverse repurchase contracts is as follows:

Reverse Repurchase Agreements	Overnight and Continuous	Up to 30 Days	30-90 Days	Greater than 90 Days	Total
Corporate Obligations \$- \$32,308,000 \$21,762,000 \$-					
Total	\$-	\$32,308,000	\$21,762,000	\$-	\$54,070,000
Gross amount of reverse repurchase agreements in Balance Sheet Offsetting Information Table					\$54,070,000
Amounts related to agreements not included in offsetting disclosure in Balance Sheet Offsetting Information Table					\$-

#### NOTE 3. RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PORTFOLIO ASSETS

**Subordinated Debt of Banks and Diversified Financial Companies:** The Fund may invest in subordinated debt securities, sometimes also called "junior debt," which are debt securities for which the issuer's obligations to make principal and interest payment are secondary to the issuer's payment obligations to more senior debt securities. Such investments will consist primarily of debt issued by community banks or savings institutions (or their holding companies), which are subordinated to senior debt issued by the banks and deposits held by the bank, but are senior to trust preferred obligations, preferred stock and common stock issued by the bank.

**High Yield Securities:** The Fund may invest in below investment grade securities, including certain securities issued by U.S. community banks and other financial institutions. These "high-yield" securities, also known as "junk bonds," will generally be rated BB or lower by S&P or will be of equivalent quality rating from another Nationally Recognized Statistical Ratings Organization, or if unrated, considered by the Adviser to be of comparable quality.

**Structured Products:** The Fund may invest in certain structured products, including community bank debt securitizations. Normally, structured products are privately offered and sold (that is, they are not registered under the securities laws); however, an active dealer market may exist for structured products that qualify for Rule 144A transactions. The risks of an investment in a structured product depend largely on the type of the collateral securities and the class of the structured product in which the Fund invests. In addition to the normal interest rate, default and other risks of fixed-income securities, structured products carry additional risks, including the possibility that distributions from collateral securities will not be adequate to make interest or other payments, the quality of the collateral may decline in value or default, the Fund may invest in Structured Products that are subordinate to other classes, values may be volatile and disputes with the issuer may produce unexpected investment results.

Common and Preferred Stocks: The Fund may invest in common and preferred stock. Common stock represents an equity (ownership) interest in a company, and usually possesses voting rights and earns dividends. Dividends on common stock are not fixed but are declared at the discretion of the issuer. Common stock generally represents the riskiest investment in a company. In addition, common stock generally has the greatest appreciation and depreciation potential because increases and decreases in earnings are usually reflected in a company's stock price. The Fund may also invest in preferred stock. Preferred stock is a class of stock having a preference over common stock as to the payment of dividends and the recovery of investment should a company be liquidated, although preferred stock is usually junior to the debt securities of the issuer. Preferred stock typically does not possess voting rights and its market value may change based on changes in interest rates.

The fundamental risk of investing in stock is the risk that the value of the stock might decrease. Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of an individual company or in response to general market and/or economic conditions. Historically, common stocks have provided greater long-term returns and have entailed greater short-term risks than preferred stocks, fixed-income, and money market investments. The market values of all securities, including common and preferred stocks, is based upon the market's perception of value and not necessarily the book value of an issuer or other objective measures of a company's worth. If you invest in the Fund, you should be willing to accept the risks of the stock market (to the extent that a Fund invests in common stock) and should consider an investment in the Fund only as a part of your overall investment portfolio.

#### NOTE 3. RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PORTFOLIO ASSETS – (continued)

Warrants: The Fund may invest in warrants. Warrants are securities, typically issued with preferred stock or bonds that give the holder the right to purchase a given number of shares of common stock at a specified price and time. The price of the warrant usually represents a premium over the applicable market value of the common stock at the time of the warrant's issuance. Warrants have no voting rights with respect to the common stock, receive no dividends and have no rights with respect to the assets of the issuer. Investments in warrants involve certain risks, including the possible lack of a liquid market for the resale of the warrants, potential price fluctuations due to adverse market conditions or other factors and failure of the price of the common stock to rise. If the warrant is not exercised within the specified time period, it becomes worthless.

Bank Loans and Participations: The Fund may invest in bank loans and participations, including first-lien, second-lien and unitranche loans of any credit quality, maturity or duration. The bank loans and participations in which the Fund will invest may have fixed or floating interest rates, may be senior or subordinated, may be levered loans, and may be rated below investment grade or unrated. The Fund may invest in bank loans through assignments (whereby the Fund assumes the position of the lender to the borrower) or loan participation (whereby the Fund purchases all or a portion of the economic interest in a loan). "Unitranche" loans are loans that combine both senior and subordinate debt into a single loan under which the borrower pays an interest rate intended to reflect the relative risk of the secured and unsecured components of the loan.

**Macroeconomic Risks:** The COVID-19 pandemic, the Russian-Ukrainian war, rising interest rates, heightened inflation, supply chain disruptions, geopolitical risks, and economic sanctions have disrupted economic markets and the prolonged economic impact is uncertain. The operational and financial performance of the issuers of securities in which the Fund invests depends on future developments, including the duration, spread, and conclusion of these global events, and such uncertainty may in turn impact the value of the Fund's investments.

#### **NOTE 4. FUND CERTIFICATION**

The Fund is listed for trading on the NYSE and has filed with the NYSE its annual chief executive officer certification regarding compliance with the NYSE's listing standards. The Fund filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") the certification of its chief executive officer and principal financial officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

#### **NOTE 5. DERIVATIVE TRANSACTIONS**

#### **Balance Sheet Offsetting Information**

During the ordinary course of business, the Fund may enter into transactions subject to enforceable netting agreements or other similar arrangements ("netting agreements"). Generally, the right to offset in netting agreements allows the Fund to offset any exposure to a specific counterparty with any collateral received or delivered to that counterparty based on the terms of the agreement. Generally, the Fund manages its cash collateral and securities collateral on a counterparty basis. As of July 31, 2023, the Fund was not subject to any netting agreements.

The following table provides a summary of offsetting financial liabilities and derivatives and the effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of July 31, 2023.

					Amounts Not Off nt of Assets and Li	
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Pledged	Net Amount
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	\$54,070,000	\$-	\$54,070,000	\$54,070,000	\$-	\$-

In some instances, the actual collateral received/pledged may be more than the amounts disclosed herein.

#### NOTE 6. FEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Under the terms of the investment advisory agreement, on behalf of the Fund (the "Agreement"), the Adviser manages the Fund's investments subject to oversight of the Trustees. As compensation for its management services, the Fund is obligated to pay the Adviser a fee computed and accrued daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 1.35% of the average daily Managed Assets (as

#### NOTE 6. FEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS - (continued)

defined below) of the Fund. Managed Assets includes total assets (including any assets attributable to borrowing for investment purposes) minus the sum of the Fund's accrued liabilities (other than liabilities representing borrowings for investment purposes) ("Managed Assets").

The Adviser has also contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse certain expenses (exclusive of any management fees, taxes, interest on borrowings, dividends on securities sold short, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization and extraordinary expenses) to limit the Fund's Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses to 0.25% of the Fund's Managed Assets (the "Expense Limit") through at least May 31, 2024 (the "Limitation Period"). The Expense Limit may be eliminated at any time by the Board, on behalf of the Funds, upon 60 days' written notice to the Adviser. Prior to the end of the Limitation Period, the Expense Limit may not be terminated by the Adviser without the consent of the Board of Trustees. The Expense Limit is subject to repayment by the Fund within 36 months following the month in which that particular waiver and/or reimbursement occurred, provided that the Fund is able to make the repayment without exceeding the expense limit described above or the expense limitation in effect at the time of the reimbursement (whichever is lower). During the period ended July 31, 2023, the Fund repaid \$6,911 of previously waived expenses to the Adviser.

Destra Capital Investments LLC ("Destra") provides investor support services in connection with the ongoing operation of the Fund. Such services include providing ongoing contact with respect to the Fund and its performance with financial advisors that are representatives of financial intermediaries, and communicating with the NYSE specialist for the shares of the Fund, and with the closed-end fund analyst community regarding the Fund on a regular basis. The Fund pays Destra a service fee in an annual amount equal to 0.07% of the average daily value of the Fund's Managed Assets.

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services ("Fund Services"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp, serves as the Fund's Administrator ("Administrator") and, in that capacity, performs various administrative and accounting services for the Fund. Fund Services also serves as the Fund's fund accountant and transfer agent. The Administrator prepares various federal and state regulatory filings, reports and returns for the Fund; prepares reports and materials to be supplied to the Trustees; monitors the activities of the Fund's custodian; coordinates the preparation and payment of the Fund's expenses and reviews the Fund's expense accruals. As compensation for its services, the Administrator is entitled to a monthly fee at an annual rate based upon the average daily net assets of the Fund. U.S. Bank, N.A. (the "Custodian") serves as custodian to the Fund.

Certain officers, Trustees and shareholders of the Fund are also owners or employees of the Adviser and may be compensated by the Fund.

#### **NOTE 7. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS**

For the period ended July 31, 2023, purchases and sales of investment securities, other than short-term investments and short-term U.S. Government securities, were as follows:

Purchases	Sales
\$11,155,580	\$33,527,559

For the period ended July 31, 2023, there were no long-term purchases or long-term sales of U.S. Government securities for the Fund.

#### **NOTE 8. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION**

The tax characterization of distributions paid for the year ended January 31, 2023, and January 31, 2022, were as follows:

	2023	2022
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary Income	\$16,477,092	\$12,621,982
Net Long-Term Capital Gain	_	-
Return of Capital	11,365,728	8,858,520
Total	\$27,842,820	\$21,480,502

At January 31, 2023, the components of distributable earnings (accumulated deficit) on a tax basis were as follows:

Tax Cost of Investments	\$562,925,476
Unrealized Appreciation*	1,233,799
Unrealized Depreciation*	(45,612,449)
Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)*	(\$44,378,650)
Undistributed Ordinary Income	
Undistributed Long-Term Gain (Loss)	-
Accumulated Gain (Loss)	\$-
Other Accumulated Gain (Loss)	(13,059,735)
Distributable Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	(\$57,438,385)

<sup>\*</sup> Represents aggregated amounts of investments and reverse repurchase agreements in the Fund.

The temporary differences between book basis and tax basis in the Fund are primarily attributable to distributions payable and amortization of callable bonds.

As of January 31, 2023, the Fund had available for federal tax purposes an unused capital loss carryforward of \$12,999,194.

To the extent these carryforwards are used to offset futures gains, it is probable that the amount offset will not be distributed to shareholders. The carryforward expires as follows:

No expiration short-term	\$11,952,040
No expiration long-term	\$1,047,154
Total	\$12,999,194

Certain capital losses incurred after October 31 and within the current taxable year, are deemed to arise on the first business day of the Fund's following taxable year. For the tax year ended January 31, 2023, the Fund did not defer any post-October losses.

#### **NOTE 9. SENIOR NOTES**

On July 8, 2021, the Fund issued senior unsecured notes ("Notes") in an aggregate amount of \$85,000,000 in two fixed-rate series. The Notes were issued in private placement offerings to institutional investors and are not listed on any exchange or automated quotation system. The note purchase agreement (the "Agreement") contains various covenants related to other indebtedness and limits on the Fund's overall leverage. Under the 1940 Act and the terms of the Notes, the Fund may not declare dividends or make other distributions on shares of its common stock or make purchases of such shares if, at any time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness (including the Notes) would be less than 300%.

The table below sets forth a summary of the key terms of each series of Notes outstanding at July 31, 2023.

Series	Principal Outstanding July 31, 2023	Payment Frequency	Unamortized Offering Costs	Estimated Fair Value July 31, 2023	Fixed Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Α	\$40,000,000	Semi-Annual	\$302,269	\$36,033,136	2.35%	July 8, 2026
В	\$45,000,000	Semi-Annual	\$340,052	\$39,321,793	2.80%	July 8, 2028

The average daily balance of senior notes outstanding for the Fund during the period ended July 31, 2023, was \$85,000,000 at a weighted average daily interest rate of 2.59%.

The carrying value of the Notes on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities is equal to the principal amount of the Notes less unamortized offering costs. The estimated fair value of the notes was calculated, for disclosure purposes, based on estimated market yields for comparable debt instruments with similar maturity and terms. The Fund would categorize the Senior Notes as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

#### **NOTE 9. SENIOR NOTES – (continued)**

The Fund shall at all times maintain a current rating given by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO") of at least Investment Grade with respect to the Notes and shall not at any time have any rating given by a NRSRO of less than Investment Grade with respect to the Notes. The Notes have been assigned an 'A1' long-term rating by Moody's Investors Service.

The aggregate accrued interest payable on the Notes as of July 31, 2023, was \$140,556 and is included in the Interest Payable for senior notes and reverse repurchase agreements line item in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Fund paid an origination fee of \$854,000 and other expenses on July 13, 2021, which was paid upfront and is being amortized for daily over the life of the Notes. During the period ended July 31, 2023, \$1,208,775 of interest expense and amortization of origination fees were included in the Interest and commissions expense line item that is reflected in the Statement of Operations.

At July 31, 2023, the Fund was in compliance with all covenants under the Agreement.

#### **NOTE 10. CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS**

For the period ended July 31, 2023, there were no capital transactions. For the year ended January 31, 2023, see Note 1 for information regarding the Reorganization.

The Board approved a rights offering to participating shareholders of record as of September 20, 2021, which were in turn allowed to subscribe for new common shares of the Fund. Record date shareholders received one right for each common share held on record date. For every three rights held, a holder of the rights was entitled to buy one new common share of the Fund. Record date shareholders who fully exercised all rights initially issued to them in the primary subscription were entitled to buy those common shares that were not purchased by other record date shareholders. The subscription price per common share (the "Subscription Price") was determined based on a formula equal to 92.5% of the average of the last reported sales price of a common share of the Fund on the NYSE on the layoff/expiration dates and each of the four immediately preceding trading days (the "Formula Price"). However, the Formula Price was less than 86% of the Fund's NAV per common share at the close of trading on the NYSE on the layoff/expiration dates, therefore the Subscription Price used was based on 86% of the Fund's NAV per common share at the close of trading on the NYSE on those days. Offering costs were charged to paid-in-capital upon the exercise of the rights.

The shares of common stock issued, subscription price, and offering costs for the rights offering were as follows:

Layoff/Expiration Date	Shares of Common Stock Issued	Subscription Price	Offering Costs
October 6, 2021	410,000	\$16.15	\$37,920
October 11, 2021	300,000	\$16.10	\$27,746
October 14, 2021	4,366,333	\$16.06	\$403,834

#### NOTE 11. ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS AND/OR REGULATORY UPDATES

In June 2022, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2022-03, which amends Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Fair Value Measurement of Equity Securities Subject to Contractual Sale Restrictions ("ASU 2022-03"). ASU 2022-03 clarifies guidance for fair value measurement of an equity security subject to a contractual sale restriction and establishes new disclosure requirements for such equity securities. ASU 2022-03 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. Management is currently evaluating the impact of these amendments on the financial statements.

In December 2022, the FASB issued an Accounting Standards Update, ASU 2022-06, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848) – Deferral of the Sunset Date of Topic 848* ("ASU 2022-06"). ASU 2022-06 is an amendment to ASU 2020-04, which provided optional guidance to ease the potential accounting burden due to the discontinuation of the LIBOR and other interbank-offered based reference rates and which was effective as of March 12, 2020, through December 31, 2022. ASU 2022-06 extends the effective period through December 31, 2024. Management is currently evaluating the impact, if any, of applying ASU 2022-06.

#### NOTE 11. ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS AND/OR REGULATORY UPDATES - (continued)

In October 2022, the SEC adopted a final rule relating to Tailored Shareholder Reports for Mutual Funds and Exchange-Traded Funds; Fee Information in Investment Company Advertisements. The rule and form amendments will, among other things, require the Fund to transmit concise and visually engaging shareholder reports that highlight key information. The amendments will require that funds tag information in a structured data format and that certain more in-depth information be made available online and available for delivery free of charge to investors on request. The amendments became effective January 24, 2023. There is an 18-month transition period after the effective date of the amendment.

#### **NOTE 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management of the Fund has evaluated the need for disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through the date these financial statements were issued. This evaluation did not result in any subsequent events that necessitated disclosures and/or adjustments.

### **Additional Information (Unaudited)**

#### 1. Shareholder Notification of Federal Tax Status

For the taxable year ended January 31, 2023, certain dividends paid by the Fund may be subject to a maximum tax rate of 23.80% as provided for by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. The Fund intends to designate the maximum amount allowable as taxed at a maximum rate of 23.80%.

For the taxable year ended January 31, 2023, the Fund paid qualified dividend income of 0.00%.

For the taxable year ended January 31, 2023, the percentage of ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund that qualifies for the dividends received deduction available to corporations was 0.00%.

For the taxable year ended January 31, 2023, the Fund did not pay any ordinary income distributions that are designated as short-term capital gain distributions under Internal Revenue Section 871(k)2(c).

For the taxable year ended January 31, 2023, the percentage of taxable ordinary income distributions that are designated as interest related dividends under Internal Revenue 871(k)1(c) was 88.38%.

#### 2. Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings

The Fund will file a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Part F of Form N-PORT. The Fund's Part F of Form N-PORT is available on the SEC's website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a> and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC-0230.

#### 3. Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies related to portfolio securities and information regarding how the Fund voted those proxies during the most recent twelve month period ended June 30, is available without charge upon request by (1) calling the Fund at (855) 751-4324 and (2) from Fund documents filed with the SEC on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

#### 4. Annual Meeting of Shareholders

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on June 29, 2023, shareholders approved the election of Ira P. Cohen and Samuel R. Dunlap III as Class III Trustees to the Board of Trustees to serve a three-year term expiring in 2026 based on the following results:

	For	Against	Abstain
To Elect Ira P. Cohen	15,635,694	4,236,451	175,321
To Elect Samuel R. Dunlap III	15,783,800	4,094,077	169,590

#### 5. Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Pursuant to the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), distributions of dividends and capital gains are automatically reinvested in Shares of the Fund by Fund Services, as Plan Agent. Unless a shareholder indicates another option on the account application or otherwise opts-out, shareholders holding at least one full Share of the Fund will be automatically enrolled in the Plan. Shareholders who do not participate in the Plan will receive all distributions in cash.

If the Fund declares a dividend or distribution payable either in cash or in Shares of the Fund and the market price of Shares on the payment date for the distribution or dividend equals or exceeds the Fund's NAV per Share, the Fund will issue Shares to participants at a value equal to the higher of NAV or 95% of the market price. The number of additional Shares to be credited to each participant's account will be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the distribution or dividend by the higher of NAV or 95% of the market price. If the market price is lower than NAV, or if dividends or distributions are payable only in cash, then participants will receive Shares purchased by the Plan Agent on participants' behalf on the NYSE or otherwise on the open market. If the market price exceeds NAV before the Plan Agent has completed its purchases, the average per Share purchase price may exceed NAV, resulting in fewer Shares being acquired than if the Fund had issued new Shares.

There are no brokerage charges with respect to Shares issued directly by the Fund. However, whenever Shares are purchased or sold on the NYSE or otherwise on the open market, each participant will pay a pro rata portion of brokerage trading fees. Currently, dividend reinvestment plan participants that direct the sale of Shares through the Plan Agent are subject to a \$25.00 fee plus a sales commission of \$4.95.

The reinvestment of dividends and net capital gains distributions does not relieve participants of any income tax that may be payable on such dividends or distributions. Purchases of additional Shares of the Fund will be made on the open market. There is no transaction fee, and each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred in connection with purchases made on the open market. Shareholders can also sell Fund Shares held in the Plan account at any time by contacting the Plan Agent by telephone or in writing. The Plan Agent will mail a check to you (less applicable brokerage trading fees) on the settlement date, which is three business days after your Shares have been sold. If you choose to sell your Shares through your broker, you will need to request that the Plan Agent electronically transfer your Shares to your broker through the Direct Registration System.

Shareholders participating in the Plan may withdraw from the Plan at any time by contacting the Plan Agent by telephone or in writing. Such termination will be effective immediately if the notice is received by the Plan Agent prior to any dividend or distribution record date; otherwise, such termination will be effective on the first trading day after the payment date for such dividend or distribution, with respect to any subsequent dividend or distribution. If you withdraw, your Shares will be credited to your account; or, if you wish, the Plan Agent will sell your full and fractional Shares and send you the proceeds, less a fee currently set at \$25.00 and less a sales commission currently set at \$4.95. If a shareholder does not maintain at least one whole Share in the Plan account, the Plan Agent may terminate such shareholder's participation in the Plan after written notice. Upon termination, shareholders will be sent a check for the cash value of any fractional Share in the Plan account, less any applicable broker commissions and taxes. Experience under the Plan may indicate that changes are desirable. Accordingly, the Fund and the Plan Agent reserve the right to amend or terminate the Plan. Participants generally will receive written notice at least 60 days before the effective date of any amendment. In the case of termination, participants will receive written notice at least 60 days before the record date for the payment of any dividend or distribution by the Funds.

All correspondence or additional information about the Plan should be directed to Fund Services in writing at 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

#### **6. Compensation of Trustees**

Each Trustee who is not an "interested person" (i.e., an "Independent Trustee") of the Fund Complex (which includes affiliated registrants not discussed in this report) receives an annual retainer of \$65,000 (pro-rated for any periods less than one year) paid quarterly as well as \$12,000 for attending each regularly scheduled meeting in connection with his or her service on the Board. In addition, each Committee Chair as well as the Chair of the Board receives additional annual compensation of \$12,000 (pro-rated for any periods less than one year). Independent Trustees are permitted for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attendance at meetings.

#### 7. Trustees and Officers

The business of the Fund is managed under the oversight of the Board. The Board meets periodically to review the Fund's performance, monitor investment activities and practices, and discuss other matters affecting the Fund. The Trustees are fiduciaries for the Fund's shareholders and are governed by the laws of the State of Delaware in this regard. The names and addresses of the Trustees and officers of the Fund are listed below along with a description of their principal occupations over at

least the last five years. The address of each Trustee and Officer of the Fund is c/o Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC, 3344 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1725, Atlanta, GA 30326.

Name and Year of Birth	Position with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex <sup>(1)</sup> Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held During the Past 5 Years
Independent Trustees(2)	the runu	Time Serveu	r ust 5 reurs	by Hustee	During the ruse 3 rears
Ira P. Cohen 1959	Independent Trustee, Chair (Class III)	Trustee since 2018, Chair since 2019; 3 year term	Executive Vice President, Recognos Financial (investment industry data analysis provider) (2015-2021); Independent financial services consultant (since 2005).	10	Trustee, Valued Advisers Trust (since 2010); Trustee, Apollo Diversified Real Estate Fund (formerly, Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund) (since 2014); Trustee, Angel Oak Funds Trust (since 2014); Trustee, Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund (since 2017); Trustee, U.S. Fixed Income Trust (since 2019); Trustee, Angel Oak Credit Opportunities Term Trust (since 2021); Trustee, Angel Oak Dynamic Financial Strategies Income Term Trust (2019- 2022); Trustee, Apollo Credit Fund (formerly, Griffin Institutional Access Credit Fund) (2017-2022).
Alvin R. Albe, Jr. 1953	Independent Trustee (Class I)	Since 2018; 3 year term	Retired.	10	Trustee, Angel Oak Funds Trust (since 2014); Trustee, Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund (since 2017); Trustee, Angel Oak Credit Opportunities Term Trust (since 2021); Trustee, Angel Oak Dynamic Financial Strategies Income Term Trust (2019-2022).

Name and Year of Birth	Position with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex <sup>(1)</sup> Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held During the Past 5 Years
Keith M. Schappert 1951	Independent Trustee (Class II)	Since 2018; 3 year term	President, Schappert Consulting LLC (investment industry consulting) (since 2008); Retired, President and CEO of JP Morgan Investment Management.	10	Director, Commonfund Capital, Inc. (2015-2022); Director, The Commonfund (2012-2022); Trustee, Angel Oak Funds Trust (since 2014); Trustee, Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund (since 2017); Trustee, Angel Oak Credit Opportunities Term Trust (since 2021); Trustee, Angel Oak Dynamic Financial Strategies Income Term Trust (2019-2022); Trustee, Mirae Asset Discovery Funds (2010 - June 2023).
Andrea N. Mullins 1967	Independent Trustee (Class II)	Since 2019; 3 year term	Private Investor; Independent Contractor, SWM Advisors (since 2014).	10	Trustee and Audit Committee Chair, Valued Advisers Trust (since 2013, Chair since 2017); Trustee, Angel Oak Funds Trust (since 2019); Trustee, Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund (since 2019); Angel Oak Credit Opportunities Term Trust (since 2021); Trustee and Audit Committee Chair, Cushing Mutual Funds Trust (since 2021); Trustee and Audit Committee Chair, NXG Cushing Midstream Energy Fund (formerly, Cushing MLP & Infrastructure Fund) (since 2021); Trustee and Audit Committee Chair, NXG NextGen Infrastructure Income Fund (formerly, Cushing NextGen Infrastructure Income Fund) (since 2021); Trustee, Angel Oak Dynamic Financial Strategies Income Term Trust (2019-2022).

Name and Year of Birth	Position with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex <sup>(1)</sup> Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held During the Past 5 Years
Interested Trustees					
Samuel R. Dunlap, III 1979	Interested Trustee (Class III)	Since 2022; 3 year term	Chief Investment Officer-Public Strategies, Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (investment management) (since 2009).	10	Trustee, Angel Oak Funds Trust (since 2019); Trustee, Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund (since 2019); Trustee, Angel Oak Credit Opportunities Term Trust (since 2021); Trustee, Angel Oak Dynamic Financial Strategies Income Term Trust (2019-2022).
Cheryl M. Pate <sup>(3)</sup> 1976	Interested Trustee (Class I)	Since 2023; Through 2024	Senior Portfolio Manager, Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (investment management) (since 2017).	10	Trustee, Angel Oak Funds Trust (since 2022); Trustee, Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund (since 2022); Trustee, Angel Oak Credit Opportunities Term Trust (since 2022); Trustee, Angel Oak Dynamic Financial Strategies Income Term Trust (2022-2022).

<sup>(1)</sup> The Fund Complex includes the Fund, each series of Angel Oak Funds Trust, Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund, and Angel Oak Credit Opportunities Term Trust.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Trustees of the Fund who are not "interested persons" of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act ("Independent Trustees").

<sup>(3)</sup> Ms. Pate was appointed Interested Trustee on June 29, 2023.

Name and Year of Birth	Position with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Officers		-	
Adam Langley 1967	President	Since 2022; indefinite term (other offices held 2015-2022)	Chief Operating Officer, Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (since 2021); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (2015-2022); Chief Compliance Officer of Falcons I, LLC (2018-2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Funds Trust (2015-2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund (2017-2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Dynamic Financial Strategies Income Term Trust (2019-2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Credit Opportunities Term Trust (2021-2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Commercial Real Estate Solutions (2021-2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Buckhead One Financial Opportunities, LLC (2015-2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Capital Partners II, LLC (2016-2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Hawks I, LLC (2018-2022).
Kevin Sluss 1982	Secretary	Since 2023; indefinite term (other offices held 2022-2023)	Chief Risk Officer, Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (since 2022); Senior Quantitative Analytics & Model Development Manager, PNC Bank (2019-2022); Senior Quantitative Analytics & Model Development Consultant, PNC Bank (2016-2019).
Daniel Fazioli 1981	Treasurer	Since 2015; indefinite term	Chief Accounting Officer, Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (since 2015).
Chase Eldredge 1989	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2022; indefinite term	Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (since 2022); Chief Compliance Officer of Falcons I, LLC (since 2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Funds Trust (since 2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Strategic Credit Fund (since 2022); Chief Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Credit Opportunities Term Trust (since 2022); Senior Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (2020-2022); Compliance Officer, Angel Oak Capital Advisors, LLC (2017-2020).

Each officer holds office at the pleasure of the Board.

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