



Arini Announces Pricing of First European CLO

Transaction marks the launch of Arini's European CLO platform

London, UK – November 15, 2023 – [Arini](#), a \$3 billion specialized alternative asset manager that seeks to deliver absolute returns through a fundamental and active approach to credit investing, today announces the launch of the firm's Collateralized Loan Obligation (CLO) platform following the successful pricing of Arini European CLO I, a €401.3 million new-issue transaction.

Arini European CLO I will invest in a diversified portfolio of European broadly syndicated senior-secured loans. The transaction attracted strong investor demand from a wide range of global institutional investors.

The transaction also marks the launch of Arini's European CLO platform. The platform will be overseen by Mehdi Kashani, Head of Structured Credit, while Evangeline Lim, CLO Portfolio Manager, and Jeysson Abergel, Head of Trading, will be responsible for portfolio management.

The creation of a dedicated CLO platform, combined with Arini's sector-based fundamental research approach, will further enhance the firm's 360-degree access and view of European credit markets. This further strengthens the investment team's ability to quickly assess the risk-return profile of investment opportunities and to allocate and express risk in credit markets.

As part of its commitment to providing immediate value for investors, Arini has invested substantial resources in establishing its European CLO platform. This involves appointing industry-leading talent to oversee the platform, strategic partnerships with top-tier service providers and investment in best-in-class systems. In addition, Arini has secured committed capital for the equity portion of the business enabling the firm to programmatically issue CLOs and further bolstering the stability of the business.

Mehdi Kashani, Head of Structured Credit at Arini, said: *"We are delighted that we have successfully issued and syndicated our inaugural European CLO, in particular that there has been a welcome reception and strong demand from institutional investors for the transaction which is reflected in the structure and pricing across the tranches. This deal represents the first step towards meeting our ambition to become an issuer of choice for investors looking to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns via the European CLO market."*

"We are dedicated to building a world-class credit investment platform and have committed significant resources to the launch of our debut CLO," added Hamza Lemssouguer, Founder & Chief Investment Officer at Arini. "Our complete and multi-dimensional view of European credit markets is central to our strategy and, combined with our fundamental research approach, allows us to avoid commonly chased market movers to optimize performance for investors."

Bank of America acted as arranger for the transaction.

Notes to Editors:

About Arini

Headquartered in London, Arini is a specialized alternative asset manager that seeks to deliver absolute returns through a fundamental and active approach to credit investing. With \$3 billion in AUM, Arini focuses primarily on European credit markets, which are defined by complex legal, regulatory and political structures. With an approach rooted in fundamental credit analysis, Arini's experienced team aims to provide investors with a significant early-mover advantage across performing, stressed and distressed credit. Learn more at www.Arini.com.

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