

# CIBC Ares Strategic Income Fund

March 31, 2025

The investment objective of the **CIBC Ares Strategic Income Fund** (the “Fund”) is to provide exposure to an investment in Ares Strategic Income Fund (the “Master Fund”), a Delaware statutory trust that seeks to invest primarily in originated loans and other securities, including broadly syndicated loans, of private middle market US companies, to generate current income and, to a lesser extent, long-term capital appreciation.

## Master Fund portfolio snapshot

**14.3B<sup>1</sup>**

Total assets

**658**

Number of portfolio companies

**86%**

Senior secured

**94%**

Floating rate<sup>2</sup>
**0.74x**

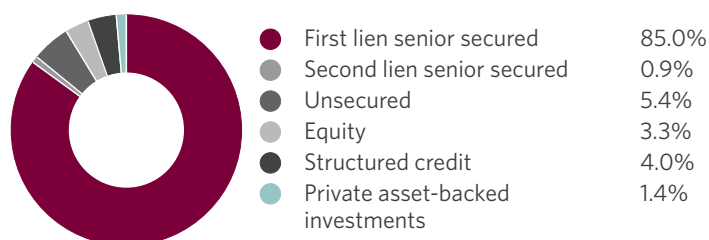
Fund leverage

**37%**

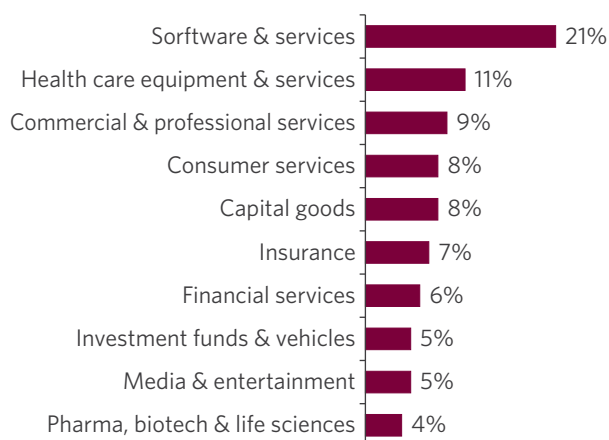
Average loan-to-value<sup>3</sup>
**0.2%**

Average position size<sup>4</sup>

### Portfolio by asset class<sup>5</sup>



### Top 10 industries



## Fund performance (%)<sup>6,7</sup>

Series	Inception date	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	Since inception	YTD
Series F (CAD)	Dec. 2023	0.3	1.4	4.2	8.7	n/a	n/a	8.3	1.4

This table is representative of the actual performance of the Fund, net of fees. YTD return is calculated on a compounded basis using monthly returns.

## Master Fund monthly performance (%)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	YTD
2025	0.7	0.3	0.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4
2024	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	11.4
2023	1.6	0.7	0.5	1.6	-0.2	2.6	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.2	1.2	1.5	13.1
2022	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-0.1	-0.1

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**Annualized distribution rate<sup>6</sup>**

Series F 8.8%

**Ares<sup>8</sup>** is a global alternative investment manager operating in credit, private equity and real estate markets.

**\$527bn**

AUM

**1,250+**

Dedicated investment professionals

**50+**

Global offices

**3,655+**

Investment across Ares Credit Group

**Portfolio managers**

**Michael Smith**, Ares  
Co-Head of Credit

**Mitch Goldstein**, Ares  
Co-Head of Credit

Fund details	Series F
Inception date	December 2023
Term	Open-end
Base currency	CAD
Hedging policy <sup>9</sup>	Underlying USD exposure is expected to be fully hedged
Minimum investment	\$10,000 CAD
Minimum additional investment	\$5,000 CAD
Valuation frequency	Monthly
Distribution frequency	Monthly
Fundserv codes	ATL5113 (CAD)
Management fee <sup>10</sup>	1.50%
Incentive fee <sup>11</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12.5% of net investment income subject to a 5% annualized hurdle, with a catch-up paid quarterly</li> <li>12.5% of realized gains net of realized and unrealized losses paid annually</li> </ul>
Subscription frequency & Subscription deadline	The purchase cut-off date is the 10 <sup>th</sup> business day prior to each month-end
Redemption frequency & Redemption deadline	The quarterly redemption cut-off date is the last business day in February, May, August, and November
Early redemption fee	2% if redeem within first year of each investment
Investor eligibility	Accredited investor
Permitted account type	Non-registered and registered plan eligibility
Valuation process & timing	Initial subscription into interim subscription receipts that will automatically convert into units ~25 days after month-end
Fund investment manager	CIBC Asset Management Inc.
Master Fund investment manager	Ares Capital Management, LLC

Source: CIBC Asset Management Inc. and Ares Capital Management, LLC.

<sup>1</sup>This number is representative of the Master Fund AUM.

<sup>2</sup>As a percentage of debt investments.

<sup>3</sup>Includes all private debt investments for which fair value is determined in good faith by the investment adviser, subject to Board oversight and excludes quoted assets. Weighted average loan-to-value ("LTV") represents the net ratio of LTV for each portfolio company, weighted based on the fair value of total applicable ASIF private debt investments. LTV is calculated as the current total net debt through each respective loan tranche held by ASIF divided by the estimated enterprise value of the portfolio company as of the most recent quarter end. Fair value is determined in good faith by the investment adviser, subject to Board oversight, based on among other things, the input of ASIF's independent third-party valuation firms that have been engaged to support the valuation of such portfolio investments at least quarterly (with certain de minimis exceptions) and under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process.

<sup>4</sup>As at March 31, 2025.

<sup>5</sup>"Unsecured" includes 4.7% of senior subordinated loans and 0.7% bonds. "Equity" includes 0.9% of preferred equity 2.3% of common equity and 0.1% of warrants. "Structured Credit" includes 2.3% CLO debt, 1.2% CLO Equity and 0.5% CMBS. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

<sup>6</sup>Total return is calculated as the change in monthly NAV per share during the period plus distributions per share (assuming any distributions, net of distribution and/or shareholder servicing fees, are reinvested in accordance with the Fund's distribution reinvestment plan) divided by the beginning NAV per share, which is calculated after the deduction of ongoing expenses that are borne by investors, such as management fees, incentive fees, distribution and/or shareholder fees, interest expense, offering costs, professional fees, trustee fees and other general and administrative expenses. There can be no assurance that ASIF will achieve its investment objective or avoid substantial losses. The information presented is for a very limited amount of time and is not representative of the long-term performance of the Fund.

Distributions are not guaranteed. Distributions are calculated by annualizing the next month's declared distribution per share and dividing by the most recent month-end NAV. Distributions may be funded through cash flow from operations, as well as other sources including the sale of assets, borrowings, return of capital or offering proceeds. Distributions may be funded, directly or indirectly, from temporary waivers or expense reimbursements borne by the Fund's investment adviser that may be subject to reimbursement. The Fund has not established limits on the amounts it may distribute from such sources. As of December 31, 2024, 100% of inception to date distributions were funded from cash flows from operations.

<sup>7</sup>The performance data quoted represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. Returns quoted less than one year are cumulative. Your returns and the principal value of your investment will fluctuate so that your shares, when repurchased, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted above.

<sup>8</sup>Ares Capital Management, LLC. As of December 31, 2024.

<sup>9</sup>Master Fund base currency is USD.

<sup>10</sup>The Fund management fee includes the Master Fund management fee of 1.25% and the Fund management fee for each respective fund series. Series F is 0.25%. Administrative fee is 0.00%. Operating expenses are variable.

<sup>11</sup>The Fund (and the Unitholders of the Fund) will also indirectly bear the Fund's proportionate share of the expenses of the Master Fund, including incentive fee paid by the Master Fund to Ares Capital Management, LLC.

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