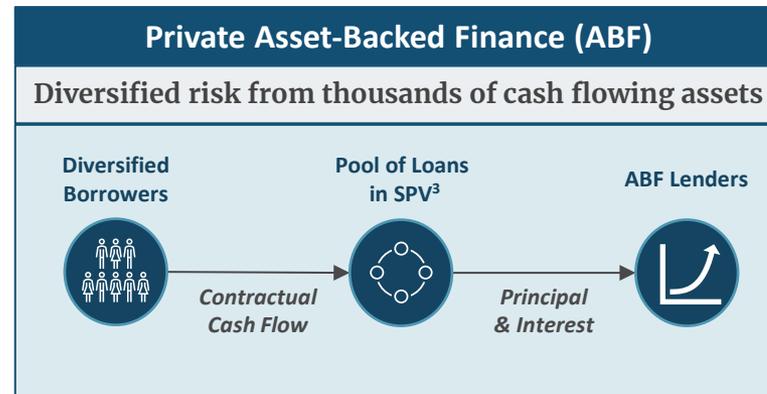
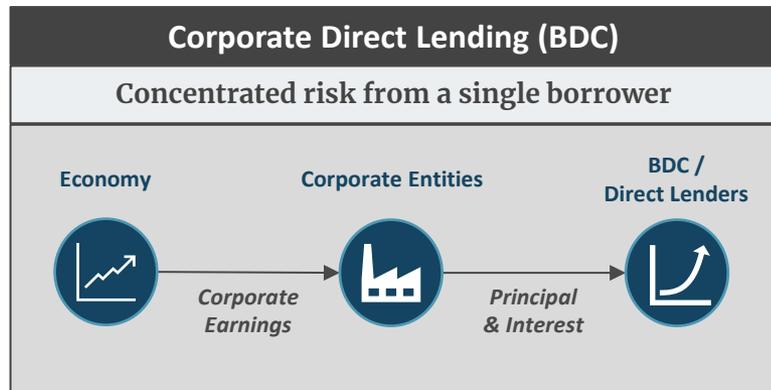


# Corporate Direct Lending vs. Private Asset-Backed Finance (ABF)

Private ABF Investments Differ from BDC<sup>1</sup> Corporate Direct Lending Exposure in Several Important Aspects



Reliant on corporate earnings and projected cash flows	◀ BORROWER CREDIT RISK ▶	Reliant on value and quality of collateral pool
Underlying investments are single borrowers	◀ DIVERSIFICATION ▶	Underlying investments typically consist of a large pool of borrowers
Limited amortization with bullet repayment, relying on a company sale or access to the refinancing market	◀ PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT RISK ▶	Contractual cash flows with defined waterfalls and underlying self-amortization
Typically covenant-lite	◀ STRUCTURAL PROVISIONS ▶	Covenant-heavy structures with strict asset eligibility
Loan term is typically longer (typically 5–7 years)	◀ LOAN TERM ▶	Shorter loan term (typically 2–4 years) reduces exposure period
Higher correlation to major public and private equity and credit asset classes <sup>2</sup>	◀ MARKET CORRELATION ▶	Lower correlation to major public and private equity and credit asset classes <sup>2</sup>

For illustrative purposes only. <sup>1</sup>Business Development Company (BDC). For definitions of terms used herein, please refer to the Appendix.

# Appendix

<sup>2</sup>Correlations are calculated with monthly returns between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2025 based on available data. The average correlation is listed in the parenthesis: ABF (0.40), public equity (0.62), levered loans (0.48), high yield (0.66), private debt (0.64) and equity (0.62). Each asset class is modeled as follows: ABF (Bloomberg US Aggregate ABS TR Index), Public Equity (S&P 500 Total Return Index), US Leveraged Loan (Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index), Private Debt (Preqin Private Debt Index), Private Equity (Preqin Private Equity Index). **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

<sup>3</sup>**Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)** - A legally separate entity created to hold assets and issue financing, isolating those assets from the broader risks of the originator.

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**Asset Eligibility Criteria** - Rules that define which assets may be included in a collateral pool. **Amortization** - The repayment of loan principal over time through scheduled payments. **Business Development Company (BDC)** - A publicly registered investment company that provides financing to middle-market companies, typically through direct corporate lending, and is regulated under the Investment Company Act of 1940. **Bullet Repayment** - A loan structure in which the principal is repaid in a single payment at maturity. **Borrower Credit Risk** - The risk that a borrower fails to meet its contractual obligations, including interest or principal payments. **Corporate Direct Lending** - A form of private credit where lenders provide loans directly to operating companies. **Collateral Pool** - A group of assets pledged to secure a loan or financing structure. **Contractual Cash Flows** - Cash flows that are defined by legal agreements and payment schedules. **Covenant** - A contractual provision in a loan agreement that requires the borrower to meet specific financial or operational conditions. **Principal Repayment Risk** - The risk that the invested principal may not be repaid as expected or on schedule. **Self-Amortizing** - A structure in which underlying assets generate cash flows that reduce outstanding principal over time. **Waterfall** - A predefined payment hierarchy that determines how cash flows are distributed among different stakeholders in a financing structure.

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