

# EGA Business Development Companies (BDCs)

## STRATEGY OVERVIEW

The Eagle Global Business Development Companies (BDCs) strategy seeks to provide investors access to the total return opportunity of investment in private middle market debt and equity through a diversified portfolio of publicly traded BDCs. The strategy targets a high level of income through a long term investment focus. The strategy allows investors access to the private debt and equity markets that are often available only to larger investors. Portfolios are managed by a team of dedicated investment professionals with a long track record of success in public market investing.

## INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Access to the **return potential of private company debt and equity** in a publicly traded, liquid investment vehicle.
- **Current Income** that ranks amongst the highest available in public markets.
- The potential for **portfolio diversification** from exposure to a variety of small to medium size U.S. companies.
- **Capital appreciation** potential from investments in private company equities and warrants.

## PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE 3/31/2025

Number of Portfolio Investments	17
Current Yield (Including cash)	9.1%
Projected Distribution Growth Rate	0%
Expected Average Annual Total Return**	9%-10%
Price-To-Book Value (Universe)	96%
Price-To-Book Value (Portfolio)	102%

## PORTFOLIO ATTRIBUTION

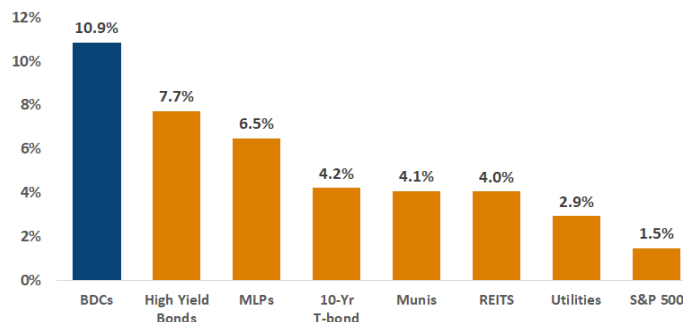
After a banner year in 2024 with mid-teens returns, BDCs took a breather in the first quarter of 2025 posting a modest positive 1.4% return, as measured by the Van Eck BDC Index. Eagle BDC portfolio returns were slightly behind the index but still positive. During the quarter, the Fed stayed put and overnight rates were unchanged. After Trump's inauguration on January 20th, longer-term interest rates fell on the news that inflation is slowing and concern that erratic government policies and tariffs would hurt economic growth. Following the announcement of unexpectedly large tariffs in early April, BDCs reacted negatively on heightened concerns for a recession and increased credit costs. For the quarter, holdings in a Senior Loan ETF and Barings BDC boosted returns; avoiding poor performers like Prospect Capital and BlackRock TCP also helped relative returns. Holdings in Crescent Capital, Main Street, and FS KKR dented returns during the quarter. We expect rates to fall later this year when the Fed resumes their policy rate reductions, and for this to negatively impact BDC yields. We are favoring BDCs with more secure dividends and better credit quality as we are concerned write-offs may rise due to tariffs and increased economic instability.

## PERFORMANCE

	MRQ*	YTD*	1 Year*	Annualized Returns			
				3 Years*	5 Years*	7 Years*	Inception*
Business Development Companies (Gross)	0.1	0.1	13.3	10.5	26.4	13.5	11.3
Business Development Companies (Net)	-0.1	-0.1	12.5	9.7	25.3	12.5	10.3
VanEck BDC Income (BIZD)	1.3	1.3	10.8	9.3	24.1	10.4	9.0

\*Preliminary

## ASSET CLASS YIELDS



Source: Factset as of 3/31/25. BDCs is the yield on the ETRACS Wells Fargo BDC Index ETF; MLPs is the yield on the JPM Alerian Index ETN; High Yield Bonds is the yield on the iShares I Boxx High Yield Bond ETF; REITS is the yield on the SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF; Utilities is the yield on the Utilities Select Sector SPDR ETF; Munis is the yield on the SPDR Nuveen Bloomberg Barclays Muni ETF; S&P 500 is the yield on the SPDR S&P 500 ETF; and 10-Yr T-bond is the yield on the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Bellweather 10-year bond.

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS\*\*\*

	% Yield
1 Ares Capital	8.7%
2 Senior Loan ETF	6.1%
3 FS KKR Capital	12.2%
4 Hercules Tech Growth	8.3%
5 Blackstone Secured Lending	9.5%
6 Main Street Capital	5.3%
7 Morgan Stanley Direct Lending	10.0%
8 Blue Owl Capital	10.1%
9 Sixth Street Specialty Lending	8.2%
10 Trinity Capital	13.5%

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\*\*\*EGA top ten holdings represent our 10 largest holdings as of March 31, 2025. This is not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. There can be no assurance the portfolio will continue to hold the same position in companies described herein, and the portfolio may change any portfolio position at any time.

**EGA BDC Composite**  
January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Total Return (%) Gross</b>	20.72	26.58	(5.79)	36.52	(2.79)	27.14	(2.40)	(0.43)	23.37	(5.12)
<b>Total Return (%) Net</b>	19.83	25.65	(6.50)	35.25	(3.73)	25.95	(3.34)	(1.38)	22.21	(5.58)
<b>BDC Benchmark Total Return (%)*</b>	15.40	26.90	(8.77)	36.12	(11.18)	27.34	(6.57)	0.09	24.42	(5.57)
Composite 3 Year Std. Dev.	17.29	18.22	32.48	29.70	30.01	12.77	12.52	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benchmark 3 Year Std. Dev.	16.64	17.69	33.14	30.94	31.26	13.27	13.10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of Portfolios	6	6	6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6
Composite Dispersion (%)	0.21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Composite Assets at End of Period (US\$ 000)	9,122	7,591	6,023	3,839	6,411	6,626	5,203	5,360	4,466	3,638
Total Firm Assets (US\$ 000)	2,428,076	1,940,225	1,700,514	1,911,969	1,571,232	2,279,115	2,632,277	3,561,407	3,946,902	3,281,294

\* Benchmark: BDC Index

- **The EGA BDC Composite** - The EGA BDC composite consists of those equity-only portfolios invested in a concentrated portfolio of publicly traded Business Development Companies..
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- The composite start date is July 1, 2015 and was created in 2018. The composite consists of separate accounts where the firm has full investment discretion, the portfolio contains over \$100,000 in renewable infrastructure companies, and the portfolio properly represented the intended strategy at the end of the calendar quarter. All performance returns assume the reinvestment of dividends, interest, and capital gains.
- Beginning on July 1, 2021, the benchmark is the VanEck BDC Income ETF (BIZD). The benchmark seeks to replicate, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the MVIS US Business Development Companies Index (MVBIZDTG), a rules-based, modified market capitalization-weighted index. Companies eligible for inclusion in the index must qualify as a Business Development Company, have a market capitalization exceeding \$150 million, have a minimum trading volume of 250,000 shares each month over the last six months, and have a three-month average daily trading volume of at least \$1 million. The ETF is managed by VanEck and the index composition is determined by MarketVector Indexes GmbH. Before its discontinuation on June 30, 2021, the benchmark was the Wells Fargo Business Development Company Index. The Index is a float-adjusted, capitalization index of all applicable NYSE or NASDAQ-listed BDCs that have a market capitalization of at least \$100 million at the time of inclusion. The Index composition is determined by Wells Fargo Securities LLC. As of December 2022, BIZD's expense ratio was 10.92%. The ETF returns are total returns calculated using the ETF NAVs.
- The volatility of the ETF is likely materially different than the strategy depicted. Eagle Global's BDC strategies include buying and selling various BDCs. Holdings will vary from period to period and non-BDC assets can have a material impact on the performance.
- The Eagle list of composite descriptions, limited distribution pooled funds, and list of broadly distributed pooled funds is available upon request. Eagle policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.
- Net-of-fee returns are calculated using a model fee consisting of the largest fee in the fee schedule, taken quarterly.

Business Development Companies (BDC) Fee Schedule (minimum investment: \$100,000)	
Account Size	All Assets
Annual Fee	0.75%