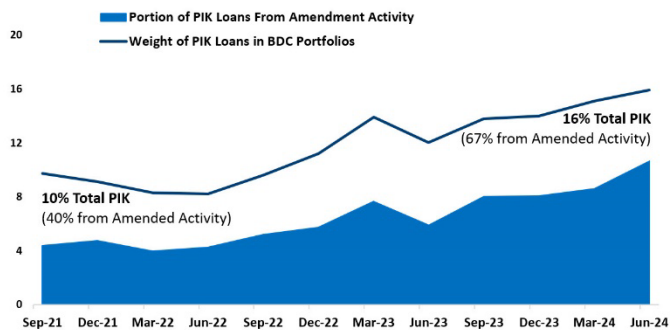


# Calamos Alternatives Snapshot

Data as of November 30, 2024

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## Amended PIK Loans as a share of total loans in BDC portfolios



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research, Pitchbook LCD, Calamos. Data as of 6/30/2024 (latest available)

- Payment-in-kind (PIK) interest is a feature of certain loans that allows a borrower to defer interest payments by adding the interest to the principal balance of the loan, which is then paid at maturity.
- While not all PIK is bad, PIK features are sometimes used to amend existing debt agreements due to a borrower's inability to pay cash interest.
- Looking at BDC portfolios, it is clear that PIK loans have been on the rise, now representing 16% of BDCs, on average. Two thirds of those PIK loans have come from amendment activity, which can be a sign of financial stress.

As of 11/30/2024	AUM	Morningstar Net Flows					
		1M Net Flow	3M Net Flow	6M Net Flow	1M Organic Growth	3M Organic Growth	6M Organic Growth
Commodities Broad Basket	27,876	164	57	-1,627	1%	0%	-5%
Convertibles	13,536	-102	-316	-717	-1%	-2%	-6%
Derivative Income	14,484	-142	-195	-447	-1%	-1%	-3%
Energy Limited Partnership	21,320	-73	-335	-517	0%	-2%	-3%
Equity Market Neutral	8,624	289	495	667	3%	6%	9%
Event Driven	11,751	-159	-814	-1,435	-1%	-7%	-11%
Infrastructure	16,110	-316	-919	-1,475	-2%	-5%	-9%
Long-Short Equity	23,011	629	275	367	3%	1%	2%
Macro Trading	14,847	17	473	1,450	0%	3%	11%
Multistrategy	29,730	-5	809	1,055	0%	3%	4%
Nontraditional Bond	124,666	1004	2,829	5,363	1%	2%	5%
Options Trading	49,625	-95	-108	155	0%	0%	0%
Real Estate	107,679	357	2,221	278	0%	2%	0%
Relative Value Arbitrage	18,883	108	277	233	1%	2%	1%
Systematic Trend	15,670	-250	-557	-541	-2%	-3%	-3%

## NUMBER OF DAYS THE S&P 500 EXCEEDED +/-1%

Year	1%	-1%
2024	29	16
2023	37	28
2022	84	79
2021	34	21
2020	65	45
2019	22	15
2018	32	32
2017	4	4
2016	26	22
2015	41	31
2014	19	19
2013	21	17

## BROAD INDEX PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

	MTD	QTD	YTD	3-year
S&P 500	5.87	5.29	28.07	11.44
S&P 1500	6.16	5.33	27.52	11.20
S&P 400	8.85	6.17	19.69	10.83
S&P 600	10.94	5.64	18.09	6.32
MSCI EM	-3.59	-4.88	7.65	-1.27
MSCI ACWI	3.74	2.14	20.34	7.68
MSCI World	4.59	2.98	21.85	8.79
MSCI EAFE	-0.55	-5.02	6.75	4.68
ICE BofA Global 300 Conv	2.66	0.88	10.04	1.03
ICE BofA All US Convertible	6.77	6.71	15.75	2.05
ICE BofA US High Yield	1.15	0.94	8.67	3.70
Bloomberg US Corp Bond	1.34	-1.63	4.14	-1.65
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit	0.97	-1.99	2.89	-2.14
Bloomberg US Agg Bond	1.06	-2.00	2.93	-1.95
Bloomberg Commodity	1.79	-5.59	-0.92	-10.16

## MORNINGSTAR ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES<sup>1</sup>

	MTD	QTD	YTD	3-year
Commodities Broad Basket	0.15	0.32	5.07	6.53
Convertibles	6.21	5.02	15.00	1.59
Derivative Income	2.42	2.29	12.81	7.86
Energy Limited Partnership	5.57	3.30	19.32	6.92
Equity Market Neutral	13.34	10.88	44.25	28.28
Event Driven	3.30	2.52	13.55	4.74
Infrastructure	-0.29	-0.42	8.24	8.22
Long-Short Equity	0.76	0.50	4.14	2.74
Macro Trading	3.48	-3.35	13.85	5.89
Multistrategy	3.62	2.43	16.56	8.14
Nontraditional Bond	1.51	1.18	7.20	4.14
Options Trading	1.46	0.88	6.12	4.72
Real Estate	0.95	0.48	6.40	2.43
Relative Value Arbitrage	3.75	-3.02	14.17	1.08
Systematic Trend	1.12	1.04	7.56	3.18

## COMMODITIES<sup>2</sup>

	11/30/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/2021
Gold	2651	2063	1829	1837
Oil	68.3	71.9	79.5	75.3
Gasoline	3.04	3.12	3.09	3.28
Bitcoin	96,717	42,288	16,606	47,733

## BOND RATES<sup>2</sup>

	11/30/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/2021
Effective Fed Funds Rate	4.64	5.33	4.33	0.07
2-Year Treasury	4.13	4.23	4.41	0.73
10-Year Treasury	4.18	3.88	3.88	1.52
ICE BofA US Corp. AAA	4.64	4.52	4.67	2.03

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