

# Oaktree Strategic Credit Fund (AUD)

an Australian domiciled feeder fund investing into Oaktree Strategic Credit Fund (FCP)

# AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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# Oaktree Strategic Credit Fund

Shareholder Update for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2025

## Highlights

1.54% Calendar YTD Total Return (Class I Shares)<sup>1</sup> 10.31% Annualized Distribution Rate (Class I Shares)<sup>2</sup> \$5.8B Fair Value of Investments

**89.9%** Senior Secured Investments<sup>3</sup>

92.7% Floating Rate Investments<sup>4</sup>



# **Quarterly Performance Update**

The **Oaktree Strategic Credit Fund** (the "Fund") reported strong performance for the first calendar quarter of 2025 amid persistent market volatility fueled by macroeconomic and geopolitical challenges. The Fund's net asset value (NAV) per share finished the first calendar quarter of 2025 at \$23.28, down slightly from \$23.52 as of December 31, 2024. The Fund's annualized distribution rate for Class I shares was 10.31%<sup>2</sup> and the net return for the quarter for Class I shares was 1.54%,<sup>1</sup> reflecting the portfolio's defensive positioning.

### **Portfolio Positioning**

The Fund's all-weather approach aims to capitalize on favorable relative-value opportunities in credit across different market conditions. Our disciplined, bottom-up credit underwriting allows us to identify attractive risk-adjusted investment opportunities. Our portfolio emphasizes investments that are positioned at the top of the capital structure. As a result, we aim to enhance the stability and resilience of our investments, providing a solid foundation for long-term risk-adjusted returns. As of March 31, 2025, the Fund:

- Made over \$1 billion in new investments, including 11 private loan originations, in the quarter
- Had net leverage of 0.47x,<sup>5</sup> positioning the Fund to go on the offensive to invest in attractive opportunities as they arise
- Was over 89%<sup>3</sup> senior secured, demonstrating our focus on being at the top of the capital structure
- Had a 92%<sup>4</sup> allocation to floating-rate debt, which we believe positions us well in an uncertain rate environment
- Was diversified across 179 issuers and more than 35 industries, which helps to avoid being overly reliant on any particular industry for sourcing deal flow
- Had an average debt position (including unfunded commitments) of \$34.0 million and a weighted average yield on debt investments of just over 9.7%
- Had a median portfolio company EBITDA of \$188 million and loan-to-value of approximately 42%, underscoring our emphasis on investing in larger businesses with lower leverage
- Received investment grade ratings by Moody's of Baa3 and by Fitch of BBB-, underscoring our high credit quality<sup>6</sup>

## Outlook

We believe the portfolio's construction should continue to support performance. While interest rates stabilized in the first calendar quarter of the year, they remain higher than recent historical averages and credit instruments continue to provide investors with the potential for attractive riskadjusted returns.

Credit markets performed well in the final calendar quarter of 2024, as both public and private markets experienced a wave of repricing activity. As a result, we observed overall spreads compress throughout the year. However, momentum slowed meaningfully in the first quarter of 2025 amid increased policy uncertainty, which weighed on both public and private deal activity. If uncertainty persists, direct lenders may also encounter problem loans and higher redemption requests from their private business development companies, shrinking the supply of capital in credit markets. The longer we remain in this period of uncertainty, the more likely borrowers' financial health will deteriorate. This could drive leverage levels higher, push liquidity levels lower, and cause more borrowers to trip their debt covenants. Furthermore, borrowers with a nearterm maturity may struggle to refinance.

These crosscurrents certainly cloud our view of private credit origination, pricing and loan quality going forward. A handful of new deals have been signed over the last few weeks, and early indications point to direct lending spreads only widening by 25 to 50 basis points. Such limited widening is likely due to the lack of deal flow compounded by the fact that several of these companies have limited exposure to tariffs (e.g., domestic service businesses). At this point, these lending opportunities are well bid in a market with meaningful lending capacity. Overall, if current market conditions persist throughout 2025, fewer deals could be offset by fewer lenders which could leave supply and demand in rough balance.

In light of the above, we remain cautious in our investment approach but continue to see limited but actionable deal flow due through the strong sponsor and industry relationships that we have maintained over two decades. Additionally, should the broadly syndicated loan market remain challenged, demand for private credit will likely increase due to an increased need for refinancing capital. We endeavor to structure future investments with the view that it is more likely that uncertainty will continue to be the realm for the short to medium term.

Against this backdrop, we believe the Fund is positioned well for both market turbulence fueled by macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty, as well as an uncertain interest rate environment, given the portfolio's preponderance of senior secured, primarily first lien floating-rate holdings. Oaktree has navigated through many economic cycles and gained valuable experience that has allowed us to capitalize on opportunities during more volatile markets. We believe that having ample capital, taking a long-term view, and remaining focused on navigating short-term volatility should position the Fund well to capitalize on opportunities going forward.

Thank you for your continued investment and support.

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#### **Performance Summary**

#### Total Returns as of March 31, 2025<sup>1</sup>

	Monthly	Quarter	Calendar Year-to-Date	1-Year	Since Inception	Distribution Rate <sup>2</sup>
Class S Without Placement Fees	0.23%	1.33%	1.33%	8.23%	8.72%	9.46%
Class S With Maximum Placement Fees	-3.27%	-2.17%	-2.17%	4.73%	7.61%	
Class D Without Placement Fees	0.28%	1.48%	1.48%	8.88%	10.45%	- 10.06%
Class D With Maximum Placement Fees	-1.22%	-0.02%	-0.02%	7.38%	9.69%	
Class I	0.30%	1.54%	1.54%	9.15%	8.37%	10.31%

#### **ENDNOTES**

<sup>1</sup>Total return is calculated as the change in NAV per share during the period, plus distributions per share (assuming dividends and distributions are reinvested) divided by the beginning NAV per share. Class S Inception Date July 1, 2022. Class I Inception Date June 1, 2022. Class D Inception Date June 1, 2023.

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<sup>3</sup>Calculated as a percentage of total assets.

<sup>4</sup>Floating rate figure is a percent of fair value of debt investments.

<sup>5</sup>Net leverage ratio calculated as total debt divided by total net assets after adjusting for cash and cash equivalents.

<sup>6</sup>The underlying loans in the Fund are not rated. Credit ratings are statements of opinions and are not statements of fact or recommendations to purchase, hold or sell securities. Oaktree provides compensation directly to Fitch and Moody's for its evaluation of the Fund. Credit ratings do not address the suitability of securities or the suitability of securities for investment purposes and should not be relied on as investment advice.

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- We have a limited operating history and there is no assurance that we will achieve our investment objective.
- We are conducting a "blind pool" public offering pursuant to our prospectus and investors therein will not have the opportunity to evaluate our investments before we make them.
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- You should consider that you may not have access to the money you invest for an extended period of time.
- We do not intend to list our shares on any securities exchange, and we do not expect a secondary market in our shares to develop prior to any listing.
- Because you may be unable to sell your shares, you will be unable to reduce your exposure in any market downturn.
- We have implemented a share repurchase program, but only a limited number of shares will be eligible for repurchase and repurchases will be subject to available liquidity and other significant restrictions.
- An investment in our common shares of beneficial interest ("Common Shares") is not suitable for you if you need access to the money you invest. See "Suitability Standards" and "Share Repurchase Program" in the Fund's prospectus.
- We cannot guarantee that we will make distributions, and if we do, we may fund such distributions from sources other than cash flow from operations, including the sale of assets, borrowings, return of capital or offering proceeds, and although we generally expect to fund distributions from cash flow from operations, we have not established limits on the amounts we may pay from such sources.
- Distributions may also be funded in significant part, directly or indirectly, from temporary waivers or expense reimbursements borne by Oaktree Fund Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser") or its affiliates, that may be subject to reimbursement to the Adviser or its affiliates. The repayment of any amounts owed to our affiliates will reduce future distributions to which you would otherwise be entitled.
- We use and continue to expect to use leverage, which will magnify the potential for loss on amounts invested in us.
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