

# Summary

CVC Income & Growth Limited (the "Company" or "CVCIG") is a Jersey closed-ended investment company limited by shares.

The Company's shares are traded on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange (LSE).

The Company's investment policy is to invest predominantly in companies domiciled, or with material operations, in Western Europe across various industries. The Company's investments are focused on Senior Secured Obligations of such companies, but investments are also made across the capital structure of such borrowers.

The Company invests through Compartment A of CVC European Credit Opportunities S.à r.l. (the "Investment Vehicle"), a European credit opportunities investment vehicle managed by CVC Credit Partners Investment Management Limited.

#### Investment Objectives

- CVCIG is focused on capital preservation, and it seeks to generate high cash income via a stable and attractive dividend, as well as offer the potential for capital appreciation.
- It aims to provide shareholders with security, low volatility, liquidity, and low correlation with equities by investing in European sub-investment grade credit.

# Company NAV Total Return Cumulative Performance<sup>4</sup> (since inception)



	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YRS	5YRS	ITD
€ Share	2.33%	2.66%	21.69%	21.69%	24.31%	28.41%	70.68%
£ Share	2.39%	2.94%	22.79%	22.79%	28.44%	36.09%	86.49%

## December 2023

	V at 30 December	2023		
	EUR	GBP		
Share Price <sup>1</sup>	0.9400	1.050		
NAV <sup>2</sup>	1.0070	1.1134		
Total Net Assets <sup>3</sup>	97,226,934	129,311,600		
Market Capitalisation	90,760,528	132,399,129		
Company Informa	tion			
Vehicle Type	Closed-ended in company	vestment		
Domicile	Jersey			
Inception Date	25 June 2013			
Market	London Stock E	xchange		
LSE Identifier	EUR CVCE			
LSE Identifier	GBP CVCG	GBP CVCG		
ISIN Code	EUR JE00B9G7	79F59		
ISHV Code	GBP JE00B9M	RHZ51		
Website	ig.cvc.com			
Investment Vehicle Key Portfolio Statistics				
Floating Rate Assets		78.2%		
Fixed Rate Assets		19.4%		
Other Assets		2.5%		
Weighted Average	Market Price <sup>5</sup>	90.4		
W. 11. 36 . 5 . 6	EUR	14.1%		
Yield to Maturity <sup>6</sup>	GBP	15.4%		
C	EUR	12.5%		
Current Yield <sup>6</sup>	GBP	14.8%		
Weighted Average Fixed Rate Coupon		7.2%		
Weighted Average Floating Rate plus Margin		8.8%		
Note: All metrics exclude cash unless otherwise stated				
Asset Classification by Pricing Category				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Pricing Service 94%				
Broker Quotes 2%				
Model Price 4%				
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Note: Disclaimer & notes located at end of report



# Company Share Performance



Vertical lines in chart denote periodical dividend distributions. Please reference the table below for historical distribution information.

# Historical Dividend Distribution

Date	Dividend
11/02/14	1.0 p/c
22/07/14	2.5 p/c
20/02/15	2.5 p/c
07/08/15	2.5 p/c
26/02/16	2.5 p/c
05/08/16	2.5 p/c
03/11/16	1.25 p/c
02/02/17	1.25 p/c
04/05/17	1.25 p/c
10/08/17	1.375 p/c
02/11/17	1.375 p/c
01/02/18	1.375 p/c
03/05/18	1.375 p/c
09/08/18	1.375 p/c
01/11/18	1.375 p/c
07/02/19	1.375 p/c
02/05/19	1.375 p/c
01/08/19	1.375 p/c

Date	Dividend
07/11/19	1.375 p/c
06/02/20	1.375 p/c
14/05/20	1.375 p/c
06/08/20	1.0 p/c
12/11/20	1.125 p/c
04/02/21	1.125 p/c
06/05/21	1.125 p/c
05/08/21	1.25 p/c
11/11/21	1.25 p/c
03/02/22	1.25 p/c
26/05/22	1.25 p/c
04/08/22	1.25 p/c
03/11/22	1.50 p/c
09/02/23	2.5 p/1.75 c
11/05/23	1.875 p/1.750c
10/08/23	1.875 p/1.750c
10/11/23	1.875 p/1.750c

# Portfolio Manager



**Pieter Staclens**Managing Director
21 years experience

Pieter joined CVC Credit in 2018. Pieter joined from Janus Henderson Investors in London where he was involved in various High Yield strategies and a credit long/short strategy. Prior to this, Pieter was at James Caird Asset Management, CQS, Remus Partners and Bear Stearns. Pieter is a graduate of the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium. He also holds an MSc in Finance, Economics and Econometrics from the Cass Business School and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania.

# Market and Portfolio Commentary

The rally across most asset classes that started in late October continued in December. After the +9.1% gain in November, the S&P 500 gained another +4.5% in December, thereby closing the year at an all time high. Further declines in inflation and a range of central banks starting to sound more dovish led to optimism around a soft landing.

# European Sub Investment Grade Highlights<sup>a,b</sup>

Primary activity paused in December 2023 due to the seasonal market slowdown. New loan issuances totaled €2.1bn, down sequentially from December 2023 and December 2022 levels of €6.4bn and €3.6 bn, respectively. European HY issuances reached €2.7bn in December 2023, compared to €4.7bn in December 2023 and €2bn in December 2022. Primary activity in 2023 was dominated by amend and extend transactions and refinancings, as new M&A activity remained muted. The average spread for Term Loan Bs stood at +450ps and yield to maturity at 9.3%. We expect M&A activity to pick-up in the near-term and 2024 pipeline is building up as Sponsors are trying to exit businesses and realise their investments. As such, this should translate into new primary deals in 1H24.

The Credit Suisse Western European Leveraged Loan Index return, hedged to Euro, was +1.19% in December 2023 (Year to date ("YTD") +12.46%) after a late-year rally. Defensives were 1.2% and cyclicals 1.16% in December (YTD +11.9% / +13.05%). BBs returned +1.13%, while single Bs return was 1.35% and CCCs -1.08% (YTD +9.07% / +13.38% / +7.96%). As at the end of December, the 3-year discount margin on the index was 505bps. The Credit Suisse Western European High Yield Index return, hedged to Euro, was 2.86% in December 2023 following the aforementioned late-year rally (YTD +12.5%).

## **Portfolio Commentary**

December was a seasonally quiet month on the trading side. Within the performing credit sleeve, we started taking some profit on some of the high yield positions that did well in the recent high yield rally. We also added some smaller US positions in primary market as issuance was fairly muted in the European market.

There was also some activity in the credit opportunities sleeve. Early in the month, we initiated a position in a UK homebuilder in the low 80s. Even though the near term outlook for the business is uncertain, the company is asset rich and has considerable liquidity, while it is still free cash flow positive even at these low levels of activity. We added to two existing positions, one in the specialty finance sector and one in the transportation sector. Finally we exited a position in the travel sector. This name continued to underperform our expectations and the prospect of any recovery looks distant while liquidity is very tight.

Across the entire portfolio, as of December month end, the weighted average market price was 90.4, trading at a yield to maturity ("YTM") of 14.2% (€ hedged) / 15.5% (£ hedged) and delivering a 12.7% (€ hedged) / 14.0% (£ hedged) running cash yield. This compares to a weighted average price of 83.6 and YTM of 18.5% (€ hedged) / 20.2% (£ hedged) as of December 2022. Floating rate instruments comprised 78.2% of the portfolio while 74.9% was invested in senior secured assets. The portfolio had a cash position of 2.9% (including leverage) at the end of the month.

#### **Commentary Sources:**

- <sup>a</sup> Credit Suisse
- <sup>b</sup> Pitchbook LCD January 2024

**United States** 



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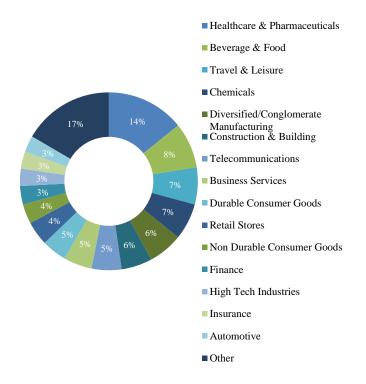
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# Investment Vehicle Portfolio Statistics as at 31 December 2023<sup>5</sup>

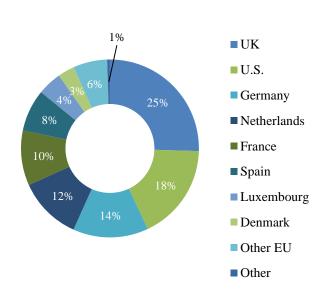
Top 10 Issuers			
Issuer	% of Gross Assets	Industry	Country
Doncasters	5.65%	Diversified / Conglomerate Manufacturing	United Kingdom
Ekaterra	3.09%	Beverages & Food	Netherlands
Keter	3.02%	Durable Consumer Goods	Netherlands
Wella	2.91%	Non-Durable Consumer Goods	United Kingdom
Hotelbeds	2.60%	Travel & Leisure	Spain
Colouroz	2.50%	Chemicals	Germany
D&G	2.35%	Insurance	United Kingdom
Kirk Beauty	2.24%	Retail Store	Germany
Drive Devilbiss	2.09%	Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	United States

Industry Exposure MV (%) Geographic Exposure MV (%)

Diversified / Conglomerate Manufacturing



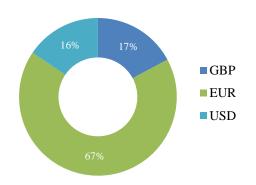
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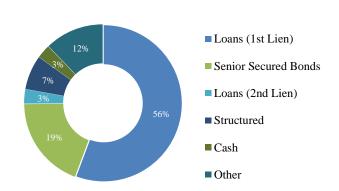




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Currency Exposure MV (%) Asset Exposure MV (%)





#### RepRisk ESG Rating8 MV (%) 40% 32% 31% 30% 23% 20% 7% 10% 3% 3% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% AAA AA A BBB BB В CCC CCC D NR

# Look Through Reporting<sup>9</sup> as at 31 December 2023

Rating Exposure			
Rating	Average Spread Duration <sup>10</sup>	MV (€)	MV (%)
BBB	4.26	1.5m	0%
BB	5.25	27.8m	9%
В	3.62	201.3m	63%
CCC	1.53	58.4m	18%
NR	3.88	31.2m	10%

Type	Duration	MV (€)	MV (%)
Floating	0.16	250.3m	78%
Fixed	2.73	62.1m	19%
Warrants	0.00	7.9m	2%

Rating Exposure

FX	Exposure	
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Currency	MV (€)	MV (%)
EUR	215.5m	67%
GBP	55.0m	17%
USD	49.7m	16%

#### **Notes & Assumptions:**

- The sum of the market values may be larger than the NAV due to the effect of the leverage facility
- All duration and yield calculations are based on assets outstanding to maturity (no call or amortisation assumptions)
- Duration is calculated using the DURATION function in Excel, and includes approximations for interest rate duration for floating rate assets
- Rating is based on the average corporate rating from S&P and Moody's
- Certain assets such as CLO equity tranches are assumed to have zero spread and interest rate duration
- The duration for non-equity CLO tranches is based on a WAL of 5 years after the end of the reinvestment period

Note: Amounts may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



## **Important Information**

#### Footnotes

- <sup>1</sup> Share price provided as at the closing month-end market mid-price
- <sup>2</sup> Opening NAV was 0.997, after initial costs
- <sup>3</sup> Includes the impact of the utilisation of the Investment Vehicle's leverage facility and its currency hedging strategy in relation to the underlying portfolio
- <sup>4</sup> NAV Total Return includes dividends reinvested
- <sup>5</sup> Average market price of the portfolio weighted against the size of each position
- <sup>6</sup>Current Yield including Investment Vehicle leverage

- <sup>7</sup> The RepRisk Rating is a letter rating (AAA to D) that facilitates benchmarking and integration of ESG and business conduct risks. NR indicates exposure to issuers not currently monitored by RepRisk. Data as at 31 December 2023.
- <sup>8</sup> Data excludes cash
- <sup>9</sup> Averages are weighted by market value

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