

# FS Credit Opportunities Corp. listing overview

## Summary

FS Credit Opportunities Corp. (the “Fund” or “FSCO”) listed its shares on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on November 14 through a direct listing. The Fund ranks as one of the largest credit-focused closed-end funds by asset size in the market with an **attractive dividend yield, strong track record** and **differentiated strategy** investing in public and private credit.

The third phase of the listing will occur on May 15, 2023, through which the last 1/3 of all shares will be available for trading.

## Overview

<b>Ticker</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NYSE: FSCO</li></ul>
<b>Listing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November 14, 2022</li></ul>
<b>Post-listing liquidity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shareholders and the Fund’s board of directors (the “Board”) approved a proposal for the Fund to implement a phased approach to the listing based on the following schedule:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– November 14, 2022: up to 1/3 of shares held by all shareholders were made available for trading. Accounts with balances of \$15,000 or less prior to listing had all shares made available for trading at listing.</li><li>– February 13, 2023 (90 days post-listing): an additional 1/3 of shares held by all shareholders were made available for trading.</li><li>– May 15, 2023 (180 days post-listing): the remaining 1/3 of shares held by all shareholders will be available for trading. This is the final phase of the listing.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Dividends</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An amended and restated distribution reinvestment plan (A&amp;R DRP) became effective upon the listing but remains suspended during the phased listing.</li><li>• Therefore, monthly dividends will continue to be paid in <b>cash</b> during the three phases of the listing.</li><li>• We expect the Fund to reinstate the A&amp;R DRP on May 16, 2023 at the conclusion of the third phase of the listing.</li><li>• Upon DRP reinstatement, registered shareholders who elected to receive cash prior to the listing and still hold their shares with the Fund’s transfer agent will continue to receive cash distributions.</li></ul>
<b>Client accounts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post-listing, client accounts now reflect <b>FSCO’s public market price</b>.</li><li>• To account for the three phases of the listing, a shareholder’s shares were split evenly across three separate accounts at the transfer agent prior to the listing in November with each account holding 1/3 of a shareholder’s total shares at listing.</li><li>• Upon each phase of the listing, the respective 1/3 of all shares are made available for trading and automatically moved to a single account.</li><li>• There is <b>no action</b> financial advisors or shareholders need to take to complete these transactions.</li></ul>
<b>Account freeze</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In advance of the third phase of the listing, an account maintenance freeze will go into effect at the Fund’s transfer agent from May 1, 2023 to May 15, 2023.</li><li>• After May 15, 2023, registered shareholders may be able to re-register accounts or change custodians for shares held with SS&amp;C Technologies, Inc. (transfer agent).</li></ul>

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## Listing considerations

### 1. Why list FSCO's shares on the NYSE?

- In addition to providing shareholders with enhanced liquidity of their shares, we believe the Fund and portfolio will be competitively positioned in the public markets.
- **Fully scaled credit platform:** As of December 31, 2022, the Fund managed \$2.0 billion in assets, ranking as one of the largest public credit-focused closed-end funds by asset size. The portfolio management team, led by Andrew Beckman and Nick Heilbut, leverages the full resources, infrastructure, and expertise of FS Investments, a \$35 billion alternative asset manager.
- **Strong track record:** The Fund has outperformed high yield bonds by 189 basis points and loans by approximately 77 basis points per year since Andrew Beckman and the FS Investments Liquid Credit & Special Situations team assumed all portfolio management responsibilities in January 2018 through December 31, 2022.<sup>1</sup>
- **Competitive dividend:** On November 18, 2022, the Board announced an increase to the monthly dividend from \$0.0425 per share to \$0.04945 per share effective with the December dividend. On an annualized basis, the dividend increased from \$0.51 per share to approximately \$0.59 per share, representing an annualized dividend yield of 9.34% based on the Fund's net asset value as of December 31, 2022.<sup>2</sup>
- **Diversified credit strategy:** FSCO invests in non-traditional areas of the public and private credit markets where a yield or return premium may exist due to complexity, illiquidity or a result of corporate events. Especially in today's challenging environment for traditional fixed income, we believe having a flexible strategy to invest across private and public credit markets is critical to generating differentiated returns and managing risk.
- **Diversified portfolio:**<sup>3</sup>

82% senior secured debt<sup>4</sup>

85 portfolio companies

63% floating rate assets<sup>5</sup>

Low average duration: 1.2 years<sup>7</sup>

### 2. When will FSCO's shares be available for trading?

- Shareholders and the Fund's Board approved a proposal for the Fund to implement a phased approach to the listing. Shares will be available for trading based on the following schedule:
  - At listing: up to 1/3 of shares held by all shareholders were available for trading
  - 90 days post-listing: an additional 1/3 of shares held by all shareholders were available for trading
  - 180 days post-listing: the remaining 1/3 of shares held by all shareholders will be available for trading

### 3. What was the purpose of the phased approach for the listing?

- The phased approach is intended to help ease the anticipated downward pressure on the market price of the Fund's shares in the period shortly following the listing.
- While we believe there are compelling reasons for shareholders to continue holding their shares after a listing, we understand that some investors may prefer to have full liquidity of their shares in the period immediately following the listing.

<sup>1</sup> Bonds are represented by the ICE BofAML U.S. High Yield Bond Index. Loans are represented by the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index.

<sup>2</sup> The payment of future dividends on FSCO's common shares is subject to the discretion of the Board and applicable legal restrictions and, therefore, there can be no assurance as to the amount or timing of any such future dividends.

<sup>3</sup> Based on fair value as of September 30, 2022.

<sup>4</sup> Senior secured debt includes first lien loans, second lien loans and senior secured bonds.

<sup>5</sup> Includes floating rate assets on a look-through basis within the FSCO's Asset Based Finance investments.

<sup>7</sup> As of September 30, 2022. Includes all debt investments. Duration measures the sensitivity of a fixed income investment's price to changes in interest rates and is measured in years. A duration of 1.0 years suggests that a 1% rise in interest rates would equate to a 1.0% decline in FSCO's NAV and vice versa as rates fall.

- When studying prior direct listings, we recognize that there has been a tendency for shareholders to sell their shares in the period immediately after the listing, regardless of underlying fund performance or the level of income paid by the fund. In some cases, the volume of shares sold significantly outweighed demand for the shares, resulting in downward pressure on stock prices.
- Therefore, the phased approach is intended to ease the anticipated downward pressure on FSCO's share price in the period immediately following the listing since FSCO's public share price may be more influenced by an imbalance in supply (existing shareholders seeking to sell their shares) and demand (existing and new investors seeking to buy shares) than the Fund's fundamental performance.

## Account maintenance & reporting

### 5. Will there be an account freeze prior to the final phase of the listing?

- Yes. An account maintenance freeze will go into effect on May 1, 2023 prior to the completion of the third phase of the listing on May 15, 2023. At that time, the remaining 1/3 of the shares will be available for trading.

### 6. How can I sell my shares?

- For shares held with a custodian such as Ameriprise, Charles Schwab, LPL, Pershing, NFS, TD Ameritrade or Wells Fargo Clearing, there is no action you need to take prior to the respective phase of the listing. Your FSCO shares will be available for trading after each phase of the listing. You may also continue to hold your shares in your brokerage account or transfer the shares to a fee-based account, where applicable, upon the completion of each phase of the listing.
- For accounts where FSCO shares are not currently held by a custodian, your shares are likely held by SS&C Technologies, Inc. the Fund's transfer agent (formerly known as DST Systems). There is no action required unless you would like to buy or sell shares after the completion of each phase of the listing. You can buy or sell shares through two ways:
  - First, you can work with a financial advisor to open a new brokerage account or transfer your shares to an existing brokerage account once the Fund's shares have been made available for trading. Contact your financial institution to discuss their preferred process for transferring shares. In most cases, the brokerage firm may require the submission of their proprietary transfer form along with a Direct Registration Transaction Advice, or DRTA. The Fund will mail your DRTA shortly prior to the completion of each phase of the listing.
  - Moving shares typically takes 2-3 business days, depending on the brokerage firm's policies and procedures. Please note that you will receive a DRTA for each phase of the listing in order to transfer your shares to your brokerage account. Again, there is no action you need to take unless you wish to buy additional shares or sell your shares at each phase of the listing.
  - If you do not wish to transfer your shares to a brokerage account, the second option is to sell your shares through the Direct Liquidation Program through the Fund's transfer agent. You will need to complete the Fund's liquidation form which will be available on our website at [www.fsinvestments.com](http://www.fsinvestments.com) or [www.fsproxy.com](http://www.fsproxy.com).

### 7. What happened to my shares during the phased listing process?

- To account for the three phases of the listing, shares were split evenly across three separate accounts at the transfer agent, which we refer to as Account 1, Account 2 and Account 3 below. Since the listing, client accounts reflect the **public market price** of FSCO's common stock across all three accounts.
- Shares in Account 1 were free to trade at listing on November 14, 2022 and were eligible to be moved to a brokerage account while shares in Accounts 2 & 3 were not made available for trading.
- 90 days following the listing (February 13, 2023), an additional 1/3 of shares were available for trading

through Account 1 and were eligible to be moved to a brokerage account. The remaining 1/3 of shares in Account 3 was not available for trading.

- 180 days following the listing (May 15, 2023), the final 1/3 of shares held in Account 3 will be available for trading through Account 1 and will be eligible to be moved to a brokerage account.
- For registered stockholders, the transfer agent will continue to issue quarterly statements until shares are moved to a brokerage account.

		FSCO shares		
At listing		Account 1	Account 2	Account 3
	% of total shares	1/3	1/3	1/3
	Statement value	Stock price	Stock price	Stock price
	Available for trading?	Yes	No	No
90 days		Account 1	Account 3	
	% of total shares	2/3	1/3	
	Statement value	Stock price	Stock price	
	Available for trading?	Yes	No	
180 days		Account 1		
	% of total shares	100%		
	Statement value	Stock price		
	Available for trading?	Yes		

Please note there is no action financial advisors or shareholders need to take for these transactions to occur. FS Investments will work closely with the Fund's transfer agent, broker dealers and custodians to complete these transactions.

## Dividends

### 8. Will FSCO continue to pay monthly dividends?

- On November 18, 2022, the Board announced an increase to the monthly dividend from \$0.0425 per share to \$0.04945 per share effective with the December dividend. On an annualized basis, the dividend increased from \$0.51 per share to approximately \$0.59 per share, representing an annualized dividend yield of 9.34% based on the Fund's net asset value as of December 31, 2022.<sup>6</sup>
- An amended and restated distribution reinvestment plan (A&R DRP) became effective upon the listing but will be suspended during the phased listing. Therefore, monthly dividends will be paid in **cash** during the three phases of the listing
- We expect the Fund to reinstate the A&R DRP on May 16, 2023, 181 days following the listing.
- Upon DRP reinstatement, registered shareholders who elected to receive cash prior to the listing and still hold their shares with the Fund's transfer agent will continue to receive cash distributions.

## Tax and other considerations

### 10. Will each phase of the listing create a taxable event?

- The listing itself did not create a taxable event. However, if shareholders decide to sell their shares, they could be subject to taxes.
- Shareholders should consult with their financial and tax advisors before selling their shares in order to

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best understand their individual tax considerations.

#### 11. Where can I find additional resources?

- Visit [www.fsproxy.com](http://www.fsproxy.com) or [www.fsinvestments.com/fs-credit-opportunities-corp/](http://www.fsinvestments.com/fs-credit-opportunities-corp/)

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