# **EJF Investments Limited**

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MONTHLY NAV PERFORMANCE													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
2022 Monthly Performance (inclusive of dividends) (%)	0.13	1.34	2.22	4.01	0.72	1.87	1.09	2.73	2.47	(0.40)	(3.15)		13.63
2021 Monthly Performance (inclusive of dividends) (%)	1.99	0.15	2.12	0.44	(2.09)	2.80	(0.01)	0.55	3.06	(0.16)	3.25	(1.43)	11.02
2020 Monthly Performance (inclusive of dividends) (%)	0.47	0.18	(13.57)	0.58	3.33	0.15	1.25	0.34	0.40	(0.73)	1.16	0.25	(7.02)
2019 Monthly Performance (inclusive of dividends) (%)	0.35	0.41	1.77	5.61	0.83	0.26	0.56	0.62	0.21	0.04	0.13	0.63	11.88
2018 Monthly Performance (inclusive of dividends) (%)	8.28	0.70	0.12	2.70	2.10	1.62	0.50	2.39	0.08	0.32	0.22	(1.13)	19.08
2017 Monthly Performance (inclusive of dividends) (%)	0.51*	2.96	3.65	0.24	2.85	0.34	0.90	1.37	0.54	4.92	0.59	2.53	23.47

<sup>\*</sup>This performance reflects the period 1 January through 9 February, the Exchange Offer Completion Date.

EJF Capital LLC AUM<sup>1</sup>

\$7.5 Billion

EJFI Annualised Performance since inception<sup>2</sup>

10.64%

#### **Manager Monthly Commentary**

Portfolio Activity: EJFl's November 2021 NAV was £112.3 million or GBp184 per share, representing a loss for the month of 3.15% and a year-to-date total return of 13.63%. This performance was primarily driven by FX losses of 283bps as the U.S. Dollar fell in value against the Pound Sterling. The Company has hedged approximately 50% of its underlying U.S. Dollar asset exposure which has reduced the impact. In addition, after strong performance, the mortgage servicing rights ("MSR") investment declined by 72bps as a result of interest rate volatility. The Company has a small U.S. Treasury hedge against this exposure which modestly offset the loss. Elsewhere, the portfolio experienced modest movements across other assets with gains from its' other regular interest accruals netting to a small portfolio loss of 9bps including the MSR investment.

**Market:** In November, investors continued to anticipate a Federal Reserve 'pivot' to a less hawkish approach to future monetary policy. Earlier in the month, the Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") increased the targeted Fed Funds rate by 75 bps to a range of 3.75% – 4.00%, the fourth straight hike of short-term interest rates by 75 bps. The month also saw some inflation indicators showing signs of a declining rate of inflation including the Consumer Price Index on 10th November. These developments overshadowed political events, as the U.S. midterm elections proved benign, with a strong showing by the Democrats shutting down the expected "red wave" and potential fiscal deadlock.

As the month progressed, multiple members of the FOMC spoke about slowing the pace of interest rate hikes, including Chairman Powell as he said "the time for moderating the pace of rate increases may come as soon as the December meeting" in a speech on November 30th. The 10-Year U.S. Treasury yield declined to 3.61% at the end of the month from 4.05% the prior month, and five-year high yield spreads as denoted by the Markit CDX High Yield North America index contracted to 452 bps at the end of November from 520 bps at the end of October.

The U.S. banking sector fundamentals remain solid following the third quarter earnings season and continue to underpin much of the Company's asset exposure. Strong loan growth is driving a balance sheet remix to higher-yielding earning assets and deposit costs remain well contained through the end of September. This contributed to the sector's aggregate net interest margin expansion of 32 bps to 3.00%. Cycle-to-date, the industry's total cost of deposits increased to just 0.54% in the third quarter of 2022 from 0.11% in Q1 2022 and Q4 2021, while the average effective Fed Funds rate increased to 2.19% in the third quarter from just 0.08% in Q4 2021. Credit quality in the U.S. banking sector has remained pristine, with net charge-off ratios remaining well below average levels at just 0.25% annualised, and the non-performing loan percentage declining to 0.83%. To compare this to a "prepandemic" or more normal period, the full-year 2019 net charge-off ratio was 0.49% and the non-performing loan ratio ended 2019 at 0.98%. Whilst we anticipate some weakening, we believe this is from a position of considerable strength.

**Dividend:** The Board continues to meet its target dividend for the year ending 31 December 2022 with the quarterly dividend of 2.675 pence per ordinary share declared on 27 October 2022 being paid on 30 November 2022

Other Matters: The Company duly repaid the approximately 5 million outstanding 2022 ZDP shares upon redemption on 30th November 2022.

<sup>1</sup>AUM includes \$3.3 billion of CDO managed assets and \$181.5 million of uncalled capital as at 30 September 2022. <sup>2</sup>Based on the Company's 30 November 2022 unaudited financials.

EJFI Key Facts (at 30 November 2022)				
Ticker Symbol	EJFI LN			
NAV/Share	GBp184 (\$2.22 equivalent)			
Share Price	GBp133			
Share Price Premium/ (Discount) to NAV	(27.7)%			
EJFI NAV	£112.3 million			
Market Cap	£81.3 million			
Gross Asset Value	£132.3 million			
Target Return	8%-10% total return			
Quarterly Dividend <sup>1</sup>	GBp2.675 per share (GBp10.7 per share p.a.)			
Dividend Yield	8.05% (share price) 5.82% (NAV)			
Currency <sup>2</sup>	GBP <sup>2</sup>			
2022 ZDP Shares Repaid	Shares: 5m, Maturity: 11/2022			
2025 ZDP Shares	Ticker: EJF0 LN Shares: 17m, Maturity: 6/2025 Capital Entitlement: GBp140.0 Current Share Price: GBp118.0			

<sup>1</sup>The Company targets an annual dividend of 10.7 pence per share for the financial year to 31 December 2022, to be distributed evenly in four quarterly payments.

<sup>2</sup>The Company's base currency is denominated in GBP, though most of the Company's investments are currently in USD. As of 30 November 2022, USD 85.3m of approximately USD 158.5m exposure is hedged.

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## Existing Portfolio Description<sup>1</sup>

### **Securitisations & Related Investments**

- £94.8 million investment in the equity tranches of seven securitisations sponsored by EJF Capital LLC
- £8.1 million investment in EJF CDO Manager LLC (49% ownership interest)
- £1.4 million investment in a TruPS CDO security

### **Specialty Finance Investments**

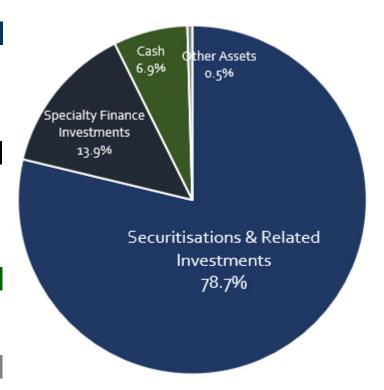
- £11.4 million investment in a portfolio of mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs")
- £1.5 million in U.S. Treasury bills to partially hedge MSRs
- £4.2 million investment in FinTech debt securities
- £1.2 million investment in portfolio of high interest rate loans to U.S. law firms engaged in mass tort litigation

#### Cash

- £3.8 million unrestricted cash
- £5.2 million restricted cash²

#### Other Assets

£0.6 million of other assets



- 1. Based on the Company's 30 November 2022 unaudited financials.
- Net of an unrealised loss on forward currency contracts of £1.0 million.

### Company Overview

EJF Investments Ltd (together with its subsidiary, "EJFI" or the "Company") is a closed-ended investment company investing in opportunities created in the U.S. banking and insurance sectors by regulatory and structural changes impacting the financial services sector. The Company seeks to generate risk adjusted shareholder returns by investing in a diversified portfolio of long-term, cash-flow generating assets, which may include structured debt and equity, loans, bonds, preference shares, convertible notes and private equity, in both cash and synthetic formats issued by entities domiciled in the U.S and Europe.

#### **Target Investments**

The Company seeks to achieve its investment objective primarily by investing in assets that have been impacted by regulatory and structural changes to the finance industry. These target investments consist primarily of: (a) Securitisation and Related Investments; and (b) Specialty Finance Investments.

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