# **EJF Investments Limited**





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MONTHLY NAV PERFORMANCE													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	YTD
2023 Monthly Performance (inclusive of dividends) (%)	(0.58)	1.48											0.89
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)	0.20	13.85
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

\*This performance reflects the period 1 February through 9 February, the Exchange Offer Completion Date.

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

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

11.67%

#### Manager Monthly Commentary

\$7.2 Billion

#### **Portfolio Activity:**

EJFI's February 2023 NAV was £111.9<sup>2</sup> million or GBp183<sup>2</sup>per share, representing a gain for the month of 1.48%<sup>2</sup>inclusive of the dividend paid during the month. This performance was generated by continued positive underlying portfolio performance and FX gains for the month.

The positive portfolio performance was primarily driven by 74bps gain on securitisations & related investments and modest movements across other assets including a 9bps loss on MSR related hedges, which netted to a total portfolio gain of 65bps. FX gains were 103bps. The Company hedged approximately 55% of its underlying U.S. Dollar asset exposure.

Elsewhere, the Company exited a small US FinTech position during the month and received the full redemption of its investment in the Armadillo investment post month end. These events increased the Company's cash balances which are intended to be redeployed in due course.

#### Market:

February was challenging for the financial sector given persistent interest rate volatility. The policysensitive 2-year Treasury bond increased from 4.20% to 4.82% during the month as the January Consumer Price Index unexpectedly rose 0.5% month over month. At the end of February, the Fed Funds futures expected to see continued hikes with almost no cuts throughout 2023, ending the year with rates around 5.5%. As at February month-end the market was anticipating the U.S. Federal Reserve would increase Fed Funds rate by 25 to 50 basis points in March 2023.

Interest rate volatility continued to be a headwind for the financial sector. In the six to eight weeks since reporting fourth quarter earnings, many banks have revised earnings lower from their already weak guidance or even refused to provide margin guidance citing sustained deposit pressures and macroeconomic uncertainty. Funding continues to be competitive as the trend of deposit pressures and way from non-interest-bearing deposits and overall higher outflows continues. Additionally, credit quality is slowly starting to normalise specifically in commercial real estate subsectors of office and healthcare but remains strong in many areas at the moment.

#### Post Month End Market Update:

Further to month end, there has been significant turmoil in certain segments of the US banking sector and associated broader market volatility and concerns. The Company's exposure to crystallised events was disclosed on 15 March 2023 (link), with the main points being:

- that it has no underlying exposure to SVB Financial Group or Signature Bank, which have been placed into receivership.
- 2. that it has a small underlying exposure to Silvergate Capital Corporation, which announced its intent to wind down operations and voluntarily liquidate Silvergate Bank in an orderly manner on 8 March 2023. The combined exposure is less than 2.5% of January's NAV on a look through basis, prior to any recoveries.

<sup>1</sup>AUM includes \$3.3 billion of CDO managed assets and \$211.5 million of uncalled capital as at 31 December 2022. <sup>2</sup>Based on the Company's 28 February 2023 unaudited financials.

# EJFI Key Facts (at 28 February 2023)

Ticker Symbol	EJFI LN			
NAV/Share	GBp183 (\$2.25 equivalent)			
Share Price	GBp131			
Share Price Premium/ (Discount) to NAV	(28.4)%			
EJFI NAV	£111.9 million			
Market Cap	£80.1 million			
Gross Asset Value	£132.2 million			
Target Return	8%-10% total return			
Quarterly Dividend <sup>1</sup>	GBp2.675 per share (GBp10.7 per share p.a.)			
Dividend Yield	8.17% (share price) 5.85% (NAV)			
Currency <sup>2</sup>	GBP <sup>2</sup>			
2025 ZDP Shares	Ticker: EJF0 LN Shares: 17m, Maturity: 6/2025 Capital Entitlement: GBp140.0 Current Share Price: GBp118.5			

<sup>1</sup>The Company targets an annual dividend of 10.7 pence per share for the financial year to 31 December 2023, 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 28 February 2023, USD 85.3m of approximately USD 153.9m exposure is hedged.

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

#### Securitisations & Related Investments

- £93.1 million investment in the equity tranches of seven securitisations sponsored by EJF Capital LLC
- £7.4 million investment in EJF CDO Manager LLC (49% ownership interest)
- £1.4 million investment in a TruPS CDO security

#### **Specialty Finance Investments**

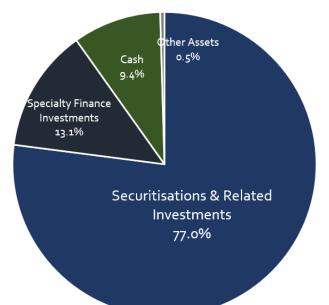
- £10.4 million investment in a portfolio of mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs")
- £3.6 million in U.S. Treasury bills to partially hedge MSRs
- £2.1 million investment in FinTech debt securities
- £1.2 million investment in portfolio of high interest rate loans to U.S. law firms engaged in mass tort litigation

#### Cash

- £9.1 million unrestricted cash
- £3.3 million restricted cash<sup>2</sup>

#### Other Assets

£0.6 million of other assets



- 1. Based on the Company's 28 February 2023 unaudited financials.
- 2. Net of an unrealised loss on forward currency contracts of £0.2 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, FinTech debt securities and private equity, in both cash and synthetic formats issued by entities domiciled in the U.S., U.K. 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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