

Finding the best managers, CLOs and direct lenders

To compile the shortlist for the annual Creditflux awards, we select the best performers in credit using a combination of detailed, data-driven metrics. The winners will be announced on 8 May

he 2019 *Creditflux* Manager Awards are the most hotly contested ever, with a record 75 submissions from CLO managers globally. There are 18 award categories in total with CVC Credit Partners, Octagon Credit Investors and Spire Partners finalists in three categories each, while 14 managers are in the running for two wins. The winners will be revealed on 8 May at the Landmark Hotel in London. Unlike other CLO award ceremonies, the *Creditflux* awards are based purely on performance stats. This year, several smaller CLO issuers have made it as finalists. Notably, the award for best new US CLO sees CBAM and Nassau Corporate Credit – both of which debuted in 2017 – competing with established operators.



Best new US CLO		Best new middle market CLO	
Halcyon Loan Advisors Funding 2018-1	Bardin HIII	Ivy Hill XIV	Ares (Ivy Hill)
CBAM 2018-6	CBAM	Cerberus Loan Funding XXIII	Cerberus
Nassau 2018-I	Nassau	Golub Capital Partners CLO 36 (M)	Golub
Octagon 37	Octagon	Monroe Capital MML CLO VI	Monroe
Best new European CLO		Best middle market CLO	
Halcyon European Funding 2018-1	Bardin Hill	Carlyle Direct Lending 2015-1R	Carlyle
Black Diamond CLO 2017-2	Black Diamond	Cerberus Loan Funding XXI	Cerberus
BlackRock European CLO 5	BlackRock	NewStar Arlington CLO	First Eagle
Aurium CLO IV	Spire	Golub Capital Partners CLO 16(M)-R	Golub
Best US CLO		Best European direct lending fund	
Octagon 27	Octagon	Ares Capital Europe II	Ares
Mountain View CLO X	Seix	Beechbrook Mezzanine II	Beechbrook
Sound Point CLO IV-R	Sound Point	Cordet Direct Lending Fund I	Cordet
Steele Creek CLO 2014-1R	Steele Creek	Kartesia Credit Opportunities III	Kartesia
		Tikehau Direct Lending IV	Tikehau
Best European CLO			
BlackRock European CLO 1	BlackRock	Best US direct lending fund	
Cadogan Square CLO V	CSAM	AG Direct Lending Fund	Angolo Cord
Cordatus Loan Fund V	CVC	Churchill Middle Market Senior Loan Fund	Angelo Gord
Aurium CLO II	Spire	Monroe Capital Senior Secured Direct Loan Fund	Monroe
		THL Credit Direct Lending Fund III	THL
Best US boutique CLO manager			
Allstate		Best closed-end CLO fund	
Gallatin			A.L
Nassau		Alcentra Structured Credit Opps Fund	Alcentra
Saratoga		CIFC CLO Opportunity Fund II	CIFC
		Blackstone/GSO Loan Financing	GSO Oxford Evend
Best European boutique CLO manager		Oxford Bridge	Oxford Fund
Black Diamond		Napier Park Strategic CLO Fund	Napier Park
GoldenTree			
Ostrum		Best CLO fund	
Permira		Alcentra Structured Credit Opportunities II	Alcentra
		Axa IM Novalto - CLO Credit Fund	Axa IM
Best European CLO redeemed in 2018		BK Opportunities Fund III	Crystal Fund
Jubilee I-R	Alcentra	Lupus Alpha CLO Opportunity Notes II	Lupus Alpha
Cordatus Loan Fund II	CVC		
Eaton Vance CDO X	Eaton Vance	Best US CLO manager	
Harbourmaster Pro Rata 3	GSO	CBAM	
		Octagon	
Best 1.0 US CLO redeemed in 2018		Sound Point	
	First Family	Zais	
Lime Street CLO	First Eagle		

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Venture VIII	MJX	
Mountain View CLO III	Seix	
California Street III	Symphony	

Best 2.0 US CLO redeemed in 2018		
ALM XI	Apollo	
Babson CLO 2013-II	Barings	
Cent CLO 18	Columbia	
NZCG Funding 2	Guggenheim	

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Best European CLO manager
Barings
CSAM
CVC
Spire

Creditflux manager of the year

Finalists will be announced on the night