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Credit stress in private credit, measured loan by loan

A public, quarterly series built from the loan books that US business development companies (BDCs) file with the SEC.

162	36,700	7,100	USD 480bn
BDCs, 88 managers	loan positions	borrowers, 690 European	loans at fair value

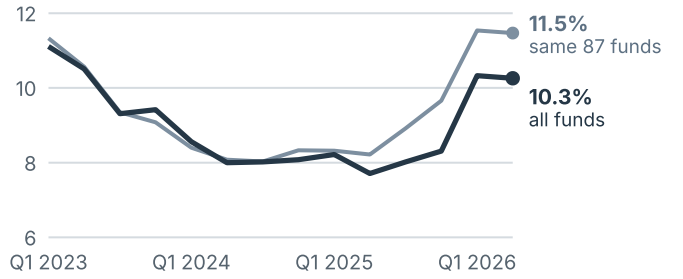
WHY WE BUILT IT

European investors have bought private credit for a decade without a public, loan-level measure of what they own. At practitioner events over the past year, "lack of data" was the top-ranked answer on the main risk in private credit.

A payment default is the last step of a longer process. Before it, the lender marks the loan down, switches cash interest to PIK, amends the terms or stops accruing interest. The radar counts each of these decisions on every loan and follows each loan since March 2023.

One in ten loan positions is marked below 90

Share of loan positions marked below 90% of face value, %



WHAT IT MEASURES: SIX INDICATORS AT 30 JUNE 2026

1 · Marked below 90
10.3% 7.7% a year earlier
Loan positions marked below 90% of face value

2 · Markdown breadth
4.0% 3.1% a year earlier
Positions marked down five points or more in the quarter

3 · Cross-manager mark gap
12.3% 9.3% a year earlier
Shared borrowers marked five or more points apart by two managers

4 · PIK switch rate
1.44% 1.15% a year earlier
Positions switched from cash interest to PIK in the quarter

5 · Distress amendments
0.53% 0.40% a year earlier
Positions amended under stress in the quarter

6 · Non-accrual
1.84% 1.29% a year earlier
Debt at cost on which the lender no longer accrues interest

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IT

- **Set a benchmark.** Read a portfolio's marks, PIK and non-accruals against the six indicators for 162 funds.
- **See beyond the six.** The same panel records sectors, seniority, loan vintages and, where identified, sponsors; the pricing of new loans; and each fund's leverage, liquidity and tender requests.
- **Check valuations.** See how often two managers value the same borrower five or more points apart.
- **Go deeper with us.** The public series shows a fraction of it. Partners get every indicator by seniority, sponsor status and sector, the European book by country, and our reading each quarter: radar@privatecreditradar.eu

WHAT COMES NEXT

14 December 2026
Q3 and European book
The six indicators for European borrowers in US BDC books.

January 2027
Liquidity flash
Undrawn commitments to borrowers already under stress.

Spring 2027
Year-end and history
Books at 31 December 2026; the series back to 2019.

Then quarterly
New indicators
Deep dives, for example by loan vintage and by sector.

Our aim: the series a European investor opens first when the question is how private credit is doing.

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