



## **European Direct Lending Remains Resilient in a Falling Interest Rate Environment**

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Interest in European Direct Lending has increased substantially in the last 12 months. Even as rates fall, European Direct Lending remains a compelling asset class delivering consistent return premiums to public fixed income assets, with lower default & loss rates. As one of the leading Direct Lenders in Europe, with a track record dating back to 2007, Ares is ideally placed to provide insight into the key drivers within the asset class and where we see the most attractive risk-adjusted opportunities.



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