

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 11, 2023** (October 10, 2023)

CION Investment Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-54755

(Commission File Number)

45-3058280

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**100 Park Avenue, 25th Floor
New York, New York 10017**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(212) 418-4700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Trading symbol(s)

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share

CION

The New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 10, 2023, CION Investment Corporation (“CION”) issued approximately \$33.7 million in aggregate principal amount of its additional Series A Unsecured Notes due 2026 (the “Additional Notes”) to institutional investors in Israel. The Additional Notes were issued pursuant to the Deed of Trust dated as of February 20, 2023 (the “Deed of Trust”) with Mishmeret Trust Company Ltd., as trustee, and were issued by way of expanding, and have the same terms and conditions as, the existing Series A Unsecured Notes due 2026 that were issued by CION on February 28, 2023. After the deduction of fees and other offering expenses, CION received net proceeds of approximately \$32.3 million, which CION intends to use to make investments in portfolio companies in accordance with its investment objectives and for working capital and general corporate purposes. The Additional Notes are rated A1.il by Midroog Ltd., an affiliate of Moody’s, and commenced trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Ltd. on October 10, 2023.

The Additional Notes will mature on August 31, 2026 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at CION’s option at par plus a “make-whole” premium, if applicable, as set forth in the Deed of Trust. The Additional Notes bear interest at a floating rate equal to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) plus a credit spread of 3.82% per year, which will be paid quarterly on February 28, May 31, August 31, and November 30 of each year, commencing on November 30, 2023. The Additional Notes are CION’s general unsecured obligations that rank senior in right of payment to all of CION’s existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Additional Notes, rank *pari passu* with all existing and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness issued by CION, rank effectively junior to any of CION’s secured indebtedness (including unsecured indebtedness that CION later secures) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, and rank structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by CION’s subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities.

The Deed of Trust contains other terms and conditions, including, without limitation, affirmative and negative covenants such as (i) information reporting, (ii) maintenance of CION’s status as a business development company within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (iii) minimum shareholders’ equity of \$525 million, (iv) a minimum asset coverage ratio of not less than 150%, and (v) an unencumbered asset coverage ratio of 1.25 to 1.00. In addition, the Deed of Trust contains customary events of default with customary cure and notice periods, including, without limitation, nonpayment, incorrect representation in any material respect, breach of covenant, cross-default under other indebtedness of CION in an outstanding aggregate principal amount of at least \$50,000,000, certain judgments and orders, and certain events of bankruptcy.

The Additional Notes were sold in an offshore transaction to certain non-U.S. persons outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). The Additional Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements.

The foregoing description of the Deed of Trust as set forth in this Item 1.01 is a summary only and is qualified in all respects by the provisions of such agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. A copy of a press release announcing the foregoing is also attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

10.1 [Deed of Trust, dated as of February 20, 2023, by and between CION Investment Corporation and Mishmeret Trust Company Ltd. \(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 2023\).](#)
99.1 [Press Release dated October 11, 2023.](#)
104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CION Investment Corporation

Date: October 11, 2023

By: /s/ Michael A. Reisner
Co-Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT LIST

EXHIBIT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

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<u>99.1</u> 104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

Exhibit 99.1



CION Investment Corporation Announces Issuance of Approximately \$34 Million of Additional Series A Unsecured Notes in Israel

Additional Series A Unsecured Notes are rated A1.i1

NEW YORK, NY (October 11, 2023)--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--CION Investment Corporation (NYSE: CION) ("CION") announced today that it closed an additional offering in Israel of approximately \$33.7 million in aggregate principal amount of its Series A Unsecured Notes due 2026 (the "Additional Notes"). The Additional Notes were issued by way of expanding, and have the same terms and conditions as, the existing Series A Unsecured Notes due 2026 that were issued by CION in February 2023.

The Additional Notes will bear interest at a floating rate equal to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate plus a credit spread of 3.82% per year, which will be paid quarterly commencing on November 30, 2023. The Additional Notes will mature on August 31, 2026 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at CION's option at par plus a "make-whole" premium, if applicable. The Additional Notes will be general, unsecured obligations and rank equal in right of payment with all of CION's existing and future unsecured indebtedness. The Additional Notes are rated A1.i1 by Midroog Ltd., an affiliate of Moody's.

The Additional Notes listed and commenced trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Ltd. (the "TASE") on October 10, 2023. CION expects to use the net proceeds of this offering to make investments in portfolio companies in accordance with its investment objectives and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

Leader Underwriters (1993) Ltd. is acting as sole distributor and advisor for this offering.

The Additional Notes were sold in an offshore transaction to certain non-U.S. persons outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Additional Notes, nor shall there be any offer, solicitation or sale in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful. The Additional Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements.

Michael A. Reisner, co-CEO of CION stated, "We are grateful for the continued enthusiastic backing and keen interest shown by institutional investors from Israel for this offering. This offering allows us to remain naturally hedged with our predominantly floating rate investment portfolio and allows us to attractively invest in all interest rate environments without having to speculate on the timing, sizing, and direction of future actions of the Federal Reserve. We continue to see robust deal flow as we aim to deliver steady returns to our shareholders over the long haul."

ABOUT CION INVESTMENT CORPORATION

CION Investment Corporation is a leading publicly listed business development company that had approximately \$1.8 billion in total assets as of June 30, 2023. CION seeks to generate current income and, to a lesser extent, capital appreciation for investors by focusing primarily on senior secured loans to U.S. middle-market companies. CION is advised by CION Investment Management, LLC, a registered investment adviser and an affiliate of CION. For more information, please visit www.cionbdc.com.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release may contain forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. You can identify these statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "anticipate," "project," "target," "estimate," "intend," "continue," or "believe" or the negatives thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. You should read statements that contain these words carefully because they discuss CION's plans, strategies, prospects and expectations concerning its business, operating results, financial condition and other similar matters. These statements represent CION's belief regarding future events that, by their nature, are uncertain and outside of CION's control. There are likely to be events in the future, however, that CION is not able to predict accurately or control. Any forward-looking statement made by CION in this press release speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Factors or events that could cause CION's actual results to differ, possibly materially from its expectations, include, but are not limited to, the risks, uncertainties and other factors CION identifies in the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Forward-Looking Statements" in filings CION makes with the SEC, and it is not possible for CION to predict or identify all of them. CION undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

OTHER INFORMATION

The information in this press release is summary information only and should be read in conjunction with CION's Current Reports on Form 8-K, which CION filed with the SEC on February 28, 2023 and October 11, 2023, as well as CION's other reports filed with the SEC. A copy of CION's Current Reports on Form 8-K and CION's other reports filed with the SEC can be found on CION's website at www.cionbdc.com and the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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