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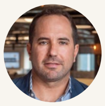

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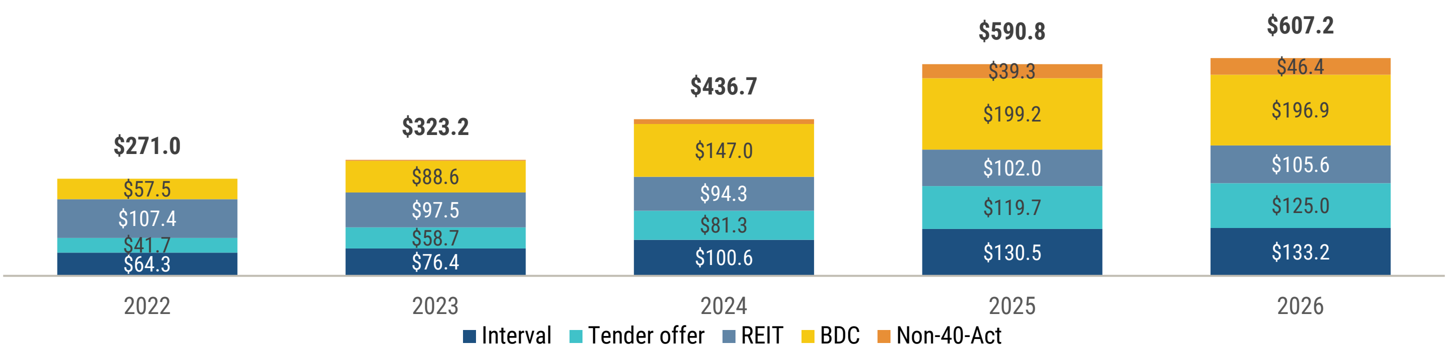
Market Overview

Evergreen fund AUM ($B)



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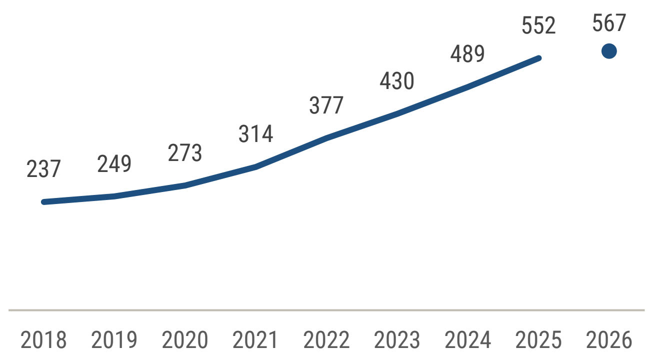
The word of the quarter in the evergreen space was redemptions. While there is eventual transparency, the data on redemptions still comes on a lagged basis, so there were many breathless headlines when individual fund prorations were announced as the filings were released. In a [recent webinar] we hosted, more of our attendees selected herd mentality as the main reason for the redemptions than any of the other three options, feeling that news of redemptions, rather than news of fundamental issues, was leading investors to put in for their own redemptions. In talking with a range of industry participants, who certainly have a vested interest in calming the waters, the prevailing feeling is that the typical 5% maximum required redemption each quarter from interval funds and BDCs is working as it should: it is protecting the portfolio from having to liquidate illiquid investments under adverse circumstances. Generally speaking, a combination of maturities and income have been plenty to fulfill redemption requests. In several cases, the proration was ratcheted up to 7% in a show of unrequired goodwill by the asset managers to their investors.

In the assets and flows section of this report, the redemptions show up clearly in the March entry. It is worth noting that this has largely been a direct lending phenomenon, not spreading across all evergreen fund strategies. Our [Fund Performance Report] spotlight this quarter focused on private debt, and we also noted during our webinar that the income component of direct lending has been able to comfortably offset realized losses.[1]

Active evergreen fund count



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Note: Data excludes non-40-act funds.

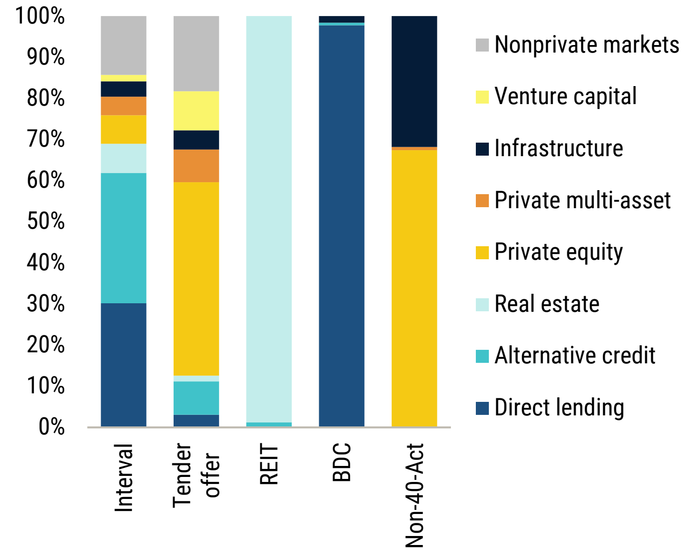
New this quarter:

- Our colleagues at Morningstar have been working diligently to issue ratings on the evergreen fund universe, with several new ratings being issued every quarter over the past year. We will have a section of this report dedicated each quarter to developments in those ratings.
- This quarter, we were able to assemble the data to fill a previously acknowledged gap in our coverage: what we are calling the non-40-Act funds. Last quarter, we reported $534.6 billion in US evergreen funds as of the end of 2025, but now we show $590.8 billion. The difference reflects the addition of these funds, a catch-up of previously delayed reporting, and some additional fund coverage.

What we are reading

- “Competition Mounts to Run the Private Market ‘Operating System,’” PitchBook, Alexander Davis, June 26, 2026.
- “The Semiliquid Label Is Not a Misnomer: Stanger CEO,” FUNDfire, Tony Rifilato, June 8, 2026.
- “Private Credit Investors Just Read the Fine Print. Will PE Be Next?” PitchBook, Esther Luz, June 2, 2026.
- “Retail Investors Cool on Private Equity as Jitters Spread,” Financial Times, Alexandra Heal and Eric Platt, May 9, 2026.
- “Apollo Chief Says Retail Fund Mark-Ups ‘Make No Sense,’” Financial Times, Antoine Gara, May 6, 2026.
- “Semiliquid Private Equity Funds Have a Math Problem,” Morningstar, Jack Shannon, April 28, 2026.
- “The Arithmetic of Direct Lending,” Cliffwater Insights, April 23, 2026.
- “Goldman President Warns Private Credit Funds Are Not Marketed Properly,” Financial Times, Martin Arnold & Eric Platt, April 15, 2026.
- “Retail Investors Are Pulling Back From Private Credit. CalSTRS CIO Sees Opportunity in Their Retreat.” Pensions & Investments, Ryan Prete, April 13, 2026.
- “Goldman CEO Solomon Sees Private Credit as Attractive Sector, Despite Retail Concerns,” Pensions & Investments, Palash Ghosh, April 13, 2026.
- “US Treasury Calls in Regulators for Talks on Private Credit Risks,” Financial Times, James Politi, Eric Platt, & Sujeet Indap, April 1, 2026.
- “Wave of Private Debt Cash-Outs Highlights Role of Wealth Advisers Handling Alt Investments,” PitchBook, Alexander Davis, March 27, 2026.

Share of evergreen fund net AUM by structure and strategy



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The make-up of the evergreen fund universe varies widely by fund type. Interval funds, with their promise of some level of liquidity at a specified interval, are well suited for assets that pay income, so we see a lot of credit, direct lending, and real estate in that structure. Tender offer funds, which offer redemptions at the fund board’s discretion, make more sense for the equity assets that lack the built-in liquidity mechanisms of maturities and income.

The new additions to some of our charts and displays this quarter are the non-40-Act funds, which can be characterized as fund structures designed to allow investment managers the ability to pursue broader, more customized investment mandates. Given the most flexibility, it is not surprising to see PE as the leading strategy in this grouping of funds, with infrastructure as the next largest, as those strategies often house long-term holdings that do not lend themselves to liquidity on demand. This universe is currently made up of only 19 funds, but several are substantial: Blackstone Private Equity Strategies Fund (BXPE, $14.7 billion), KKR Private Equity Conglomerate (K-PEC, $11.2 billion), KKR Infrastructure Conglomerate (K-INFRA, $7.2 billion), and Blackstone Infrastructure Strategies (BXINFRA, $4.4 billion) are big and growing.[2] It is incumbent upon investors to look at the fine print of these funds’ terms, as they tend to be more opaque compared to 40-Act registered peers.