

News Release

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CNL STRATEGIC CAPITAL ANNOUNCES OPERATING RESULTS FOR FIRST QUARTER 2025

(Orlando, Fla.) May 9, 2025 — CNL Strategic Capital, LLC (“CNL Strategic Capital,” the “Company” or “we”) seeks to provide current income and long-term appreciation to investors by acquiring controlling equity stakes in combination with loan positions in privately owned middle-market businesses. The Company announced its operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2025.

Highlights:

- As of March 31, 2025, CNL Strategic Capital’s portfolio consisted of equity and debt investments in 16 portfolio companies and approximately \$1.3 billion in total assets, compared with 16 portfolio companies and approximately \$1.3 billion in total assets as of Dec. 31, 2024.
- For the three months ended March 31, 2025, the Company recognized a net change in unrealized appreciation on investments, including unrealized foreign currency gain of approximately \$9.9 million and had total investment income of approximately \$16.9 million. That compares with a net change in unrealized appreciation on investments of \$16.2 million and total investment income of approximately \$14.9 million during the first three months of 2024.
- The cumulative total investment return based on net asset value (NAV) since inception and through March 31, 2025, was approximately 108.7% for Class FA shares, 92.4% for Class A shares, 79.5% for Class T shares, 82.4% for Class D shares, 93.9% for Class I shares and 76.1% for Class S shares.¹ These returns are prior to any applicable sales load and assume shareholders reinvested their distributions.
- For the three months ended March 31, 2025, CNL Strategic Capital received approximately \$34.4 million in net offering proceeds, including approximately \$5.2 million received through the distribution reinvestment plan. Since beginning operations in February 2018 through March 31, 2025, CNL Strategic Capital has raised approximately \$1.2 billion, including \$51.6 million received through the distribution reinvestment plan.

Cash distributions declared net of distributions reinvested during the periods presented were funded from the following sources (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2025		2024	
	Amount	% of Cash Distributions Declared, Net of Distribution Reinvested	Amount	% of Cash Distributions Declared, Net of Distribution Reinvested
Net investment income before Expense support (reimbursement)	\$ 8,692	167.3 %	\$ 4,426	93.2 %
Expense Support (reimbursement)	9	0.2	295	6.2
Net investment income	<u>\$ 8,701</u>	<u>167.5 %</u>	<u>\$ 4,721</u>	<u>99.4 %</u>
Cash distributions net of distributions reinvested in excess of net investment income	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>0.6</u>
Cash distributions declared, net of distributions reinvested ²	<u>\$ 5,197</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 4,751</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

Sources of declared distributions on a GAAP basis (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2025		2024	
	Amount	% of Distributions Declared	Amount	% of Distributions Declared
Net investment income ³	\$ 8,701	83.9 %	\$ 4,721	53.6 %
Distributions in excess of net investment income ⁴	1,671	16.1	4,086	46.4
Total distributions declared	<u>\$ 10,372</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 8,807</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

Total investment return based on net asset value (NAV) after total return incentive fee per share for the first three months ended March 31, 2025¹:

Class FA	Class A	Class T	Class D	Class I	Class S
1.5%	1.6%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%

(These returns are prior to any applicable sales load and assume shareholders reinvested their distributions. These are not actual shareholder returns. Actual returns may vary materially.)

Cumulative total investment return based on NAV after sales fees since inception through the three months ended March 31, 2025¹:

Class FA (2/7/18-3/31/25)	Class A (4/10/18-3/31/25)	Class T (5/25/18-3/31/25)	Class D (6/26/18-3/31/25)	Class I (4/10/18-3/31/25)	Class S (3/31/20-3/31/25)
108.7%	92.4%	79.5%	82.4%	93.9%	76.1%

(These returns are prior to any applicable sales load and assume shareholders reinvested their distributions. These are not actual shareholder returns. Actual returns may vary materially.)

¹This is not shareholder returns. Total investment return is calculated for each share class as the change in the net asset value for such share class during the period and assuming all distributions are reinvested. Amounts are not annualized and are not representative of total return as calculated for purposes of the total return incentive fee. Since there is no public market for the Company's shares, terminal market value per share is assumed to be equal to net asset value per share on the last day of the period presented. The Company's performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown above. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment performance is presented without regard to sales load that may be incurred by shareholders in the purchase of the Company's shares. For the period from the date the first share was issued for each respective share class through March 31, 2025. ²Excludes \$5,175 and \$4,056 of distributions reinvested pursuant to the Company's distribution reinvestment plan during the three months ended March 31, 2025, and 2024, respectively. ³Net investment income includes Expense Support of \$9 and \$295 for the three months ended March 31, 2025, and 2024, respectively. ⁴Consists of distributions made from offering proceeds for the periods presented.

About CNL Strategic Capital

CNL Strategic Capital is a publicly registered, non-traded limited liability Company that seeks to provide current income and long-term appreciation to individuals by acquiring controlling equity stakes in combination with loan positions in durable and growing middle-market businesses. The Company is externally managed by CNL Strategic Capital Management, LLC and Levine Leichtman Strategic Capital, LLC (LLSC). For additional information, please visit cnlstrategiccapital.com.

About CNL Financial Group

CNL Financial Group (CNL) is a leading private investment management firm providing alternative investment opportunities. Since inception in 1973, CNL and/or its affiliates have formed or acquired companies with more than \$36 billion in assets. CNL is headquartered in Orlando, Florida. For more information, visit cnl.com.

About Levine Leichtman Strategic Capital

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LLCP's global team of dedicated investment professionals is led by ten partners who have worked at LLCP for an average of 20 years. Since inception, LLCP has managed approximately \$16.4 billion of institutional capital across 15 investment funds and has invested in over 100 portfolio companies. LLCP currently manages \$10.9 billion of assets and has offices in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Miami, London, Amsterdam, Stockholm, and Frankfurt. For additional information, please visit llcp.com.

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