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Advanced Flower Capital (AFCG)

Company Update: Overweight

Key Highlights:

- \$116Mn in new commitments YTD (above \$100Mn CY24 target)
- Making progress in diversifying and improving quality of loan book
- Liquidity could result in another \$75Mn in deployments (we model ~\$50Mn for CY25)
- Legacy issues (non-accrual status of some loans) being addressed (exits, restructurings).
- Trading at par; close to 14% dividend yield. We rate AFCG Overweight.

ADE/share \$	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
1Q	0.57 A	0.49 A	0.39 E	0.40 E
2 Q	0.49 A	0.56 A	0.42 E	0.42 E
3Q	0.49 A	0.35 E	0.42 E	0.44 E
4Q	0.49 A	0.36 E	0.42 E	0.45 E
FY	2.04 A	1.76 E	1.64 E	1.71 E
Div/share \$	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
1Q	0.56 A	0.56 A	0.33 A	0.36 E
2 Q	0.48 A	0.48 A	0.36 E	0.38 E
3Q	0.48 A	0.48 E	0.36 E	0.38 E
4Q	0.48 A	0.33 E	0.36 E	0.40 E
FY	2.00 A	1.85	1.41 E	1.52 E
Share price (US	5\$)	\$9.62	Rating	Overweight
Share count (n	nn)	22.0	Price target	No PT
Market Cap (U	\$\$Mn)	211	Fiscal Year	Dec
Ticker		AFCG-US		

BVPS \$	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY25
1Q	16.49 A	15.22 A	9.44 E	9.58 E
2Q	16.75 A	15.38 A	9.48 E	9.60 E
3Q	16.65 A	9.91 E	9.52 E	9.63 E
4Q	15.82 A	9.40 E	9.55 E	9.66 E
Debt/Eqty	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY25
Debt/Eqty	FY23 26% A	FY24 48% A	FY25 72% E	FY25 72% E
1Q	26% A	48% A	72% E	72% E
1Q 2Q	26% A 26% A	48% A 39% A	72% E 71% E	72% E 77% E

Performance	AFCG-US	MSOS	5&P500
30d	0%	-37%	6%
90d	-7%	-34%	9%
lyr	-17%	-38%	32%

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Company Update

We rate AFCG Overweight. With over 15% growth so far in 4Q24 (\$41Mn in new commitments, although not all disbursed yet), \$20Mn in unfunded commitments as of 9/30, successful exits YTD, and encouraging status of two work outs, we believe distributable earnings should have upside into 4Q24 and CY25. As such, the post CRE spin dividend of 33c per share is well secured, as per our estimates. Also, recent portfolio diversification and increased exposure to license-restricted states, helps reduce overall portfolio risk for AFCG, in our view. While we do not expect another \$100Mn in new commitments in CY25 (\$116Mn so far in CY24), \$40-60Mn is possible (we model \$50Mn). Between cash and credit lines, the company has access to \$75Mn in liquidity (3Q24 debt to equity was 72%), that it could put to work. Yes, the reform outlook remains uncertain, but we think risks are to the upside for the US cannabis industry (see our <u>Macro Views</u> report) in the current context. See our <u>initiation report</u> from this past September.

Significant loan book growth.

- Through 11/1/24, AFCG had originated seven deals adding up to \$116Mn in commitments (above the \$100Mn target for CY24). The latest transaction was a \$41Mn senior secured credit facility with Story Cannabis (a private MSO) for their Maryland operation.
- The other loans booked in 2024 include \$36Mn (in terms of principal balance as of 9/30) to Sunburn Cannabis in FL; >\$15Mn to SocietyC in MI; >\$5Mn to Botanical Sciences in GA; and <\$3Mn to Gron Edibles. Unfunded commitments amounted to >\$20Mn as of 9/30/24 (with \$13.7Mn within one year).
- The \$116M in new commitments represent ~50% growth over the \$239Mn principal base as of 9/30/24 of loans booked prior to CY24 (this excludes \$31Mn in loans held at fair value).
- In this regard, management has succeeded not only in expanding the loan book, but also in diversifying it (operator wise and geographically), and increasing the % of exposure to what we would consider license-restricted states.
- As of 9/30/24, two loans representing 39% of the loans booked at "carrying value" were in non-accrual status (\$79Mn with Justice Cannabis [NJ/PA]; \$12Mn with DMA Holdings in MA). That said, Justice has made several operating improvements (cultivation, lab) and would directly benefit if PA goes rec.
- CECL loss reserve (\$25Mn, or \$1.14/share) was over 10% of the book as of 9/30, but part
 of that could be reversed in the months ahead (say, ~30c/share). The \$31Mn booked at
 fair value may have upside given potential bids for those assets.
- Management is confident about future loan book growth (no target given yet for CY25) given the industry's continued demand/supply capital imbalance (refinancings coming up; potential adult use market unlocks; increased M&A activity). It targets mid to high teens



IRR (18% book YTM as of 9/30/24). With 67% of the book fixed rated and another 30% with above market floors, close to 90% of the book is not vulnerable to lower rates.

Valuation.

- Taking the share price at \$9.62 and the quarterly dividend of \$0.33, the yield is close to 14%. AFCG pays 85% to 100% of distributable earnings in dividends.
- The BVPS as of 9/30 was \$9.91, so the stock trades almost at par (-3%), BVPS could have some upside based on the status work outs and asset sales.
- Further upside could come from faster loan book growth than modelled (and dividend hikes); interest spread widening (given 2/3 of the loan is in fixed rate loans, and floors limit rate downside risk); garnering part of the \$2/share mentioned above re CECL/UL. All this, before factoring a potential rerating of the cannabis sector, if federal reform news flow is favorable.
- We show comps below, but the other MJ-REIT in the space pays a <12% dividend yield. We realize the AFCG has higher risk as well as legacy issues (compared with REFI), but as explained in this note, we believe the dividend is secured and the loan book is in better shape.

Table 1: mREITs Comps

			12/3/24				Mkt					
US\$Mn			Price	Price to	Div	(mn)	Сар	Debt to	Net	Ent	1yF Co	nsensus
Company name	Ticker	Listing	US\$	BVPS	Yield	Shares	US\$Mn	Equity	(Debt)	Value	EV/Rev	EV/EBITDA
Industrial REITS				1.72x								
Americold Realty Trust, Inc.	COLD	NYSE	23.10	1.95x	3.8%	283.7	6,553	104%	-3,432	9,986	3.6x	15.2x
EastGroup Properties, Inc.	EGP	NYSE	169.78	2.95x	3.1%	47.7	8,099	62%	-1,663	9,761	13.7x	19.6x
First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.	FR	NYSE	52.76	2.65x	2.7%	132.3	6,980	86%	-2,214	9,194	13.4x	19.2x
Innovative Industrial Properties Inc	IIPR	NYSE	107.47	1.58x	6.9%	28.1	3,024	16%	-139	3,163	9.9x	12.3x
Industrial Logistics Properties Trust	ILPT	NASDAQ	3.69	0.42x	1.1%	65.8	243	742%	-4,083	4,326	9.6x	12.9x
LXP Industrial Trust	LXP	NYSE	9.28	1.30x	5.6%	293.4	2,723	86%	-1,461	4,185	12.5x	15.3x
NewLake Capital Partners, Inc.	NLCP	US OTC	19.20	0.99x	8.7%	20.5	394	1%	24	370	7.1x	#N/A
Prologis, Inc.	PLD	NYSE	116.40	2.03x	3.2%	924.4	107,599	60%	-31,275	138,874	16.9x	21.7x
Plymouth Industrial REIT, Inc.	PLYM	NYSE	18.46	1.92x	5.1%	45.3	835	203%	-858	1,693	8.2x	12.0x
Rexford Industrial Realty, Inc.	REXR	NYSE	42.10	1.17x	3.9%	212.3	8,940	31%	-2,349	11,289	10.7x	15.2x
STAG Industrial, Inc.	STAG	NYSE	36.53	2.02x	4.0%	181.7	6,637	82%	-2,666	9,303	11.5x	15.5x
Terreno Realty Corporation	TRNO	NYSE	60.55	1.65x	3.0%	87.5	5,297	27%	-690	5,987	13.9x	21.0x
Cannabis "Fincos"												
Advanced Flower Capital Inc.	AFCG	NASDAQ	9.62	1.02x	18.4%	20,46	196.80	67%	-8	205.19	3.85	#N/A
Innovative Industrial Properties Inc	IIPR	NYSE	107.47	1.58x	6.9%	28.14	3024.30	16%	-139	3163.02	9.89	12.31
NewLake Capital Partners, Inc.	NLCP	US OTC	19.20	0.99x	8.7%	20.50	393.67	1%	24	369.93	7.11	#N/A
Chicago Atlantic BDC, Inc.	55IC	NASDAQ	12.83	0.97x	7.8%	6.21	79.74	0%	33	47.13	1.14	#N/A
SHF Holdings Inc Class A	SH F5	NASDAQ	0.46	0.65x	0.0%	54.56	25.04	43%	-12	36.62	#N/A	#N/A
Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, In	REFI	NASDAQ	16.08	1.07x	11.7%	18.20	292.61	24%	-58	350.71	6.23	#N/A

Source: FactSet



Appendix I: Company Financials



Exhibit 1: Balance Sheet

US\$ 000s													
BALANCE SHEET	CY22	CY23	1024	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24e	CY24e	1Q25e	2Q25e	3Q25e	4Q25e	CY25e	CY26e
Loans, net	373,086	338,717	383,522	285,273	242,558	252,558	252,558	272,558	283,558	293,483	303,754	303,754	348,565
Loans held for investment at fair value, net	99,226	61,721	54,977	34,661	31,372	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
gross	100,636	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
disc	-1,410	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O	0
Debt securities available for sale held at fair value	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O	0
Loans held for investment at carrying value, net	285,177	301,265	357,852	273,580	234,257	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loan receivable held at carrying value, net	2,221	2,040	2,040	2,040	2,040	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(-) Current expected credit loss reserve	-13,538	-26,309	-31,347	-25,009	-25,111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents	140,373	121,626	82,298	170,298	122,164	115,562	115,562	94,093	84,175	75,756	66,308	66,308	60,000
Accounts receivable	0	1,837	5,690	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest receivable	5,257	3,716	4,362	1,729	1,474	1,680	1,680	1,804	1,933	1,955	1,983	1,983	2,120
Prepaid expenses and other assets	461	688	533	692	423	482	482	518	555	561	569	569	609
Receivable for loans and securities sold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Due from affiliate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	519,177	466,585	476,406	457,992	366,618	370,282	370,282	368,974	370,220	371,755	372,615	372,615	411,294
Interest reserve	3,201	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued interest	1,037	894	2,202	889	2,170	2,474	2,474	2,657	2,846	2,880	2,880	2,880	3,079
Due to affiiate	18	16	20	24	21	23	23	25	27	27	28	28	30
Dividends payable	11,404	9,820	9,920	13,020	7,221	9,928	9,928	7,244	7,244	7,903	7,903	7,903	8,342
Current expected credit loss reserve	754	115	9	157	165	188	188	202	216	218	222	222	237
Accrued management and incentive fees	3,892	3,472	3,463	3,985	982	1,119	1,119	1,202	1,288	1,303	1,321	1,321	1,413
Accrued direct administrative expenses	1,844	1,486	963	884	878	1,001	1,001	1,076	1,152	1,165	1,182	1,182	1,264
Accounts payable and other liabilities	837	715	1,045	1,436	658	750	750	806	863	873	886	886	947
Payables for securities purchase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior notes payable, net	97,132	88,015	88,163	88,312	88,462	88,462	88,462	88,462	88,462	88,462	88,462	88,462	88,462
Line of credit payable, net	60,000	42,000	60,000	35,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	95,379
Total liabilities	180,118	146,533	165,785	143,708	160,557	163,947	163,947	161,674	162,099	162,832	162,883	162,883	199,152
Preferred stock	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common stock	204	205	207	207	219	219	219	219	219	219	219	219	219
Additional paid in capital	348,818	349,806	350,347	350,591	248,194	248,194	248,194	248,194	248,194	248,194	248,194	248,194	248,194
Accumulated other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accumulated deficit	-9,962	-29,958	-39,933	-36,514	-42,352	-42,078	-42,078	-41,113	-40,291	-39,490	-38,681	-38,681	-36,271
Total stockholders equity	339,059	320,052	310,622	314,284	206,061	206,335	206,335	207,299	208,122	208,923	209,732	209,732	212,142
Non controlling interest	0	0	0	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	519,177	466,585	476,407	457,992	366,618	370,282	370,282	368,974	370,220	371,755	372,615	372,615	411,294
Total net assets	339,059	320,052	310,622	314,284	206,061	206,335	206,335	207,299	208,122	208,923	209,732	209,732	212,142
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE	\$16.99	\$15.73	\$15.22	\$15.38	\$9.91	\$9.40	\$9.87	\$9.44	\$9.48	\$9.52	\$9.55	\$9.55	\$9.66

Source: Z&A estimates, company reports



Exhibit 2: Income Statement

US\$ 000s													
INCOME STATEMENT	CY22	CY23	1024	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24e	CY24e	1Q25e	2Q25e	3Q25e	4Q25e	CY25e	CY26e
Net interest income	74,685	64,178	14,758	18,384	8,882	10,126	52,150	10,876	11,649	11,785	11,953	46,263	48,823
(+) Interest income	81,499	70,535	16,361	19,958	10,455	11,759	58,533	12,472	13,208	13,344	13,438	52,461	55,365
(-) Interest expense	-6,814	-6,357	-1.603	-1,573	-1,573	-1,633	-6,382	-1.596	-1,559	-1,559	-1,485	-6,198	-6,542
Expenses	-23,405	-21,566	-6,015	-6,422	-2,475	-2,255	-17,168	-2,285	-2,516	-2,671	-2,828	-10,301	-11,353
(-) Management and incentive fees	-15,765	-14,064	-3,463	-3,985	-982	-1,000	-9,430	-1.000	-1,200	-1,350	-1,500	-5,050	-6,000
(-) General and administrative expenses	-4,700	-5,005	-1,052	-1,054	-857	-1,000	-3,814	-1,000	-1,200	-1,350	-1,500	-3,400	-3,400
(-) Stock-based compensation	-4,700	-1,008	-543	-369	-219	-152	-1,283	-163	-175	-177	-179	-694	-732
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(-) Organizational expenses	-	-			-417			-272	-291	-295	-299	•	-
(-) Professional fees	-1,602	-1,488	0	-1,014		-253	-1,685				- • •	-1,157	-1,221
(-) Loss on sale of real estate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from operations	51,279	42,612	8,743	11,962	6,407	7,871	34,983	8,591	9,133	9,114	9,125	35,962	37,470
(-) provision for current expected credit losses	-11,177	-12,133	-4,932	6,190	-181	-203	875	-218	-233	-236	-239	-925	-976
(-) realized (losses) gains on sales of investments, net	450	-1,340	-93	0	0	0	-93	0	0	0	0	0	0
(-) gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt	0	1,986	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(-) change in unrealized (losses) gains on loans at fair	-3,593	-8,513	-3,614	-1,420	-4,622	0	-9,655	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	36,959	22,611	104	16,732	1,604	7,668	26,109	8,373	8,900	8,878	8,886	35,037	36,494
(-) income tax expense	-1,026	-1,659	-158	-286	-386	-150	-981	-164	-175	-174	-174	-687	-716
(-) non-controlled/non-affiliate investments	0	0	0	0	166	0	166	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net income attributable to common stockholders	35,932	20,952	-54	16,446	1,384	7,518	25,294	8,209	8,725	8,704	8,712	34,350	35,778
Basic EPS	1.81	1.03	00.0	0.81	0.07	0.34	1.21	0.37	0.40	0.40	0.40	1.56	1.63
FD EPS	1.80	1.03	0.00	0.80	0.07	0.34	1.21	0.37	0.40	0.40	0.40	1.56	1.63
basic share count (Mn)	19.8	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.7	22.0	20.9	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0
diluted share count (Mn)	20.0	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.8	22.0	20.9	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0

Source: Z&A estimates, company reports



Exhibit 3: Adj Earnings and FactSet Consensus

US\$ 000s	Dec CY22	Dec CY23	Mar 1024	Jun 2024	Sep 3Q24	Dec 4024e	Dec CY24e	Mar 1Q25e	Jun 2Q25e	Sep 3Q25e	Dec 4Q25e	Dec CY25e	Dec CY26e
DISTRIBUTABLE EARNINGS													
net income	35,932	20,952	-54	16,446	1,384	7,518	25,294	8,209	8,725	8,704	8,712	34,350	35,778
adjustments to net income:	0	0	O	O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
stock-based compensation expense	1,338	1,008	543	369	219	152	1,283	163	175	177	179	694	732
depreciation and amortization	0	0	o	O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
unrealized losses, (gains) or other non-cash items	3,593	8,513	3,614	1,420	4,622	0	9,655	0	0	0	0	0	0
increase in provision for CECL	11,177	12,133	4,932	-6,190	181	203	-875	218	233	236	239	925	976
TRS loss, net of dividends	-2,170	-1,159	931	-624	841	0	1,148	0	0	0	0	0	0
one-time events pursuant to changes in GAAP and	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
distributable earnings	49,871	41,447	9,966	11,421	7,246	7,872	36,505	8,589	9,133	9,117	9,130	35,969	37,487
per basic share	2.51	2.04	0.49	0.56	0.35	0.36	1.75	0.39	0.42	0.42	0.42	1.64	1.71

Source: Z&A estimates, company reports



Exhibit 4: Cash Flow

US\$ 000s													
SUMMARY CASH FLOW	CY22	CY23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24e	CY24e	1Q25e	2Q25e	3Q25e	4Q25e	CY25e	CY26e
Net income	35,932	20,952	-54	16,446	1,384	7,518	25,294	8,209	8,725	8,704	8,712	34,350	35,778
(+) adjustments	-3,552	4,864	5,906	-8,285	5,862	354	3,839	381	408	412	418	1,619	1,709
(-) purchase of investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(+) decrease in operating A&L	-2,116	-4,587	520	2,158	-7,777	3,124	-1,974	-2,433	259	704	15	-1,454	713
Net cash provided in operating activities	30,264	21,229	6,372	10,320	-531	10,997	27,158	6,157	9,392	9,821	9,145	34,515	38,200
(-) issuance of and funding on loans	-162,886	-51,757	-84,191	-5,896	42,715	-10,000	-57,372	-20,000	-11,000	-9,925	-10,272	-51,196	-44,811
(+) client repayment of loans	120,042	58,964	28,514	24,589	0	0	53,103	0	0	0	0	0	0
(+) proceeds from sales of loans	10,600	21,313	1,796	94,265	0	0	96,061	0	0	0	0	0	0
(+) other	15,900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash used in investing activities	-16,344	28,519	-53,881	112,958	42,715	-10,000	91,792	-20,000	-11,000	-9,925	-10,272	-51,196	-44,811
(-) debt	-15,000	-25,738	18,000	-25,000	25,150	0	18,150	0	0	0	0	0	35,379
(-) dividends	-41,619	-42,532	-9,820	-9,927	-9,792	-9,928	-39,467	-7,244	-7,244	-7,903	-7,903	-30,295	-32,490
(+) share issuance	75,058	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(+) other	-2,290	-225	O	-350	-105,677	2,330	-103,697	-381	-1,066	-412	-418	-2,278	-2,587
(-) stock options/warrants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided from financing activities	16,149	-68,495	8,180	-35,277	-90,318	-7,599	-125,014	-7,625	-8,311	-8,315	-8,321	-32,572	303
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	30,069	-18,746	-39,328	88,000	-48,134	-6,602	-6,065	-21,468	-9,918	-8,419	-9,448	-49,254	-6,308
Cash at start of year	109,246	140,373	121,626	82,298	170,298	122,164	121,626	115,562	94,093	84,175	75,756	115,562	66,308
Cash at end of year	140,373	121,626	82,298	170,298	122,164	115,562	115,562	94,093	84,175	75,756	66,308	66,308	60,000
Net (debt) cash	-16,759	-8,388	-65,865	46,986	-26,298	-32,900	-32,900	-54,369	-64,287	-72,706	-82,154	-82,154	-123,841
Cash	140,373	121,626	82,298	170,298	122,164	115,562	115,562	94,093	84,175	75,756	66,308	66,308	60,000
Debt	157,132	130,015	148,163	123,312	148,462	148,462	148,462	148,462	148,462	148,462	148,462	148,462	183,841
debt to equity	46%	41%	48%	39%	72%	72%	72%	72%	71%	71%	71%	71%	87%
net debt to equity	5%	3%	21%	-15%	13%	16%	16%	26%	31%	35%	39%	39%	58%

Source: Z&A estimates, company reports.



Appendix II: Valuation Comps



Exhibit 5: mREITs and Lenders to the Cannabis Industry

			12/3/24				Mkt						Sto	ock Performar	nce
US\$Mn			Price	Price to	Div	(mn)	Сар	Debt to	Net	Ent	1yF Cor	nsensus	Last	Last	Last
Company name	Ticker	Listing	US\$	BVPS	Yield	Shares	US\$Mn	Equity	(Debt)	Value	EV/Rev	EV/EBITDA	30d	90d	12mo
mREITS				0.79x	11.6%								3%	-1%	-11%
Arbor Realty Trust Inc	ABR	NYSE	14.14	1.11x	12.2%	188.5	2,665	503%	-10,532	13,198	21.1x	#N/A	-5%	7%	5%
Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporatic	ACRE	NYSE	7.03	0.68x	15.4%	54.1	381	289%	-1,507	1,887	27.7x	19.0x	11%	0%	-32%
Advanced Flower Capital Inc.	AFCG	NASDAQ	9.62	1.02x	18.4%	20.5	197	67%	-8	205	3.8x	#N/A	0%	-7%	-17%
Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance,	ARI	NYSE	9.13	0.68x	14.2%	140.6	1,284	366%	-6,729	8,013	30.0x	#N/A	4%	-12%	-18%
Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. Class A	BXMT	NYSE	18.81	0.85x	12.4%	173.2	3,258	501%	-18,936	22,194	47.3x	18.6x	3%	2 %	-19%
Claros Mortgage Trust, Inc.	CMTG	NYSE	б.44	0.43x	13.2%	138.7	894	271%	-5,463	6,356	27.2x	37.2x	2%	-18%	-49%
Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc.	GPMT	NYSE	3.35	0.25x	13.4%	50.6	169	289%	-1,752	1,921	46.5x	#N/A	14%	26%	-40%
KKR Real Estate Finance Trust, Inc.	KREF	NYSE	11.39	0.77x	0.0%	69.3	789	589%	-5,924	6,714	40.2x	17.2x	-2%	-1%	-12%
Ladder Capital Corp. Class A	LADR	NYSE	11.78	0.98x	7.8%	126.9	1,495	250%	-2,790	4,285	14.0x	#N/A	2%	-4%	3%
Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, In	REFI	NASDAQ	16.08	1.07x	11.7%	18.2	293	24%	-58	351	6.2x	#N/A	7%	2%	3%
Starwood Property Trust, Inc.	STWD	NYSE	20.00	1.03x	9.6%	313.4	6,267	322%	-19,244	25,511	13.2x	15.1x	1%	-3%	-3%
TPG RE Finance Trust, Inc.	TRTX	NYSE	9.04	0.65x	10.6%	77.9	704	281%	-2,832	3,536	22.3x	31.2x	3%	2%	46%
Cannabis "Fincos"															
Advanced Flower Capital Inc.	AFCG	NASDAQ	9.62	1.02x	18.4%	20.5	197	67%	-8	205	3.8x	#N/A	0%	-7%	-17%
Innovative Industrial Properties Inc	IIPR	NYSE	107.47	1.58x	6.9%	28.1	3,024	16%	-139	3,163	9.9x	12.3x	-15%	-12%	28%
NewLake Capital Partners, Inc.	NLCP	US OTC	19.20	0.99x	8.1%	20.5	394	1%	24	370	7.1x	#N/A	2%	-2%	43%
Chicago Atlantic BDC, Inc.	SSIC	NASD AQ	12.83	0.97x	7.8%	6.2	80	0%	33	47	1.1x	#N/A	-1%	13%	35%
SHF Holdings Inc Class A	SHFS	NASD AQ	0.46	0.65x	NA	54.6	25	43%	-12	37	IIN/A	#N/A	13%	-26%	-39%
Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, In	REFI	NASD AQ.	16.08	1.07x	11.7%	18.2	293	24%	-58	351	6.2x	#N/A	7%	2%	3%

Source: FactSet, company reports, and Z&A estimates



Exhibit 6: Industrial REITs and Lenders to the Cannabis Industry

			12/3/24				Mkt						Ste	ock Performa	nce
US\$Mn			Price	Price to	Div	(mn)	Сар	Debt to	Net	Ent	1yF Co	nsensus	Last	Last	Last
Company name	Ticker	Listing	US\$	BVPS	Yield	Shares	US\$Mn	Equity	(Debt)	Value	EV/Rev	EV/EBITDA	30d	90d	12mo
Industrial REITS				1.72x									-2%	-13%	2%
Americold Realty Trust, Inc.	COLD	NYSE	23.10	1.95x	3.8%	283.7	6,553	104%	-3,432	9,986	3.6x	15.2x	-9%	-21%	-20%
EastGroup Properties, Inc.	EGP	NYSE	169.78	2.95x	3.1%	47.7	8,099	62%	-1,663	9,761	13.7x	19.6x	-1%	-9%	-4%
First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.	FR	NYSE	52.76	2.65x	2.7%	132.3	6,980	86%	-2,214	9,194	13.4x	19.2x	0%	-7%	9%
Innovative Industrial Properties Inc	IIPR	NYSE	107.47	1.58x	6.9%	28.1	3,024	16%	-139	3,163	9.9x	12.3x	-15%	-12%	28%
Industrial Logistics Properties Trust	ILPT	NASDAQ	3.69	0.42x	1.1%	65.8	243	742%	-4,083	4,326	9.6x	12.9x	8%	-23%	-2%
LXP Industrial Trust	LXP	NYSE	9.28	1.30x	5.6%	293.4	2,723	86%	-1,461	4,185	12.5x	15.3x	1%	-10%	3%
NewLake Capital Partners, Inc.	NLCP	US OTC	19.20	0.99x	8.7%	20.5	394	1%	24	370	7.1x	#N/A	2%	-2%	43%
Prologis, Inc.	PLD	NYSE	116.40	2.03x	3.2%	924.4	107,599	60%	-31,275	138,874	16.9x	21.7x	3%	-9%	-2%
Plymouth Industrial REIT, Inc.	PLYM	NYSE	18.46	1.92x	5.1%	45.3	835	203%	-858	1,693	8.2x	12.0x	-9%	-22%	-18%
Rexford Industrial Realty, Inc.	REXR	NYSE	42.10	1.17x	3.9%	212.3	8,940	31%	-2,349	11,289	10.7x	15.2x	-1%	-17%	-18%
STAG Industrial, Inc.	STAG	NYSE	36.53	2.02x	4.0%	181.7	6,637	82%	-2,666	9,303	11.5x	15.5x	-1%	-9%	0%
Terreno Realty Corporation	TRNO	NYSE	60.55	1.65x	3.0%	87.5	5,297	27%	-690	5,987	13.9x	21.0x	1%	-12%	3%
Cannabis "Fincos"															
Advanced Flower Capital Inc.	AFCG	NASDAQ	9.62	1.02x	18.4%	20.46	196.80	67%	-8	205.19	3.85	#N/A	0%	-7%	-17%
Innovative Industrial Properties Inc	IIPR	NYSE	107.47	1.58x	6.9%	28.14	3024.30	16%	-139	3163.02	9.89	12.31	-15%	-12%	28%
NewLake Capital Partners, Inc.	NLCP	US OTC	19.20	0.99x	8.7%	20.50	393.67	1%	24	369.93	7.11	#N/A	2%	-2%	43%
Chicago Atlantic BDC, Inc.	SSIC	NASDAQ	12.83	0.97x	7.8%	6.21	79.74	0%	33	47.13	1,14	#N/A	-1%	13%	35%
SHF Holdings Inc Class A	SHFS	NASDAQ	0.46	0.65x	0.0%	54.56	25.04	43%	-12	36.62	#N/A	#N/A	13%	-26%	-39%
Chicago Atlantic Real Estate Finance, In	REFI	NASD AQ.	16.08	1.07x	11.7%	18.20	292.61	24%	-58	350.71	6.23	#N/A	7%	2%	3%

Source: FactSet, company reports, and Z&A estimates



Exhibit 7: US MSO Valuation Multiples

								Financial	Net Debt			Broadly Defin	ed Net De	bt
US\$Mn	<u>28</u> 4	Spot EV / S	ales	<u>28A</u>	Spot EV / EE	ATTA	<u>S</u>	ales	EB	ITDA	5	ales	EB	ITDA
3-Dec-24	Current	CY24e	CY25e	Current	CY24e	CY25e	CY24	Current	CY24	Current	CY24	Current	CY24	Current
US MSOs	1.6x	1.5x	1.3x	7.9x	6.3x	5.6x								
Ascend Wellness	1.1x	1.1x	1.1x	6.1x	5.6x	5.1x	-0.4x	-0.4x	-2.2x	-2.4x	-0.9x	-0.9x	-4.7x	-5.1x
Ayr Wellness	0.9x	0.8x	0.8x	3.2x	3.7x	3.4x	-0.8x	-0.8x	-3.4x	-3.0x	-0.7x	-0.7x	-2.9x	-2.6x
Cannabist Co	0.9x	0.9x	0.9x	7.3x	7.0x	5.4x	-0.6x	-0.6x	-4.4x	-4.5x	-0.8x	-0.8x	-6.2x	-б.4x
Cansortium	1.2x	1.2x	na	4.2x	4.2x	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cresco Labs	1.3x	1.3x	1.3x	4.7x	4.8x	5.0x	-0.5x	-0.5x	-1.8x	-1.8x	-0.7x	-0.7x	-2.3x	-2.3x
Curaleaf	2.0x	2.0x	1.8x	8.8x	8.8x	7.3x	-0.5x	-0.5x	-2.3x	-2.3x	-0.9x	-0.9x	-3.8x	-3.8x
4Front Ventures	2.0x	2.0x	na	7.6x	7.6x	na	na	-1.0x	na	-3.8x	na	-1.7x	na	-6.5x
Glass House	2.8x	3.6x	na	8.6x	19.9x	na	-0.1x	na	-0.7x	na	-0.3x	-0.2x	-1.7x	-0.8x
Gold Flora	1.0x	1.0x	0.8x	12.0x	55.9x	7.5x	na	-0.3x	na	na	na	-0.9x	na	na
Goodness Growth	1.8x	1.8x	na	-102.3x	7.3x	na	-0.5x	-0.5x	-2.1x	29.1x	-0.9x	-0.9x	-3.7x	51.1x
Green Thumb	2.1×	2.1x	2.0x	6.7x	6.6x	б.бх	-0.1x	-0.1x	-0.2x	-0.2x	-0.1x	-0.1x	-0.4x	-0.4x
Grown Rogue	3.8x	3.8x	na	5.1x	5.1x	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
iAnthus	1.1x	1.1x	na	5.5x	5.5x	na	na	-0.9x	na	-4.4x	na	-0.9x	na	-4.5x
Jushi	1.5x	1.4x	1.3x	8.9x	7.2x	6.1x	-0.6x	-0.7x	-3.2x	-4.0x	-1.2x	-1.2x	-5.9x	-7.4x
MariMed	1.0x	1.0x	0.8x	8.3x	7.7x	4.5x	-0.4x	-0.4x	-3.3x	-3.5x	-0.5x	-0.5x	-4.2x	-4.5x
Planet 13	1.0x	1.1x	na	25.7x	19.9x	na	0.2x	0.1x	2.9x	3.7x	-0.1x	-0.1x	-1.2x	-1.5x
Schwazze	1.1x	1.1x	na	8.1x	5.4x	na	-0.9x	-0.9x	-4.2x	na	-1.1x	-1.1x	-5.2x	na
TerrAscend	2.0x	1.9x	1.9x	10.7x	10.0x	9.4x	-0.6x	-0.6x	-2.9x	-3.1x	-1.0x	-1.0x	-5.3x	-5.7x
TILT	1.0x	0.9x	1.0x	-17.7x	-17.7x	87.5x	-0.5x	-0.6x	13.0x	9.9x	-0.9x	-1.0x	22.7x	17.3×
Trulieve	1.6x	1.5x	1.4x	4.6x	4.4x	4.5x	-0.3x	-0.3x	-0.7x	-0.8x	-0.6x	-0.6x	-1.8x	-1.8x
Verano	1.3x	1.3x	1.3x	4.5x	4.4x	4.1x	-0.4x	-0.4x	-1.3x	-1.4x	-0.7x	-0.8x	-2.5x	-2.5x
Vext	1.8x	1.8x	na	5.6x	7.3x	na	-0.9x	-0.9x	-3.6x	-2.8x	-0.9x	-0.9x	-3.6x	-2.7x

1) We take FactSet consensus estimates for CY24e and CY25e multiples; 2) By "current", we mean the latest reported qtr annualized

Source: FactSet, company reports, and Z&A estimates



Exhibit 8: Stock Performance

3-Dec-24	Ste	ck Performar	ice
	Last	Last	Last
Ticker	30d	90d	12mo
US MSOs			
Ascend	-48%	-52%	-66%
Ayr	-76%	-69%	-75%
Cannabist	-50%	-55%	-70%
Cansortium	-30%	-30%	7%
Cresco	-27%	-33%	-39%
Curaleaf	-39%	-38%	-49%
4Front	-36%	-54%	-77%
GlassHouse	-14%	-20%	43%
Gold Flora	-50%	-54%	-65%
Vireo Growth	-14%	-24%	58%
Grown Rogue	9%	15%	162%
Green Thumb	-11%	-6%	-13%
iAnthus	-38%	-62%	-84%
Jushi	-25%	-36%	-53%
MariMed	-16%	-18%	-54%
Planet13	-30%	-35%	-49%
Schwazze	-9%	-9%	-82%
StateHouse	#N/A	-40%	10%
Trulieve	-54%	-40%	2%
TerrAscend	-27%	-35%	-52%
Vext	-5%	-25%	-33%
Verano	-59%	-59%	-68%

	Stock Performance			
	Last	Last	Last	
Ticker	30d	90d	12mo	
Canadian LPs				
Aurora	-20%	-24%	-6%	
Avant	-41%	-58%	-89%	
Auxly	-21%	-19%	112%	
Cannara	15%	2%	-6%	
Canopy	-28%	-30%	-43%	
Cronos	-6%	-9%	-3%	
Decibel	-10%	-12%	-55%	
Entourage	8%	-6%	-32%	
High Tide	23%	79%	119%	
Nova	0%	0%	136%	
OGI	-15%	-18%	10%	
Rubicon	-4%	-26%	-32%	
SNDL	-9%	-3%	27%	
Tilray	-21%	-23%	-32%	
VFF	-8%	-21%	-4%	
CBD				
CVSI	-24%	-25%	-2%	
CWEB	-17%	-17%	-38%	
LFID	-30%	-1%	-80%	
International				
InterCure	-21%	-25%	-2%	
PharmaCielo	-19%	51%	158%	

	Stock Performance			
	Last	Last	Last	
Ticker	30d	90d	12mo	
MJ Fincos				
AFCG	0%	-7%	-17%	
CNPOF	-36%	-24%	7%	
IIPR	-15%	-12%	28%	
NLCP	2%	-2%	43%	
SHF5	13%	-26%	-39%	
LIEN	-1%	13%	35%	
REFI	7%	2%	3%	
Tech				
LFLY	-20%	-27%	-79%	
SBIG	-16%	25%	-48%	
MAPS	80%	51%	46%	
Vape parts				
GNLN	-37%	-67%	-73%	
ISP R	8%	-13%	-43%	
SMORF	23%	23%	79%	
TLLTF	-49%	-64%	-80%	
Index				
S&P 500	6%	9%	32%	
S&P 477	4%	1%	20%	
Nasdaq	9%	13%	45%	
MSOS ETF	-37%	-34%	-38%	
YOLO ETF	-18%	-16%	-11%	

Source: FactSet



Appendix III: Bio and Disclaimers



Analyst Bio

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