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**Guidance: Ares Capital Corporation**

Guidance: T+ 150 (#) bps

Issuer: Ares Capital Corporation (“ARCC”)  
Format: SEC Registered - Senior Unsecured  
Ratings\*: Baa2/BBB/BBB (Stable/Stable/Positive) (Moody’s/S&P/Fitch)  
Size: USD Benchmark  
Tenor: 7-year  
Maturity: March 8, 2032  
Change of Control: Yes, 100% (See Red)  
Active Bookrunners: BofA (B&D) / JPM / SMBC / WFS  
IPTs: T+ 170 bps  
Coupon: Fixed  
UOP: Repay outstanding indebtedness  
Denominations: \$2000 x \$1000  
Optional Redemption: Make-Whole; 2 Month Par Call  
Settlement: T+4 (January 8, 2025)  
Timing: Today’s Business  
Sales into Canada: Yes, exemption

**Investors are advised to carefully consider the investment objective, risks, charges and expenses of Ares Capital before investing. The preliminary prospectus supplement dated January 2, 2025, together with an accompanying prospectus dated May 1, 2024, which have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, contain this and other information about Ares Capital and should be read carefully before investing.**

The information in the preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and in this announcement, is not complete and may be changed. The preliminary prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and this announcement are not offers to sell any securities of Ares Capital and are not soliciting an offer to buy such securities in any jurisdiction where such offer and sale is not permitted.

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