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Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. Announces Tax Character of Third Quarter 2026 Dividend to non-U.S. Stockholders

NEW YORK, NY (October 16, 2026) - The tax character of the distribution payable by Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. (together with its consolidated subsidiaries, "we," "us," "our," "Carlyle Secured Lending" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: CGBD / CUSIP: 872280102) for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2026 is set forth below.

For tax purposes, the Company has elected to be treated, and intends to continue to comply with the requirements to qualify annually, as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Code"). As a RIC, the Company is permitted to designate the portion of distributions that represent interest-related dividends (commonly referred to as qualified net interest income, or "QII") and short-term capital gains as exempt from U.S. withholding tax when paid to non-U.S. stockholders in accordance with the Code.

The following table summarizes the tax character of the distribution payable by the Company for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2026, including, for non-US stockholders, the determination by the Company of QII paid out as interest-related dividends as a percentage of the total distribution:

Record Date	Payment Date	Dividends Per Share	Ordinary Dividends	Long Term Capital Gains	Qualified Dividends	Non-Qualified Dividends	For Non-US Investors[(1)]: QII %
9/30/2026	10/16/2026	$0.3500	$0.3500	$0.0000	$0.0000	$0.3500	87.01%

Distributions that were reinvested through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan are treated, for tax purposes, as if the distributions had been paid in cash.

Tax matters are very complicated and the tax consequences to an investor of an investment in shares of our common stock will depend on the facts of its particular situation. We encourage investors to consult their own tax advisors regarding the specific consequences of such an investment, including tax reporting requirements, the applicability of U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax laws, eligibility for the benefits of any applicable income tax treaty and the effect of any possible changes in the tax laws.

The information is estimated based on the Company's year-to-date activity. The tax status of distributions is determined by the total amount of taxable income at year end and cannot be confirmed until after the close of the tax year. Accordingly, the Company's distributions for the tax year may be recharacterized later based on subsequent events. The Company reports the final tax character of distributions for U.S. Federal income tax purposes annually to stockholders on Form 1099-DIV issued after the end of the year, as applicable. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

For Non-U.S. Stockholders

[(1)]Pursuant to Section 871(k) of the Code, certain properly designated dividends received by a non-U.S. stockholder are generally exempt from withholding of U.S. federal income tax where they (1) are paid in respect of our "QII" (generally, our U.S.-source interest income, other than certain contingent interest and interest from obligations of a corporation or partnership in which we or the non-U.S. stockholder of our common stock are at least a 10% stockholder, reduced by expenses that are allocable to such income), or (2) are paid in connection with our "qualified short-term capital gains" (generally, the excess of our net short-term capital gain over our long-term capital loss for such taxable year). For the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2026, the Company generated QII. The Company did not generate any qualified short-term capital gains. No assurance can be given as to whether any of our future distributions will be eligible for this exemption from withholding of U.S. federal income tax or, if eligible, will be designated as such by us.

About Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc.

Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. is publicly traded (NASDAQ: CGBD) business development company ("BDC") which began investing in 2013. The Company focuses on providing directly originated, financing solutions across the capital structure, with a focus on senior secured lending to middle-market companies primarily located in the United States. Carlyle Secured Lending is externally managed by Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C., an SEC-registered investment adviser and wholly owned subsidiary of Carlyle.

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About Carlyle

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