

CLO Operations



What is a CLO?

Ever wondered how financial markets turn loans into opportunities? Enter Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs). These innovative instruments pool together loans and slice them into tranches to meet varied risk appetites and investment goals. CLOs help provide liquidity to the market and are a cornerstone of structured finance.

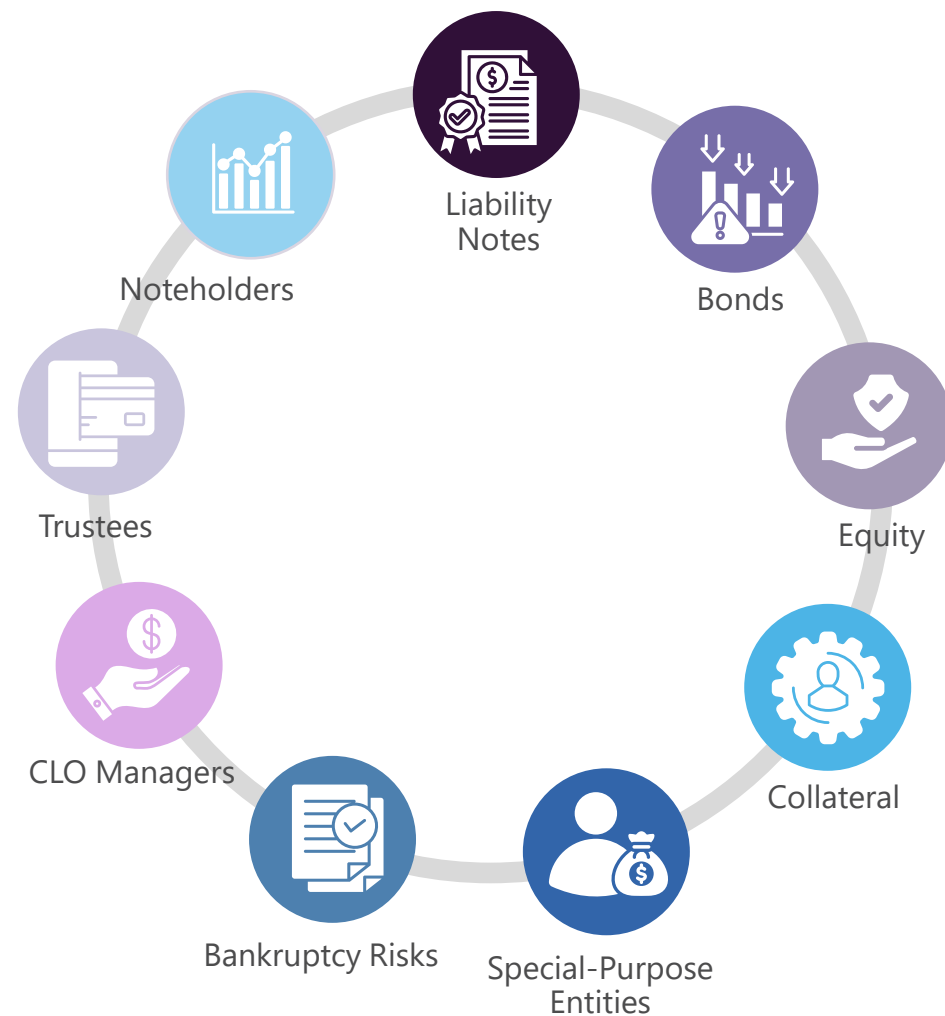


Figure 1: CLO Global Market Report 2025

Curious to learn how they work? Stay tuned for the next post in our series!

How Do CLOs Work?

CLOs issue liability notes (bonds) and equity to investors, using proceeds to invest in collateral. Special-purpose entities (SPEs) protect this collateral from bankruptcy risks. CLO managers handle transactions within set rules, while trustees ensure compliance. Interest and principal from collateral loans pay noteholders, with excess interest benefiting the equity class.

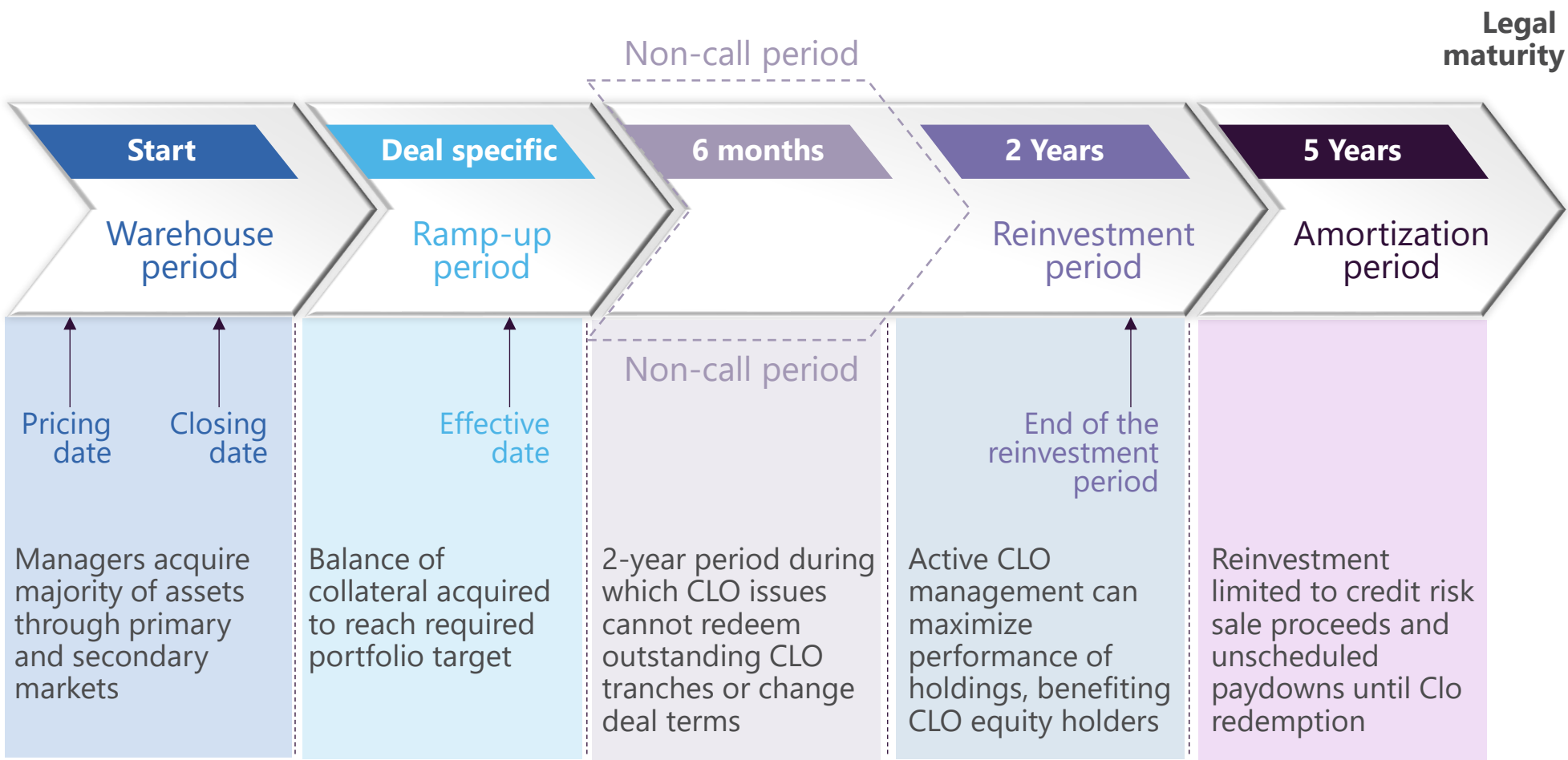


Want to know what powers a CLO throughout its journey? Keep reading!

The CLO Life Cycle

CLOs have a fascinating life cycle:

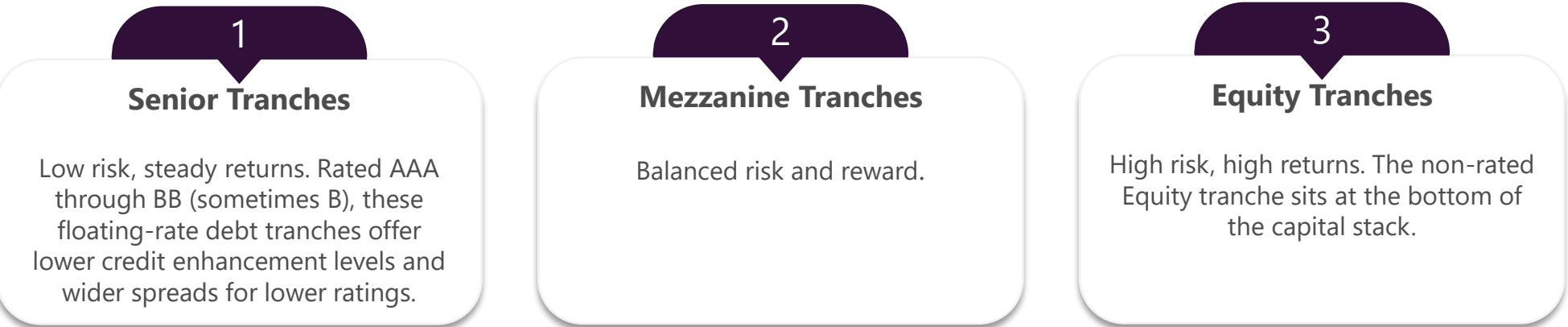
- 1. Warehouse Period: Initial loans are accumulated before the CLO is officially launched
- 2. Ramp-Up Period: Loans are sourced and bundled into the CLO portfolio.
- 3. Reinvestment Period: Active management ensures optimal portfolio performance.
- 4. Amortization Period: Returns from loans are distributed to investors. From inception to distribution, each phase demands precision and expertise.



Are you ready to dive deeper into the building blocks of a CLO?

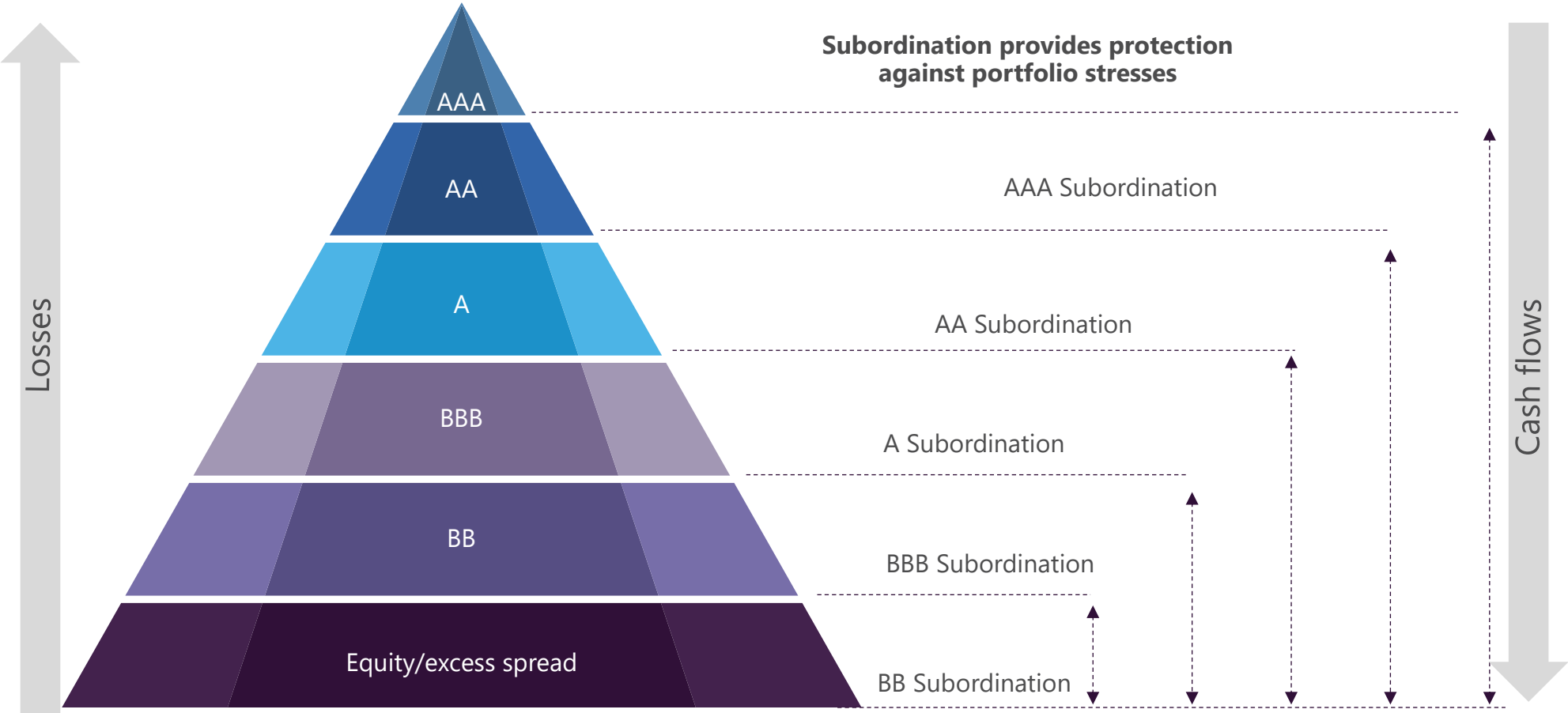
Deal Structure of CLO

A CLO deal structure is all about maximizing returns while managing risks:



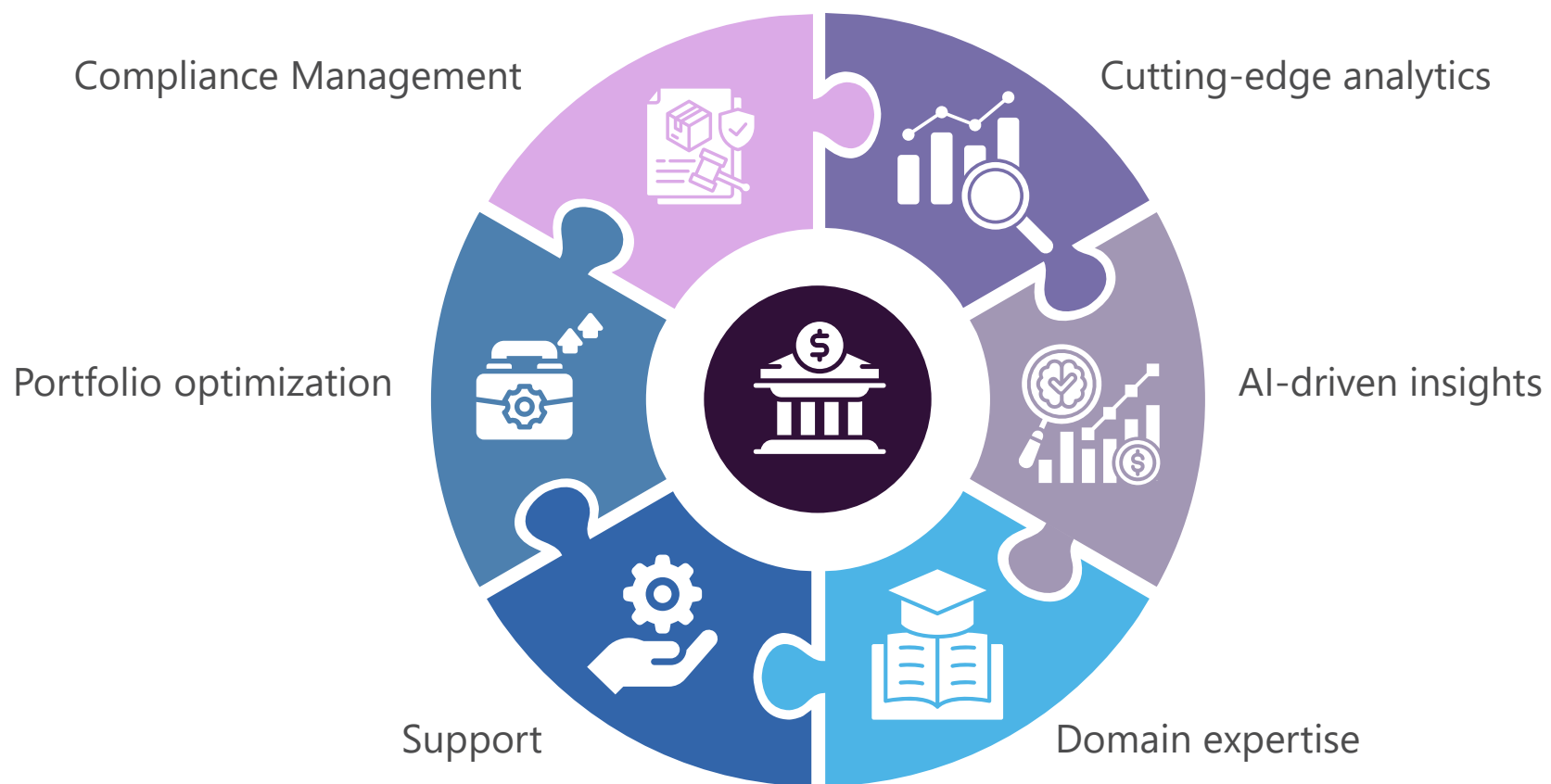
In general, asset cash flows are paid to the CLO debt tranches from the top down (AAA to BB), and asset losses accrue from the bottom up (Equity to AAA). Cash flows are adjusted by the pass/fail of specific performance tests at each tranche.

Each tranche caters to specific investor profiles, creating a dynamic ecosystem within the CLO.



How Evalueserve Can Help

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