# **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### **FORM 10-K/A**

Amendment No. 1 ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from Commission File No. 000-54899 Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) Maryland 80-0789789 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification Number) One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400, New York, NY 10017 (Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code) (212) 813-4900 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of each class Trading Symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share CGBD The Nasdaq Global Select Market Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes 🗵 No 🗆 Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes 🗆 No 🗵 Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days: Yes 🗵 No 🗆 Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes 🗵 No 🗆 Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. □ Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its report. x If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements. Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to § 240.10D-1(b).  $\Box$ Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes 🗆 No 🗵

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock at June 30, 2022, based on the closing price of the common stock on that date of \$12.70 on The Nasdaq Global Select Market, held

Documents Incorporated by Reference: Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for its 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal

by those persons deemed by the registrant to be non-affiliates was approximately \$658,013,822.

year covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, outstanding at February 24, 2023 was 50,820,785.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A (this "Amendment") amends the Annual Report on Form 10-K for Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 27, 2023 (the "Original Form 10-K"). Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to the "Company," "we," "our" or "us" and other similar terms means Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. The purpose of this Amendment is solely to file Exhibit 23.1, the Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (the "Consent"), which was inadvertently omitted from the Original Form 10-K.

Pursuant to Rule 12b-15, this Amendment No. 1 also contains new certifications for our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which are attached as exhibits hereto. This Amendment does not include financial statements and accordingly, certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 have been omitted.

Except for the amendment and restatement of Part IV, Item 15 of the Original Form 10-K to include the consent and certifications referred to above, no other changes are made to the Original Form 10-K. The Original Form 10-K continues to speak as of the date of the Original Form 10-K and except as described above this Amendment does not reflect events occurring after the filing of the Original Form 10-K, nor does it modify or update in any way the disclosures contained in the Original Form 10-K. Accordingly, this Amendment No. 1 should be read in conjunction with the Original Form 10-K.

# PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

# (a) Documents filed as part of this annual report

The following reports and consolidated financial statements are set forth in Part II, Item 8 of this 10-K:

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# (b) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report or hereby incorporated by reference to exhibits previously filed with the SEC:

2.1	Contribution Agreement, dated November 3, 2020, by and between TCG BDC, Inc. and Middle Market Credit Fund II, LLC. (26)
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement <sup>(1)</sup>
3.2	Articles of Amendment <sup>(2)</sup>
3.3	Articles Supplementary of TCG BDC, Inc. (27)
3.4	Amended and Restated Bylaws <sup>(3)</sup>
3.5	First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Bylaws <sup>(4)</sup>
4.1	Form of Subscription Agreement for Private Offerings <sup>(5)</sup>
4.2	<u>Description of Registered Securities</u> (33)
4.3	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of May 5, 2020, by and between TCG BDC, Inc. and Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. (28)
10.1	Indenture, dated as of June 26, 2015, between Carlyle GMS Finance MM CLO 2015-1 LLC, as issuer, and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as trustee(6)
10.2	<u>Dividend Reinvestment Plan for TCG BDC, Inc.</u> <sup>(7)</sup>
10.3	Second Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement, dated August 6, 2018, by and between the Company and Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C. (8)
10.4	<u>Custodian Agreement, dated March 21, 2012, between Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc. and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as custodian</u> <sup>(9)</sup>
10.5	Administration Agreement, dated as of April 3, 2013 by and between Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc. and Carlyle GMS Finance Administration L.L.C., as administrator (10)
10.6	Form of Indemnification Agreement (11)

Loan and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2013, among Carlyle GMS Finance SPV LLC, as borrower, Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc., as servicer and transferor, each of the Conduit Lenders, Liquidity Banks, Lender Agent and Institutional Lenders party thereto, 10.7 Citibank, N.A. as collateral and administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as account bank, backup servicer and collateral administrator, and Citibank, N.A. and Suntrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., as joint lead arrangers<sup>(12)</sup> Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of March 21, 2014 and Conformed through Amendment No. 5 dated as of June 14, 10.8 2019, among Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc., as borrower, the Lenders party thereto, Suntrust Bank, as administrative agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as syndication agent<sup>(13)</sup> First Amendment to the Loan and Servicing Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2014, among Carlyle GMS Finance SPV LLC, as borrower, 10.9 Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc., as servicer and transferor, each of the Conduit Lenders, Liquidity Banks, Lender Agent and Institutional Lenders party thereto, Citibank, N.A. as collateral and administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as account bank, backup servicer and collateral administrator, and Citibank, N.A. and Suntrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., as joint lead arrangers<sup>(14)</sup> 10.10 Second Amendment to the Loan and Servicing Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2015, among Carlyle GMS Finance SPV LLC, as borrower, Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc., as servicer and transferor, each of the Conduit Lenders, Liquidity Banks, Lender Agent and Institutional Lenders party thereto, Citibank, N.A. as collateral and administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as account bank, backup servicer and collateral administrator, and Citibank, N.A. and Suntrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., as joint lead arrangers<sup>(15)</sup> Collateral Management Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2015, by and between Carlyle GMS Finance MM CLO 2015-1 LLC, as issuer, and Carlyle GMS Investment Management L.L.C., as collateral manager<sup>(16)</sup> 10.11 Contribution Agreement, dated as of June 26, 2015, by and between Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc., as the contributor, and Carlyle GMS Finance MM CLO 2015-1 LLC, as the contributee<sup>(17)</sup> 10.12 10.13 Third Amendment to the Loan and Servicing Agreement, dated as of June 9, 2016, among Carlyle GMS Finance SPV LLC, as borrower, Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc., as servicer and transferor, each of the Conduit Lenders, Liquidity, Banks, Lender Agent and Institutional Lenders party thereto, Citibank, N.A. as collateral and administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as account bank, backup servicer and collateral administrator, and Citibank, N.A., as lead arranger<sup>(18)</sup> Fourth Amendment to the Loan and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 26, 2017, among TCG BDC SPV LLC, as borrower, TCG 10.14 BDC, Inc., as servicer and transferor, each of the Conduit Lenders, Liquidity Banks, Lender Agents and Institutional Lenders party thereto, Citibank, N.A. as collateral and administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as account bank, backup servicer and collateral administrator, and Citibank, N.A., as lead arranger<sup>(19)</sup> Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement, dated as of June 24, 2016, between Carlyle GMS Finance, Inc. and Credit Partners USA LLC, as members<sup>(30)</sup> 10.15 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 3, 2017, between TCG BDC, Inc. and NF Investment Corp. (20) 10.16 Fifth Amendment to the Loan and Servicing Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2018, among TCG BDC SPV LLC, as borrower, TCG BDC, Inc., as servicer and transferor, each of the Conduit Lenders, Liquidity Banks, Lender Agents and Institutional Lenders party 10.17 thereto, Citibank, N.A. as collateral and administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as account bank, backup servicer and collateral administrator, and Citibank, N.A., as lead arranger<sup>(21)</sup> First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 30, 2018, between Carlyle Direct Lending CLO 2015-1R LLC, as issuer, and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as trustee(22) 10.18 Note Purchase Agreement, dated December 30, 2019, by and between TCG BDC, Inc. and the purchasers party thereto (23) 10.19 10.20 First Supplement to Master Note Purchase Agreement dated as of December 8, 2020, by and between TCG BDC, Inc. and the purchasers Omnibus Amendment No. 9, dated as of May 25, 2022, among Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc., as borrower, the Lenders party thereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, collateral agent and swingline lender. (31) 10.21 Amended and Restated Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of March 21, 2014 and Conformed through Amendment 10.22 No. 9 dated as of May 25, 2022, among Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc., as borrower, the Lenders party thereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent. (32) List of Subsidiaries(33) 21.1

23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.*
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (33)
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (33)
31.3	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.</u> *
31.4	Certification of Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.*
32.1	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u> (33)
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (33)
99.1	Consolidated Financial Statements of Middle Market Credit Fund, LLC for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. (33)
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document*
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document*
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document*
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document*
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document*
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document*
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

#### \* Filed herewith.

- (1) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 10-12G/A filed by the Company on April 11, 2013 (File No. 000-54899)
- (2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Form 10-K filed by the Company on March 22, 2017 (File No. 000-54899)
- (3) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Form 10-12G/A filed by the Company on April 11, 2013 (File No. 000-54899)
- (4) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the Company's Form 10-K filed by the Company on March 22, 2017 (File No. 000-54899)
- (5) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 10-12G/A filed by the Company on April 11, 2013 (File No. 000-54899)
- (6) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on August 12, 2015 (File No. 814-00995)
- (7) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (e)(1) to the Company's Form N-2 filed by the Company on June 5, 2017 (File No. 333-218114)
- (7) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (e)(2) to the Company's Form N-2 filed by the Company on June 5, 2017 (File No. 333-218114)
- (8) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on November 6, 2018 (File No. 814-00995)
- (9) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (j) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form N-2 filed by the Company on May 19, 2017 (File No. 333-218114)
- (10) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 10-12G/A filed by the Company on April 11, 2013 (File No. 000-54899)
- (11) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 10-12G/A filed by the Company on April 11, 2013 (File No. 000-54899)
- (12) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on July 31, 2013 (File No. 814-00995)

- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on August 6, 2019 (File No. 814-00995) (13)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on August 13, 2014 (File No. 814-00995) (14)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on August 12, 2015 (File No. 814-00995) (15)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on August 12, 2015 (File No. 814-00995) (16)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on August 12, 2015 (File No. 814-00995) (17)
- (18)Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on August 8, 2016 (File No. 814-00995)
- (19)Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (k)(13) to the Company's Form N-2 filed by the Company on June 5, 2017 (File No. 333-218114)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed by the Company on May 9, 2017 (File No. 814-00995) (20)
- (21)Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on November 6, 2018 (File No. 814-00995)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on November 6, 2018 (File No. 814-00995) (22)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed by the Company on December 30, 2019 (File No. 814-00995) (23)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 14.1 to the Company's Form 10-K filed by the Company on February 26, 2019 (File No. 814-00995) (24)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 14.2 to the Company's Form 10-K filed by the Company on February 26, 2019 (File No. 814-00995) (25)
- (26)Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed by the Company on November 4, 2020 (File No. 814-00995)
- (27)Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on May 5, 2020 (File No. 814-00995)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on May 5, 2020 (File No. 814-00995) (28)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed by the Company on December 11, 2020 (File No. 814-00995) (29)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q filed by the Company on May 4, 2021 (File No. 814-00995) (30)
- Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed by the Company on June 1, 2022 (File No. 814-00995) (31)
- (32)Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed by the Company on June 1, 2022 (File No. 814-00995)
- (33)Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 10-K filed by the Company on February 27, 2023.

#### (c) Consolidated Financial Statement Schedules

Separate financial statements of subsidiaries not consolidated:

Consolidated Financial Statements of Middle Market Credit Fund, LLC for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 10, 2023

CARLYLE SECURED LENDING, INC.

By <u>/s/</u> Joshua Lefkowitz

Joshua Lefkowitz Chief Compliance Officer & Secretary

### **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference of our reports dated February 27, 2023, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. included in the Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the consolidated financial statements of Middle Market Credit Fund, LLC included therein, into the Registration Statement (Form N-2, File No. 333-255589), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Tysons, VA August 10, 2023

# CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### CERTIFICATION

### I, Aren C. LeeKong, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 of Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc.; and
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.

Date: August 10, 2023

/s/ Aren C. LeeKong

Aren C. LeeKong President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

# CERTIFICATION

I, Thomas M. Hennigan, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 of Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc.; and
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.

Date: August 10, 2023

/s/ Thomas M. Hennigan

Thomas M. Hennigan Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)